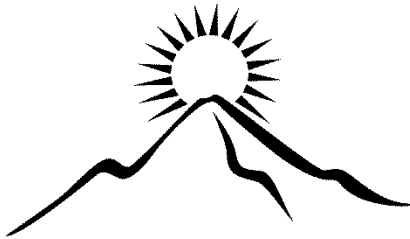


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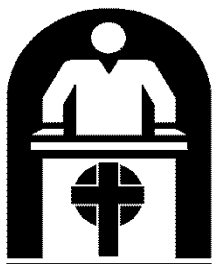


NOW, O MY GOD, LET YOUR
eyes be open
AND YOUR
ears attentive
TO THE PRAYER OF THIS PLACE.

2 CHRONICLES 6:40, ESV

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Dear Members and Friends,

Have you ever been to a place and said to yourself, “I’ve never seen that before!” Many times we go to places like restaurants, meeting places, or church and because we go there frequently and because it seems so familiar we miss some important facets of our surroundings. How many of you know there are etchings in the glass that forms part of the

back wall of our nave? If you do remember there are etchings, do you remember what they are? If you remember what they are do you know why they were chosen?

If you’re looking from the narthex toward the altar you can “read” from left to right, seven symbols: bible, manger, dove, cross and crown (on the doors), baptismal shell, bread and cup, and a ship (representing the church). You can “read” these in two ways. If you “read” from left to right, the bible which is the Word of God becomes flesh in the birth of Christ (manger) and now dwells among us as the Holy Spirit. The descending dove with the flames of fire represents the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The symbols and their meanings are centered in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ represented by the cross and crown (doors). The cross of Christ bears new life to his people through baptism (baptismal shell), Holy Communion (bread and cup) and the Church. The Church is symbolized by a ship (the church) navigating the world.

Or, you can view the windows as two sides of the same story. The two sides represent the two stories that come together in the sacrifice and victory of Jesus (cross and crown). The left side represents **God’s** story (his coming in Word, flesh, and Spirit; the right side represents **our** story (receiving him in baptism, Holy Communion, and through the Church).

So, the next time you come to St. Paul’s, come into the narthex and take a look at the intentional way the windows and doors to the nave are presented for supporting your faith. You just might say, “I’ve never seen (or thought about) that before!”

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 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 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The newly formed Mutual Ministry Committee met for the first time 06/03/19 at 7:00pm. All members were present: Peggy Saylor (Chair), Sue Xander, Tom Kellogg (Council liaison), Jenn Schmoyer, Rich Hartley, Pastor Miller.

We discussed the purposes of the Committee, responsibilities, the benefits to the Congregation and the Pastor. A brief synopsis follows.

Purpose: The primary function of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to keep the pastor advised concerning the conditions within the congregation and to interpret to the congregation the ministry of the pastor. They shall also discuss the joys, issues, and stresses of the pastor. This includes: open communication concerning the conditions within the congregation, early warnings of misunderstanding within the congregation, a "listening post" for the pastor, conflict resolution, appraisal of the ministry of the pastor, and to provide a sounding board for the pastor.

1. The strategies for carrying out these responsibilities:
 - a. Careful listening and clarifying expectations
 - b. Sharing and communication
 - c. Reviewing and reflecting
 - d. Praying and caring
2. The benefits:
 - a. Develop open communication about expectations, attitudes, and concerns within the congregation, the community, and the staff.
 - b. To identify early warning signs of misunderstandings
 - c. Become a "listening post" for the pastor and the Congregation
 - d. Serve as a group with whom the pastor can test new ideas and share confidential matters
 - e. Conduct annual reviews and affirmations of the pastor.
 - f. Can provide a sounding board for the pastor in times of personal or professional stress and in times of congregational stress and joy

- g. Assess each year the working conditions, compensation, housing, and benefits provided to the pastor.
- 3. Its membership:
 - a. Should **Not** be:
 - (1) The council and not a majority of council members, possibly one member of council should be on it as a liaison.
 - (2) An informal group of friends of the pastor.
 - b. Should be formally appointed:
 - c. Should reflect the age, race, gender, and economic composition of the congregation
 - d. Qualities of the committee members:
 - (1) They should have a commitment to keeping confidences
 - (2) A sensitivity to the feelings of others
 - (3) An understanding of the Christian faith and the vision of the ELCA
- 4. Accountability:
 - a. To the council
 - (1) Committee should report to the Council.
 - (2) Committee does not set policy.
 - (3) Recommendations are developed and forwarded to the council or other appropriate committees for final approval.
 - b. To each other
 - (1) Maintain confidentiality when appropriate
 - c. To the congregation
 - (1) Report at the Annual Meeting.
 - (2) Reports of changes in specific duties or working conditions of the pastor and staff may be reported to the Congregation.



Bible Study for July is being canceled. It will resume on August 5th at 9:30 a.m. We will see you then.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, June 9 we received the following individuals as members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church: David Feierstein, Dominic (Nic) & Susan Bellucci and Margaret Stoudt.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Dominic and Susan Bellucci:

Dominic (Nic), Susan (Sue) we lived in Whitehall until our children graduated and decided to downsize. We moved to Alburtis area four/five years ago. Nic works for Seventh Generations School District in Emmaus and is Accountant/Human Resources. Sue works for Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Whitehall as the Office Manager. We enjoy biking, gardening, Penn State football and basketball etc., and spending time with our family.

David Feierstein:

I was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and spent the first 7 – 8 years moving around – Florida, Maine, Pa, etc. The next 10 years in White Haven area. Married Pauline D'Agostino in 1985. Currently I am widowed and retired.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 25th Pastor Miller will bless the backpacks of all students at our worship. Please bring your backpacks on that day. You will be asked to come forward wearing your backpack for the blessing.



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 line.

<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!

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS - #HATNOTHATE PROJECT

If you are interested in a small knit or crochet project this summer – I would like to call your attention to #HatNotHate Program– which is aimed at stamping out bullying in the schools. Louis Boria (aka Brooklynboyknits), a spokesperson for this program, has teamed up with the Knitter's Edge, asking for knitted and crocheted blue hats – the wearing of which represents taking a stand against bullying.

Knitter's Edge is hoping to collect 600 hats of every size – child through adult – for an October 2019 #HatNotHate Event at Donegan Elementary School in Bethlehem. The hats should be made with a medium to dark shade of blue, and no variegated yarns. For more information about the program, see [Knitter's Edge May Newsletter](#). For a variety of knit and crochet hat patterns, see [Lion Brand's #HatNotHate](#) Web page. Or see one of us at church for a printed pattern. Note there are several blue yarn skeins in the church yarn collection that would work well.

If you would like to make hats for this program, please bring them to church by **September 8**, and we will deliver them to Knitter's Edge. Also, if you are working on any shawls, note that we have scheduled a prayer shawl blessing for Sunday, **September 29**.

Steph Wagaman
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.

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.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

We *are* taking a break from our monthly meetings over the summer, but please join us on **September 11 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

Keep a lookout for mailed information over the summer regarding our 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.

JULY/AUGUST FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any item will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought in noodles and macaroni during our monthly collection for the food bank.

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

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.

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	

**The 2019 Village of Breinigsville Independence Day
Fireworks Spectacular will take place
Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Earl Adams Memorial Park
(Breinigsville Park 8935 Breinigsville Rd.)
Rain date Sunday, July 7, 2019**

Come see their famous Fireworks! This amazing event celebrating our country's Independence is hosted by Carl Schmoyer III of the Schmoyer Funeral Home in Breinigsville. Mr. Schmoyer is a Certified Fireworks Shooter of the Pyrotechnics Guild International who also works closely with the UMT Fire Companies for this event. His expertise and skill makes each Firework show masterful and full of surprises!



A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH



Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—Sandy Hyland



IRONPIGS GAME REMINDER

If you signed up for the IronPigs game, the date is Sunday, August 25, 2019 and game time is 1:35 p.m. Gates open at 12:00 p.m. and the buffet is from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We again will be in the PenTeleData Party Porch 3. Those who have attended the game the last few years enjoyed the fact we were the only ones in the porch. We were under cover and the food was great.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30 – Red, White & Blue Potluck in Pavilion (weather permitting)

July 22 – 26 – VBS 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

August 25 – Blessing of the Backpacks

August 25 – IronPigs Game

THE MASTER’S WORKS

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employee in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000-mile walk to “consider the lilies.” He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his résumé, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, “I study the inventions of God.”



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



11 James & Neali Feimster
16 Bob & Kim Pearson
21 Mark & Kathy Maslany
22 Kim & Shawn Sicher
24 Jeremy & Jennifer Schmoyer
31 Joseph & Sandra Stanton

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

Peg Apgar	Linford Bastian	Anita Eisenhard	Doris Fenner
Calvin Fetherolf	Helen Kessler	Bill Knoll	Judy Kresley
Nancy Miller	Esther Nolf	Carl Schmoyer	Kathy Shryock
Frank Szukics	John Thomas	Irene Wenz	



1 Robert Sensinger	14 Douglas Inman
3 Olivia Eisenhard	15 Martha Lindenmuth
4 Robert Bastian	19 Amy Morgan
4 Michele Rampen	22 William Heminitz
8 Kay Schlenker	24 Riley Williams
11 David Apgar	25 Jeffrey Heminitz
12 Joseph Mironov	26 Joseph Stanton
12 Gloria Selig	



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

PASTORIAL ACT

Pastor Carey officiated at wedding of Amy Brenfleck and Joseph Williams, IV on May 24, 2019.

Congratulations to the couple in their future together.



GROOVING FOR GOD

Fifty years ago this summer, as the Woodstock Festival in upstate New York became a symbol of the countercultural movement, another groundswell was occurring: the Jesus Movement. In 1970, teenager Greg Laurie was baptized after a bunch of “Jesus freaks” introduced him to the Savior. The lost kid whose mom had been divorced seven times finally felt part of a family.

Laurie, now pastor of a megachurch and author of *Jesus Revolution* (Baker Books), says the Millennial generation is ripe for another major faith movement. During a time of division and unrest that mirrors the late '60s, people are longing for what's “real” and relational, he writes. Our “weary, chaotic, selfie-saturated culture” needs “a big, ravishing, transcendent, and transformational vision of who God really is,” adds Laurie. “That’s what happened fifty years ago. It can happen again today.”



KINGDOM ON WHEELS

“If you love what you do, you’re going to talk about it,” says Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz. “I love Jesus ... so I’m going to talk about [him]. But I’m not going to force [Christianity] down your throat, either.” That’s why the pro athlete tries to show his faith by “how I live and what I’m about.”

Wentz started the foundation AO1 (Audience of One) to make a tangible impact beyond the gridiron. With a local church, he sponsors Thy Kingdom Crumb, a food truck that offers free meals to people in the community. The motto painted on the mobile restaurant sums up the message Wentz wants to share with his neighbors: “It’s on us ... ’cause he loves you!”

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

As a hen and a pig walked down the road, they noticed a church sign advertising a breakfast of “Ham and Eggs!”

“That’s nice,” said the hen. “A chance for us to serve the congregation.”

“Easy for you to say,” replied the pig. “For you, it’s a contribution; for me, it’s a sacrifice!”

Versions of this story appear on inspirational websites, with comments about the chicken being *involved* in breakfast, while the pig is *committed*. Opinions differ, however, about which animal has the right idea. Some people warn against being the pig, sacrificing yourself for success; others say the chicken isn’t all-in.

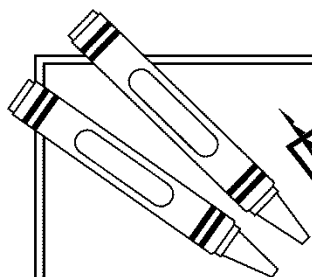
“People who give themselves to Jesus with a trusting abandon” are like pigs, says Rick Lawrence in *The Jesus-Centered Life* (Group). That total, “without reservation” commitment, he says, shows a willingness to give your life to Jesus — as he gave his for you.

On the other hand, giving consistently, day in and day out, even in what might seem to be small ways, also is valuable. Maybe the moral is not to judge others’ stewardship because we all give differently.

A GUIDE FOR GIVING

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.

—C.S. Lewis



PUZZLE

"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

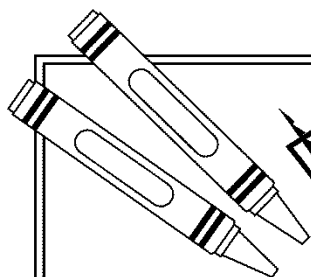
Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

A=  E=  I=  O=  U= 

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 _ lw _ ys _ n th _ L _ RD.
 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand,
I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



PUZZLE

GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

Brush these daily

___ _ _ ☐

Do this to your shoes

___ ☐ _

This rises in the east

☐ _ _ _

Cold breakfast food

☐ _ _ _ _ _

Hot breakfast food

☒ _ _ _ ☐ _ _ _

Talk to God

☐ _ _ _

Morning meal

___ _ ☐ _ _ _ ☐ _

Extend your limbs

☐ _ _ _ _ _

Fruit drink

___ ☐ _

Waffle machine

___ ☐ ☐

Eat these scrambled or fried

___ _ ☐



Because of the LORD's great love ... ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ never fail. They are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

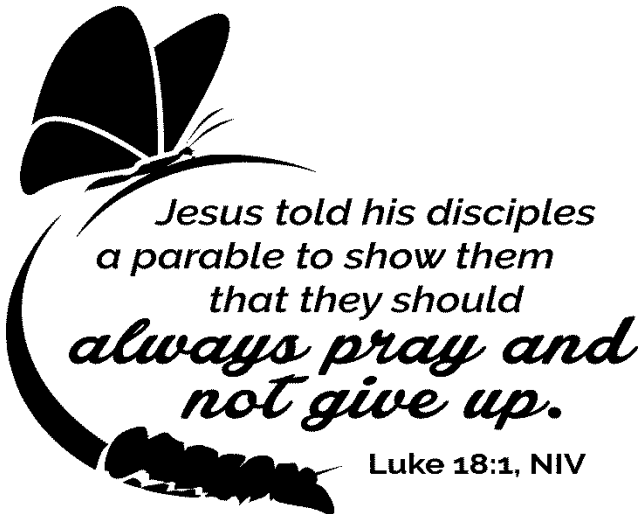
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS**

AUGUST 11, 2019

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



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

July 2019 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of July

Council Person: Jennifer Bentsen 484-226-5227

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

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman, Amy Williams

Lay Assistant: June Kellogg

Greeters: Martha Lindenmuth, Carol Derr-Breinig

Reader: Carol Weiser

Communion Bread: Marilyn Thomas

Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Tom Kellogg, Bob Nickisher

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca & Keith Theodore

Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer

Greeters: Keith & Rebecca Theodore

Reader: Jeff Waltemyer

Communion Bread: Peggy Kern

Communion Assistant: Bob Bruchak

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

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Altar Guild: Brooke & Carlene Brumbach

Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman

Greeters: Larry & Mary Schneider

Reader: Kelly Whitt

Communion Bread: Sandi & Bruce Wagaman

Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz

Ushers: Aubrie Pavlacka, Garret Pavlacka, Diane Kropf,
John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Altar Guild: Michele Rampen, Patrice Walters

Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz

Greeters: Jeremy & Hannah Schmoyer

Reader: Joyce Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Janine & Ken Ritter

Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard

Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Joshua Solderich,
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

August 2019 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Those Who Serve for the Month of August

Council Person: Daisy Pearson 610-285-0144

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, August 4, 2019

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter, Susan Xander
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson
Greeters: Angela Kropf, Marilyn Thomas
Reader: Michele Rampen
Communion Bread: Melanie Dimovitz
Communion Assistant: Peggy Saylor
Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,
Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman, Amy Williams
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer
Greeters: Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
Reader: Martha Lindenmuth
Communion Bread: Stan & Mitzi Younger
Communion Assistant: Wells Rampen
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,
Tom Kellogg, Bob Nickisher

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen, Joyce Eisenhard
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman
Greeters: Janine & Ken Ritter
Reader: Sharon Bortz
Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley,
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Altar Guild: Brooke & Carlene Brumbach
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz
Greeters: Stan & Mitzi Younger
Reader: Peggy Kern
Communion Bread: Carlene Brumbach
Communion Assistant: Rosemary Lehman
Ushers: Aubrie Pavlacka, Garret Pavlacka, Diane Kropf,
John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Highlights from Assembly 2019

Festival Worship

On Saturday, June 1, approximately 500 delegates and visitors gathered at Genetti Ballrooms Inn & Suites in Hazleton for Assembly 2019. The day began with a Festival Worship Service led by Bishop Zeiser and synod Vice-President Kristen Edelman-Weiner. Service music was provided by Deacon Michael Krentz and a volunteer choir. An offering of \$3,600 was collected for World Hunger.



In his sermon, **Bishop Zeiser** spoke of a “stirring” within us when we recognize the active presence of God in our life. Driven by faith, we become convinced that we “are onto something”; and we then are

compelled to see it through. The result is ministry, ministry built on the generations of Christians who likewise were convinced that they were onto something. However, the past, no matter how great, is sometimes unhelpful for this time. Our theme “Freed in Christ for a New Day” reminds us that it is indeed a new time; and it further reminds us of who it is that got us here, and who will come again.



ELCA Churchwide Representative



The **Rev. Ronald T. Glusenkamp**, Director for “Always Being made new: The Campaign for the ELCA,” was this year’s ELCA Churchwide representative. Pastor Glusenkamp described the ELCA Churchwide ministry and mission in 2018. This included major efforts in advocacy, candidacy, congregational vitality, Fund for Leaders, World Hunger, global mission, and the Youth Gathering. He shared a video report highlighting these efforts (video link: <https://vimeo.com/332095341>) and also a video greeting from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (video link: <https://youtu.be/TMvRrKF2sg>). Following Pastor

Glusenkamp’s presentation, an offering of over \$3,300 was collected for The Campaign for the ELCA.

Bishop Zeiser’s Report to the Synod

Bishop Zeiser reviewed some of the mission and ministry of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod during the past year. He then talked about challenges that the next bishop (to be elected at Assembly 2020) will face. He emphasized that many congregations will be facing challenging situations; and that it is critically important for both congregations and rostered ministers to commit to building a collegial relationship with the new bishop and his or her staff as together they face the immense challenges to come.



More Highlights from Assembly 2019

Luncheon

After the morning session, the delegates and visitors adjourned for a luncheon in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Synod receiving its charter. They enjoyed their meal under a large tent on a beautiful spring afternoon.



Elections

Several individuals were elected to offices in the synod:

Synod Vice President: Kristen Edelman-Weiner

Synod Secretary: The Rev. Carl Shankweiler

Synod Council-Clergy: The Rev. Cheryl Meinschein

Synod Council-Lay Female: Ruth Major

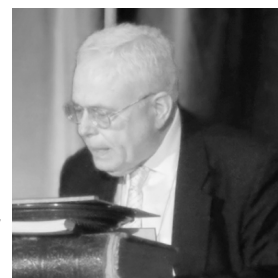
Synod Council-Lay Male: Thomas Engle

Reports from Synod Officers



Kristen Edelman-Weiner

The Assembly heard reports from the synod officers: Vice President Kristen Edelman-Weiner; Secretary The Rev. Carl Shankweiler; and Treasurer Donald Dillman. The 2020 Spending Plan was adopted with a total budget for next year of \$1,984,400, of which \$869,500 is sent to the ELCA for Mission Support; and \$148,000 is given to various church related institutions such as Bear Creek Camp, United Lutheran Seminary, Muhlenberg College, PA Conference of Churches, and LAMPa.



Rev. Carl Shankweiler

Resolutions

The Assembly adopted two resolutions. The first was a major revision of "Continuing Resolutions" offered by Synod Council to bring them up to date with current practice. The second was a resolution that the Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team address the need for synodical youth leadership; and that this Team work with the Transition Team that will report to the new bishop in 2020.

The 2020 compensation guidelines for pastors and deacons were also adopted.

Assembly 2020, June 4-6

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center Pocono Manor, PA

Plan now to attend. If you are a delegate, you will help to elect a new bishop.
And both delegates and visitors can enjoy the indoor
and outdoor waterparks of this exciting resort.



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September 2019 LMD NL news will be due August 19, 2019. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

***NEW** - Please check out our Mission District website: www.lehighlutherans.com - and send any changes or additions to Pastor Samantha Drennan, sldrennan1@gmail.com

***NEW** - During the months of July and August, the Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran Church Allentown will continue to hold Centering Prayer on the first Friday of the month and will also be available for Individual Spiritual Direction. New and resuming programs will begin in September.

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).

***NEW** - **Paint & Sip Party** - July 13th, 4:00-7:00pm - Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church of Alburtis is having a Paint & Sip Party for a fundraiser for church repairs. Food available for sale and BYOB. Lehigh Lodge #326, 2120 Rt. 100 South, Macungie, PA. Cost is \$35.00 and tickets need to be purchased by July 7th. Contact church office for information or tickets. [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215). Basket raffle also. **Flyer attached**

***NEW** - **St Luke's very own custom made VBS "PEACE"** - Monday through Friday - July 29, 30, 31, August 1, 2. Light supper at 5:30 pm - ages 6-12. Bible Stories, Songs, Crafts and Activities. Volunteers needed! Call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943).

***NEW** - **Rummage Sale** - Sat., June 29th, 10-4:00pm. St Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St, Allentown. Kitchen will be open. For questions call [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943). **Flyer attached**

***NEW** - **The Invitational Christian, by Dave Daubert** - Sun., Sept 22nd from 2 to 5:00 PM at the Lutheran Center you are invited to attend the book discussion on The Invitational Christian by Dave Daubert. If you would like a free copy of Daubert's book please contact Pastor Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean, at [610-653-5858](tel:610-653-5858).

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

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



MEET OUR NEW LEADER

Dean Nelson Quiñones

From a very early age living in Puerto Rico, I can remember the church being an important part of my life.

Then, when we moved from Puerto Rico to the United States I rebelled against the church. I didn't want anything to do with the church. I was a teenager. What teenager wants to move and leave friends behind? There were no gadgets like cell phones to face time with my friends. I was upset and carried the faces of mis amigos in my head to remember them.

Soon enough I acclimated to my new surroundings and found myself back in the arms of the church. It was kind of like being mad at someone -- you didn't remember why and then you started talking again. I had fun being in the church. Since my childhood I can remember that I wanted to be a pastor.

I was born in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. I lived in Allentown most of my life. I attended Harrison-Morton Jr. High School in Allentown. I graduated from Louis E. Dieruff High School. I am an Eastsider with Husky Pride. Right out of high school I enlisted in the U.S. Navy where I held the rank of Petty Officer Third Class as an Electronic Technician. I had the opportunity to be under the command of Chaplain Richard Stough in the U. S. Naval Reserves.

While in the U.S. Navy Reserves, I graduated from United Wesleyan College, Allentown with a Bachelor of Science in English Bible & Theology degree. I worked at Lehigh County Prison as a Translator/Correctional Counselor. I left LCP to pursue graduate work at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia where I graduated with a Master of Divinity degree.

I was installed and ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church, Allentown. I was honored to have my pastor and professor The Rev. Dr. Walter W. Wagner place the stole on my shoulders at my ordination service. I am a son of the congregation at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown. I served as Asst Pastor at St. John's with my mentor and supervisor The Rev. Lyn Langkamer.

Then went on to serve Christ Lutheran Church, Easton and San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church. I assisted in the ecumenical endeavor of the Iglesia La Hermosa in Easton. I am currently serving and celebrating 6 years as pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Fogelsville.

My beautiful wife, Jessica, is an elementary teacher in the Northampton Area School District. We have a handsome son, Nicolas Victor, who is a high school student going onto his junior year and an awesome runner and hurdler. We live in Northampton.

It was on the Sunday of Cinco de Mayo at the Lutheran Center that I was elected to serve as your Dean in the Lehigh Mission District. In the opening days of June, I along with other newly elected Deans was installed by Bishop Samuel Zeiser at the Synod Assembly held at Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

I believe the church is an integral part of our lives. Together, as God's Church, it is my hope and prayer to serve you with the sacred privilege and responsibility that you have bestowed and entrusted to me in the office of Dean.

In faithful assurance,

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

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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