

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



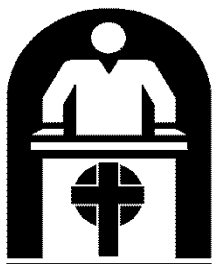
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Dear Members and Friends,

A pastor colleague of mine on occasion asks the people of his congregation about the blessings they've received in their lives. Not surprisingly, the blessings most noted were those of family, friends, health, church, food, shelter, clothing, pets, and, of course, chocolate.⁸

If you think about it, we are people who are greatly blessed. If you can spare a moment, I urge you to take out a piece of paper and write down your blessings. I would think the paper would fill up quickly.

When God blessed Abram in Genesis, he told him to go and use his blessings to bless others. We can use our many blessings to bless others. It may be as simple as sharing a smile with a coworker. It may be as extensive as sharing your home with a friend in need. It may be that there is someone near to us who needs the blessing of a listening ear.

We have the opportunity of extending our blessings through the work of the church. Together we touch the lives of the poor and oppressed. Together we make a tremendous impact on the lives of children, teens, and adults who are searching for strength in a troubled world. In May our church had a Mission Interpreter come to us and tell us how our Mission Support (Benevolence) dollars help to minister to people locally, and around the world.

Today is a wonderful time to think about your blessings and to think of ways you can bless the lives of others. May the divine chain reaction of blessings continue through your life and flow into the lives of many others.

Pastor Miller

SAFETY MEASURES

Because of recent "active shooter" incidents around the country, churches have taken steps to try to prevent such things from happening on their properties. Our church council decided that it would be in the best interest of the safety of the congregation to **lock the main entrance doors to the church 10 minutes after the start of worship starting June 2nd**. There will be somebody "manning" the doors at all times during worship so that if someone is comes later than 10:40 am, that person will be able to enter the church for worship. The door at the end of the hallway has always been locked at about 10:30 am and that procedure will remain the same.

While I'm sure you will agree that it is unfortunate that we have come to this point in our society where we must take these steps, the council felt that this was necessary for our safety.

Pastor Carey Miller

VOICE MAIL MESSAGE TO CHURCH

The office hours of the church are Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. No one is in the office on Fridays. If you leave a message, Pastor Miller will check the messages over the weekend. Also, Pastor Miller can be reached on his cell phone (610-704-4645) by calling or texting. This phone number will be published in the bulletin.

If you have a volunteer scheduling issue: If you cannot make your scheduled volunteer assignment, it is noted on your scheduled assignment letter that you have the option of calling the office **OR** calling the council person of the month which is listed at two different places on your scheduling letter.

You may also make your own arrangements to switch with someone. If it is done far enough ahead of time, please notify Cindy at the office.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Evangelism Committee wants to thank EVERYONE who supported the Community Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt this year! If it wasn't for you donating money, filling eggs, and volunteering for all aspects of the event, this event would NOT have been possible! This event was a huge success with over 130 attendees for breakfast and 69 kids in attendance for the hunt, and we definitely want to host this again next year. So...SAVE THE DATE: April 4, 2020! Look for announcements in early 2020; in the meantime, speak with Angie Kropf for any related topics.

YARD SALE/BLOOD DRIVE

As you may know, there is a yard sale on Saturday, June 8th (8 AM to 1 PM). Miller-Keystone is having a blood drive here that day, as well. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for the yard sale, concession and bake sale donations, and shift coverage for concessions.

To donate blood:

Call Miller-Keystone at 800-223-6667 (press 2).

OR

Visit GIVEaPINT.org ---> click Give Blood, click Schedule Now, enter 18087 and check Mobile Drive to search. Proceed with registration after selecting our event.

Our online registration sponsor code is 8194.

IRONPIGS GAME

Sunday, August 25, 2019 and game time is 1:35 p.m. We again will be in the PennTele Data Party Porch 3. Those who attended the game again last year enjoyed the fact we were the only ones in the porch. We were under cover and the food was great. Mark your calendars.

The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. There are 30 tickets available.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATE

Congratulations are in order for Joshua Solderich. He will be graduating from Emmaus High School on June 9, 2019. Way to go Josh. We are all very proud of you.



UPDATE FOR THE 2019 CARNIVAL:

The Evangelism Committee decided to cancel the 2019 carnival, which was originally scheduled for September 15th. Due to scheduling conflicts and not having a rain date option, we decided it would be best to cancel and focus all our efforts on forming a committee solely focused on opening the carnival to the public (for additional community outreach) for early-June 2020.

Please see Angie Kropf to join the carnival committee; Angie will gladly take the lead, so there is no excuse ☺

MIRACULOUS MISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is everyone ready for another amazing week of VBS? It's going to be out of this world!

July 22nd-July 26th

6-8:30 pm

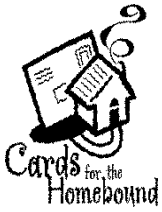
Ages 3-12

Go to the following link to register on as well.

<https://vbsmate.com/Stpaulsttown>

We are looking for volunteers to be guides and site leaders. Let Katie Pisauro or Anita Eisenhard know if you are interested!

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 FOR 2019

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. If you are sponsoring both bouquets, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. 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.

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.

FOOD BANK ITEM(S) FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

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 tuna & canned meat during our May collection for the food bank.

During June our “food of the month” will be noodles and macaroni.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

At our May 8 meeting we discussed the upcoming NEPA Women of the ELCA Convention on May 18 and our Fall Fun Event September 27, 28 at Kirby Episcopal House

Our Bible Study as *From generation to generation: Two-way blessings... We learn from examples in Scripture* by Christa von Zychlin.

Then on May 18, about 30 Women gathered for the 30th annual convention of NEPA Women of the ELCA at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lehighton. Worship was led by The Rev Nancy L. Moore and Bishop Zeiser. *I Love to Tell the Story* was our theme. Our keynote speaker was Executive Board Member, Joy Michalicek from Duluth, MN. She shared some stories from her ministry as well as speaking about W-ELCA; what we are; who we are; and how to ask women to join our group and say *thank you* after they attend.

- Sharon Bortz was re-elected as secretary
- Sandi Wagaman was re-elected as a board member
 - Sharon Bortz has been appointed to be *The Flame* editor for one year. If anyone has anything they would like to be in *The Flame*, please let Sharon know.

Delegates for the Eleventh Triennial Convention in Phoenix, AZ, July 14-16, 2020 were elected. Women are planning on attending the Eleventh Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ, July 16-19, 2020.

- More information will be published for this event.

Fall Fun and Service Event: Kirby Episcopal House, 381 Sunset Road, Glen Summit, Mountain Top, PA. Kirby House can accommodate 25 overnight guests; so first come, first to get a bed!!😊 Overnight guests \$60; Saturday guests \$25. More information will be in *The Flame* which is the NEPA Women of the ELCA newsletter which should be published within the next month.

Our next meeting will be on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. taking a break over the summer.

ALLENTOWN AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

The A.A.E. Food Bank has suggested adding some new items for congregations to donate throughout the summer. Please consider bringing any of the following items and placing them in the box in the narthex.

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| cereal | powdered milk |
| Spam | cooking oil |
| granola bars | mustard/ketchup |
| protein bars | pancake mix/syrup |
| cake mixes | individually pkg. nuts |
| mayonnaise | canned or instant potatoes |
| small sugar or flour | Hamburger/Tuna Helper |
| Mac & Cheese, ravioli in small microwavable container | |

EMMAUS CHORALE CONCERT

The Emmaus Chorale will present their Spring concert, “Endings & Beginnings” on Sunday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, N. Second St. & Cherokee St. in Emmaus, PA. Our director is Janet David. A freewill offering will be taken and refreshments will be served following the concert. Hope to see you there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1 Synod Assembly in Hazelton
June 8 Yard Sale/Blood Drive 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
June 30 Red, White & Blue Potluck in Pavilion
July 22 – 26 VBS 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

THANK YOU

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the gift of \$200 that we received in March of 2019. We are grateful for your support and for your partnership in the Gospel. It takes a great team of people & congregations to keep the ministry of Bear Creek Camp alive and well and we are very thankful that your congregation is part of our team.

We are very excited about what God is doing at Bear Creek Camp. We are happy to provide opportunities for spiritual growth, community building, faith formation and exciting adventures to all our campers and guests. We understand the positive impact that time at Bear Creek Camp has on our campers and we pray that they will take home what they learn here and share it with others in word and deed.

I encourage you to keep up with all that is happening at Bear Creek Camp by checking out our website at bearcreekcamp.org or by “liking” our page on Facebook. We would also welcome you to bring members of your congregation to the camp as we would love to show you around and explore all we have to offer.

Thank you again for your gift! We thank God for you!

Sincerely,
Karen Heser
Program and Development Assistant

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

A memorial contribution has been received in memory of Betty Bieber by her daughter Lori Noffsinger.



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



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

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

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| Peg Apgar | Linford Bastian | Anita Eisenhard | Doris Fenner |
| Calvin Fetherolf | Helen Kessler | Peggy Kern | Bill Knoll |
| Judy Kresley | Esther Nolfie | Carl Schmoyer | Kathy Shryock |
| Frank Szukics | John Thomas | Irene Wenz | |

WHAT RAIN REVEALS



Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.

REASONS TO REJOICE

Proverbs 11:10 (NIV) says, "When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices." The Hebrew word for *righteous*, notes Timothy Keller, indicates people who, because they believe in God, "disadvantage themselves to advantage those around them." In other words, people living righteously "will be such a benefit to the public good of the whole city that the entire populace will exult."

Keller then asks: "Are you the kind of person, and is your church the kind of church, about which others in your community might say, 'I don't share their beliefs, but I shudder to think about what this city would be like without them'?"

WHAT A WONDER!

It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder.

—Kallistos Ware



Puzzle!

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children.
For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

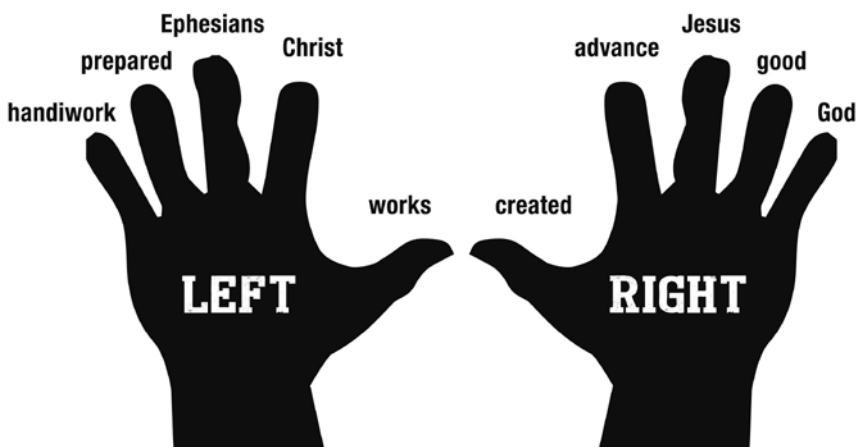
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| Joash (<i>2 Kings 11:2</i>) | A | _____ |
| Obed (<i>Matthew 1:5</i>) | B | _____ |
| Joseph (<i>Genesis 35:22-24</i>) | C | _____ |
| John the disciple (<i>Matthew 4:21</i>) | D | _____ |
| John the Baptist (<i>Luke 1:13</i>) | E | _____ |
| | F | _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (<i>Hosea 1:3, 6</i>) | G | _____ |
| Jezreel (<i>Hosea 1:2-4</i>) | H | _____ |
| Esau (<i>Genesis 25:28</i>) | I | _____ |
| David (<i>1 Samuel 16:19</i>) | J | _____ |
| Jacob (<i>Genesis 25:28</i>) | K | _____ |
| Samuel (<i>1 Samuel 1:19-20</i>) | L | _____ |
| Gershom (<i>Exodus 2:21-22</i>) | M | _____ |
| Samuel (<i>1 Samuel 1:19-20</i>) | N | _____ |
| Jesse (<i>Matthew 1:5</i>) | O | _____ |
| Gershom (<i>Exodus 2:21-22</i>) | P | _____ |
| | Q | _____ |
| Joseph (<i>Genesis 35:23-24</i>) | R | _____ |
| Isaac (<i>Genesis 21:3</i>) | S | _____ |
| John the Baptist (<i>Luke 1:13</i>) | T | _____ |
| Jonathan (<i>1 Samuel 14:1</i>) | U | _____ |
| Solomon (<i>1 Kings 2:1</i>) | V | _____ |
| | W | _____ |
| | X | _____ |
| Jesus (<i>Matthew 1:18</i>) | Y | _____ |
| Isaiah (<i>Isaiah 1:1</i>) | Z | _____ |

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Amoz



God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in _____

_____ to do _____,

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for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS

JUNE 16, 2019

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

June 2019 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 7 th SUNDAY OF EASTER 10:30 a.m.-Worship | 3 9:30 a.m.-Bible Study 1:00 p.m.-Worship & Music Committee 7:00 p.m.-Mutual Ministry Committee | 4 12:00 p.m.-Trexlerstown Sr. Assoc. | 5 6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts | 6 10:00 a.m.-TOPS | 7 | 8 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.- Yard Sale & Blood Drive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 16 THE HOLY TRINITY 10:30 a.m.-Worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  | 17 9:30 a.m.-Bible Study | 18 12:00 p.m.-Trexlerstown Sr. Assoc. 7:00 p.m.-Property Committee | 19 | 20 10:00 a.m.-TOPS | 21 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of June

Council Person: Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320

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

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Altar Guild: Brooke & Carlene Brumbach
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg
Greeters: Joyce & Jim Eisenhard
Reader: June Kellogg
Communion Bread: Pat Spencer
Communion Assistant: Peggy Saylor
Ushers: Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman, Martha Lindenmuth
Bruce Wagaman, Amy Williams

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman, Amy Williams
Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer
Greeters: Melody and Garret Pavlacka
Reader: Meredith Schmoyer
Communion Bread: Keith & Rebecca Theodore
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Joshua Solderich,
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

Sunday, June 16, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca & Keith Theodore
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer
Greeters: Peggy Saylor, Kelly Whitt
Reader: Bob Nickisher
Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig
Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Bob Nickisher, Richard Hartley,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer

Sunday, June 23, 2019

Altar Guild: Michelle Rampen, Patrice Walters
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeters: Jen and Meredith Schmoyer
Reader: Marilyn Thomas
Communion Bread: Carol Weiser
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Bob Nickisher, Aubrie Pavlacka

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter, Susan Xander
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Carl & Esther Seibert
Reader: Nancy Miller
Communion Bread: Lisa Newhard
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman
Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,
Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Saturday Evening at Zion, Tamaqua



One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to worship styles. Five years ago Zion, Tamaqua developed a Saturday evening service to

- provide an alternative time of worship for people who cannot get to a Sunday service, and
- provide an alternative style of worship for people who do not relate to the typical traditional high liturgy.

Pr. Cindy White offers blessings to three companions at a Saturday service

The service includes all the parts of a traditional service but in a more relaxed, informal style. Within a short period of time, we installed a digital projector and purchased the ProPresenter program to organize our worship and to allow us to add purchased music and subject matter videos to our service.

Because of its flexibility, the Saturday service has been adapted to include a special service for cancer survivors, our annual blessing of the animals, a vow renewal service around Valentine's Day, and a Christmas in July service complete with a full holiday dinner following the service. All the Saturday services begin with Godsightings, when people are encouraged to share where they have seen God at work in their lives during the past week.

In December 2017 we began live-streaming our Saturday and Sunday services through Boxcast. As of March 30, we have webcast 107 services. On our website we've reached 379 unique viewers who watched 1,491 times. We began posting on Facebook in March 2018. Since then we've had 2,522 viewers of Saturday services and 2,830 viewers of Sunday services. Services are archived for several weeks.

Correction: In the last edition of Synod News Pastor Carl Shankweiler was reported as having retired. Although Pr. Shankweiler has stepped down from synod staff, he is still the called pastor at Zion, Frackville and also working under contract with Trinity (Chapel), Buck Run.



Community Breakfast at St. John, Easton



A member of St. John's Lutheran Church in historic downtown Easton came to the Outreach Committee meeting and said, "Let's have a community breakfast." No agenda, no cost, just something to get people together. The committee mulled it over and said, "Let's do it!"

Breakfast had already become a speciality for Roger Ruggles. On Sunday mornings he cooked pancakes, French toast, and bacon/sausage; and he served them with fruit for any in the Sunday school before the 9:00 start time.



Roger decided to extend what he already knew; so he recruited some others to help cook: Mayor Sal Panto, and Roger's brother-in-law Dennis Greenleaf. And Roger also invited Bishop Zeizer, who was kind enough to attend and help fix the plates.

At the free meal firefighters, police officers, community leaders, Lafayette students, neighbors, some homeless, and parishioners gathered together to eat. Another church even sent volunteers to help serve. The volunteers served over a hundred people, and comments from the diners were very positive.

A simple breakfast became an example of hospitality in downtown Easton at its best!



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"Endings And Beginnings" - The Emmaus Chorale's Spring concert. Sun., June 9th, 3:00 p.m. Faith Presbyterian Church, North Second & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. The Chorale, under the direction Janet Davis, new director, will present a program which will include: The Word Was God, Polly-Wolly-Doodle, If I Fell and Yesterday (Beatles), Love Walked In, and Another Op'nin. There will be a free will offering and refreshments will be available after the concert. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

***NEW – 2019 Vacation Bible School** - Join us at St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) for our 2019 Vacation Bible School program: "To Mars and Beyond". It will be held jointly with the congregation of St. John's UCC, across the street, and everyone is welcome to join us! **VBS will be held July 8-12, 9 AM-12 PM daily.** "Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" - Ephesians 3:20 Blast off and explore where God's power can take you! Classes for nursery through 5th grade. **Registration is going on NOW, forms may be found on our website: www.stjohns-fogelsville.org.** Call the office with any questions at [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535).

Support Our Neighbors in Need: Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct 13th, 1:30 p.m.**, with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 25th, 1:30-2:30p.m., (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation), at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

Thank you for your support of our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

For more information, go to www.crophungerwalk.org

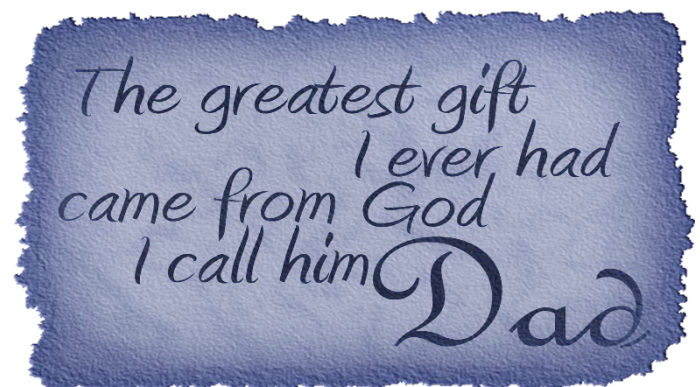
The Gospel of Thomas Series - The first and third Wed. of the month 1:30 to 3:00pm. Center for Spiritual Awakening, Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 W. Hamilton St, Allentown, PA. Discovered in a cave in Egypt in 1945, the Gospel of Thomas is a collection of 114 sayings of Jesus. Rather than being narratives, they are more like koans or riddles. They appeal more to the heart and imagination than to reason. You are invited to attend ongoing gatherings to explore this gospel using the prayer form of *lectio divina* (Latin for Divine Reading). Direct questions and registration to Mary Howe: mhowe@rcn.com

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 Fri., of each month 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 tlcichner@rcn.com / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

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

****** PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ******

- 1 – **A Guided "Creation Walk"** - Sat., June 1st, 9-12:00pm. Jacobsburg State Park, Bushkill Township, PA. [See flyer for registration form.](#)
- 3 – **Space to Breathe: Renewal for Counselors and Therapists** – Sat., June 15th, 9:30-1:00pm. Register by texting Jane at [484-226-5073](tel:484-226-5073) or email jane.williams.phd@gmail.com.



2019 ASSEMBLY CELEBRATION AND TRANSITION

The annual meeting of the Lehigh Mission District was held on Sunday, May 5, at the Synod Office. Following Opening Devotions, an enthusiastic group of pastors and lay leaders enjoyed a delicious dinner and set about working its way through an agenda which began with the recognition of seven pastors who were celebrating major anniversaries of service, including three who were present – David Godshall (60 years), John Deisinger (55 years) and John Kuschel (40 years). Although they were absent, the following pastors were also recognized – Richard Elliot (40 years), Donald Schwartz (40 years), Elizabeth Langensiepen (25 years) and Maritz Dolich (15 years).

This was followed by a significant election process. As a result of these efforts *Pastor Nelson Quinones was elected Dean* and will begin serving the first of potentially two three-year terms in this position in early June. The second step in the election process led to the election of *Elizabeth Leibenguth as the new Chairperson*. And this was followed by the re-election of *Dick Skelly as Treasurer* (more about this later) and *Catherine Mordosky as Secretary*. Both of these positions are one-year re-electable terms. And Dean Gade concluded this process by asking *Pastor Samantha Drennan* to accept responsibility for the final year of Pastor Quinones' current three-year responsibility as the Mission District's representative on the Synod Council.

Later in the evening Pastor Gade and Joshua Fink were thanked for their service as Dean and Chairperson of the Mission District. And, although not present, Linda Smith was thanked for her continuing service as Editor of the Mission District's monthly newsletter. Obviously, the spirit of the group also included gratitude to Catherine Mordosky for her continuing service as Secretary and to Dick Skelly for his willingness to continue serving as Treasurer. And Sister Janet Stump concluded the evening by leading an interesting group discussion.

But I have agreed to devote some **special attention to the treasurer responsibilities** of the Lehigh Mission District. Dick Skelly's service in this position is approaching a quarter of a century. That's a long time! He assures us that it is not a complicated responsibility and provided the following description which I agreed to share as an encouragement for someone to accept this challenge. This position includes:

- Becoming an active member of the LMD Board, especially involving finances
- Monthly receiving, recording, and depositing of checks from congregations
- Reception and processing of requests for payments (avg 25 checks per year)
- Monthly reconciliation of LMD checkbook and bank statement
- Report financial circumstances to board meetings (approx. 6 per year)
- Record and coordinate financial aspects of LMD Ingathering during fourth quarter
- Prepare Treasurer's Report for presentation to annual LMD Spring Assembly
- Prepare yearly Budget for approval at LMD Spring Assembly

If you are willing to consider serving your Mission District in this capacity, please contact Dean Quinones nlsqns@gmail.com or 610-653-5858 to indicate your interest. Obviously, Dick Skelly and the LMD will both be very appreciative.

God Bless!
Pastor Stough

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Paula & Dick Skelly Co-Trip Coordinators

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.

September 17 (Tues) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – BAREFOOT IN THE PARK – BAREFOOT IN THE PARK

- Neil Simon manages to take the silly squabbles of a young married couple and make them absolutely hilarious! Corie, the young bride, sees their tiny new apartment as cozy and romantic. Paul, the groom, only see five flights of stairs, a gaping hole in the skylight, and heat that doesn't work. Add oddball neighbor, Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother into the mix, and it's a recipe for non-marital bliss! Enjoy a wonderful lunch followed by the famous Hunterdon Hills Dessert Room!

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$92 Payment Deadline: Thurs, Aug. 26

October 16 to 18 (Wed. to Fri.) - WINE AND DINE IN SCENERY

DIVINE! – FINGER LAKES, NY – Call the Operation Sunshine office for a flyer and pricing.

November 20 (Wed.) – Bucks County Playhouse – ONCE

- The Tony Award winning romantic musical isn't your typical boy meets girl love story. It is an eccentric musical based on the award winning 2006 film. "Once" features a cast of actor-musicians who unveil a deeply moving folk-rock score full of laughter and tears. A heartbroken Dublin musician meets a Czech immigrant with a complicated past and a broken vacuum cleaner. When an opportunity arises in America for Guy, will Girl let him know how she truly feels? We will be having lunch at the new restaurant on site where you will choose your entrée from the following choices: Grilled Boneless Chicken Breast, Pan Seared Icelandic Cod or Braised Boneless Short Ribs. Make your choice at the restaurant.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$108 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 17

December 12 (Thurs.) – American Music Theatre – JOY TO THE WORLD

- An American Music Theatre original. The ringing of church bells in a quaint town square set the scene for Joy to the World, AMT's newest holiday spectacular. Evoking the revered holiday nostalgia of hometowns all across the US, our stage will transform into a small-town winter carnival brimming with family and friends. Featuring scenes filled with entertaining elves, dramatic dancing, sensational singing, and grand moments galore. The incredible AMT Singers, Dancers, and Orchestra will perform Christmas favorites. Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30

Cost \$100 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 7