

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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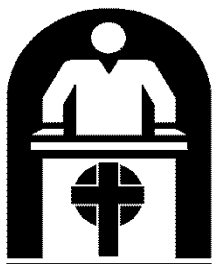
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Dear Members and Friends,

As I reflect on the past days with the three mass shootings within a week, certainly my prayers are with those in Gilroy, CA; El Paso, TX; and Dayton, OH. But sometimes keeping people in our prayers is not enough. Or maybe the type of prayer we pray is not enough. Are you frustrated about what to pray for in these situations? What *do* we pray for? As I

thought about that, I was searching to find a way to pray about these tragedies and I came across a book that I purchased a long time ago. It's called Prayers for Impossible Days by Paul Geres (Fortress Press, Philadelphia, 1972). There was one particular prayer entitled "Prayer When You Are Tired of War" (p. 55-56). It was written, I suppose, for a time when we find our nation at war. *Are we in a war against perpetrators of mass shooting?* I'll let you determine that. But the prayer's words were very interesting. I'm reprinting it for you to read because I think it takes a little different viewpoint than what we may have been hearing through various media. Please note, as indicated above that it was written in the early 70's so inclusive language was not the norm.

"O Lord, I get depressed by this world of people who act like animals, who cannot rest until they have killed off their prey. Nations which think of nothing but hatred, murder, and massacre bring me close to despair. And I feel like giving up my faith in man, life, in – O Lord, what was I about to say? I want to shout out my disdain for this world, but no, I must not do that.

No, I must resist the despair which overcomes me, and I must not run away.

I must not flee to some ivory tower, far from men and their inhumanity, in order to escape this unbearable world.

I shall remain here, in the midst of this world, in this world as it is, in this world of violence. I shall remain at my post.

Of course I don't amount to much. In the midst of chaos, what does the light of only one soul mean, a faint light which darkness will extinguish? And yet, my God, I must do what I am called to do.

"And what shall I say, 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour . . . to bear witness to the truth." (John 12:27; 18:37)

I must witness.

To tell – and to show – to all men that there is something other than the darkness, something other than the screams of fear, something other than the meaningless fighting, the ravings of demagogues, and the invasions.

Something other than the tons of scrap iron which are used to kill and the blown-up bridges which then have to be rebuilt. Something other than the immeasurable stupidity of the hordes of people pushing forward – using all the instruments of technological warfare.

Something other than economic control and ideology.

Witness, O my God, to your presence in the midst of this world and reveal to man, in spite of everything and no matter what the cost, the *other* meaning to life.”

Let us pray . . .

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**. 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

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

In early November, it will be two years since Pastor Miller joined us in ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Shortly before he came here, he accepted the two-year term call extended by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Council and agreed upon by our church council. Two-year term calls, while lesser known, have become more common in recent years.

During the transition period between pastors, as the council was preparing for the call process, the council was offered the opportunity of pursuing a term call by the Bishop and his staff. The council embraced the chance of meeting with Pastor Miller. After that meeting and Pastor Miller's discussion with the personnel committee, the council voted unanimously to accept Pastor Miller for a two-year term call.

That term call is now nearing its end. The council at its regular June meeting recommended to the congregation that Pastor Miller be extended a regular full-time call to St. Paul's. **We will vote on this recommendation on September 15, 2019 immediately following worship.** It is important that as many of the congregation's members as possible attend the worship service on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important decision in the long life of our congregation, now over 130 years.

When your council announced the term call of Pastor Miller, we spelled out in a parish newsletter what would happen at the end of the two-year term call. As we near that time, we will now take those steps outlined in the article almost two years ago. Please make every effort to attend worship and the meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## INFORMATION SESSION FOR UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

In preparation for the upcoming congregational vote on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the church council will be hosting an information session for all members who can attend on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** before our regular council meeting. Pastor Kurt Garbe, associate of the bishop of the synod will be there along with our council to answer any questions you might have about the process.

## **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.

## **HARVEST SUNDAY**



We will be celebrating a Harvest Sunday at St. Paul's on September 15, 2019 – in the spirit of the Harvest Home services of the past –to celebrate and commemorate the gathering in of harvest. For this special service, the church will be decorated with fall décor and harvest items.

We will sing hymns of celebration, hear scripture about God's abundance, and give thanks for our bounty.

As part of this celebration, we are calling for food donations of any kind – both non-perishable items and fresh produce. You can bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to church beginning Sunday, August 25. There will be a box in the Narthex marked "Harvest Home" for food donations. Please bring fresh fruits and vegetables on Sunday, September 15. The non-perishable items will be donated to the food bank, and the fresh produce will be donated to the Lutheran Home in Topton.

Help us to celebrate Harvest Sunday on the 15th, and bring food donations for those in need in our community.



Choir rehearsal will begin on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. New voices are welcome.

Thank you to everyone who shared their musical talents while the choir took a break. You were awesome!

## **MIRACULOUS MISSION VBS 2019 RECAP**

Our 2019 Vacation Bible School was out of this world. We had 26 children attend and 16 volunteers. The children started the evening in an opening where we reviewed songs and learned the take home point. The take home points for the week were God made me, God keeps His Word. Jesus came for me, Jesus saves me and Jesus is coming for me. Then all the children went to storytelling where they learned the bible story for the night. The children enjoyed acting out some of the stories. Then the children broke off into 3 groups and traveled to the rest of the stations. We had games, crafts, music and snacks. We ended our night back together where we reviewed the song, take home point and the story of the night. At the end of the week we had a closing program where the children invited their loved ones to hear about everything they learned that week. After a great program the children and adults enjoyed ice cream sundaes.

Our service project for the week was collecting loose change for Water for Tanzania. Kids in rural Tanzania typically get their water from hand-dug wells in river beds. This water source is shared with animals and used for bathing, cleaning and drinking. It's full of mud, bacteria and parasites, causing severe illnesses and possible death. Drilling new wells cost \$8,000 and serves an average of 800 people. So for every \$10 we collect it gives clean water to one person. We are happy to announce that we collected over \$200 and that means 20 people can have clean water!!! A big Thank You to Pastor Miller for counting all the change!

We had a great year at Miraculous Mission VBS! Thanks to all the helpers we couldn't have done it without you!

Katie Pisauero and Anita Eisenhard

## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS

Just a reminder that if you are making hats for the #HatNotHate project, please bring them to church by **September 8**, and we will deliver them to Knitter's Edge. I was recently at the Knitter's Edge store and saw that they had 400 hats so far, toward their goal of 600 hats.

Regarding prayer shawls – we are in need of longer length shawls, i.e. 60 inches or more, so that the shawl can be wrapped around the shoulders. Also, we have a prayer shawl blessing scheduled for Sunday, **September 29**. If you have shawls in progress, you might want to finish them before the 29<sup>th</sup> to include them in the blessing.

I'd like to introduce our next project – something that you may have never heard of – “Twiddle Sleeves.” Below is a link to an article about how Twiddle Sleeves are being used to help dementia patients keep their hands busy, and thus become more settled. Also included are links to both knit and crochet patterns for sleeves.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/health-48335245>

<https://dementiahub.files.wordpress.com/2018/12/twiddle-sleeve-guidelines.pdf>

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/twiddle-muff>

In addition to making the sleeves, each one will be decorated with items with which to fidget, such as ribbon, lace, pom-poms, flowers, beads, buttons, etc. With Sandi Wagaman's help we have applied for, and got approval on, a Thrivent Action Team grant. The grant money will go toward purchasing supplies for making and embellishing sleeves. The completed sleeves will go to Luther Crest Alzheimer's Units.

We are planning to have a kick-off meeting for this project on **Sunday, October 13**, at 11:30AM in Fellowship Hall. Even if you are not interested in making sleeves – we could use help on making crocheted or knitted flowers, and on decorating sleeves.

Steph Wagaman  
Peggy Kern

## MORAVIAN COLLEGE CHOIR

The Moravian College Choir will be performing at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The **Moravian Choir** and its approximately 75 women and men have been an integral performing ensemble of Moravian's noted Department of Music for over four decades. The group consists primarily of Moravian College students, and although many of them are music majors, many come from such diverse majors as biology, chemistry, history, education, math, and English. The ensemble also includes a number of members from the Lehigh Valley community. One must be a member of either Women's Chorus or Men's Chorus in order to participate in this ensemble. Please come out, bring your friends and enjoy this wonderful musical experience.

## STOP THE HOPPING



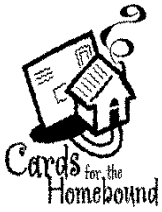
A church is an imperfect mix of imperfect believers, so it's easy for members to find faults or feel disappointed. That, in turn, may tempt us to shop around.

C.S. Lewis addresses that in *The Screwtape Letters*. "If a man can't be cured of churchgoing," Screwtape advises his demon protégé, "the next best thing is to send him all over the neighborhood looking for the church that 'suits' him until he becomes a taster or connoisseur of churches." How Satan must hate when Christians maintain long-term commitment to one church!

The urge to church-hop harms congregations as well as believers. "Spiritual depth isn't fostered by satiating your sense of felt needs," writes James Emery White. "It's receiving a balanced diet of teaching and challenge, investing in service and mission, living in community and diversity that you probably would not select for yourself."



## 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

Please join us on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our next meeting.

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 \$30. There is a copy of the registration form posted on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating in this event. You should also have received a mailing of the information.

Plans are underway for our fall cluster meeting which will be in October/November. Topic: *Feeling Safe*. More information in October Newsletter.

## SEPTEMBER FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH

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

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

**THANK YOU** to all who brought in canned vegetables and canned fruit during our monthly collection for the food bank.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25 – Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship

August 25 – IronPigs Game

September 8 – Rally Day & Installation of Teachers during Worship

September 15 – Harvest Home

September 29 – Blessing of Prayer Shawls

October 6 – Pet Blessing at 1:00 p.m.

October 16 – Trunk or Treat 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## BOWLING

St. Paul's U.C.C. Mixed Bowling League begins on **September 6th** and they are in need of bowlers. If you are interested in joining them, they bowl on **Friday's at 7 pm at the Rose Bowl, 15th and Sumner Avenue**. Don't want to join? Maybe you could sub for someone.



For information call: Dennis Hein at 610-398-2962.  
Leave your name and phone number.



The church council has decided to have our church participate in Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Day. The church will be selling passes for \$5.00 a piece which gives you a 25% discount at Bosco's stores on one day which will be October 16, 2019. The church receives the full \$5.00 for every pass sold. There are a few limitations on certain brands and limited number of categories of merchandise such as Nike gear and some jewelry which are not included in the discount. But these are listed on the pass. The passes will be available in the office.

## PATHWAYS HOUSING SERVICES

Pathways Housing Services distributes personal care items to people facing hard times and families struggling to make ends meet. **Currently, their toiletry supplies are extremely low.**

**Desperately needed personal care items include:** full-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash; deodorant for men and women; toilet paper; razors and shaving cream; feminine care products; and toothpaste and toothbrushes. Gift cards will also be accepted.

We will collect items till the end of September. A box will be in the Narthex marked for Pathways. Please place items there.

**Thank you for showing compassion for the less fortunate in the community!**

## **THANK YOU LETTERS**

Members and Friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers during my recent health problem. The support and concerns were greatly appreciated and well received. Once again thank you for everything.

Calvin Fetherolf

Dear Stephanie and Peggy,

Thank you so very much for the wraps you gave us. They are beautiful! We have given them to our residents who find comfort in the warmth the wraps provide.

Thank you for your prayers and your support of our ministry here at Luther Crest.

Very truly yours.

Cindy Bonney, NHA, MBA, PCHA  
Senior Executive Director  
Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries  
(Luther Crest)

## **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Hildegard Wetzel from the following people:

Roland Grammes

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Miller

Nancy Wetzel

## ANOTHER THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Our Daily Bread Ministries. Your contributions and prayers make it possible for us to offer resources to those who are unable to provide support themselves.

We know you share the same desire that we as a ministry have to make the Word of God understandable and accessible to all people. But we can't do this without many others who join with us in this mission. We need those who will build relationships with others and share resources that can help them know God and grow deeper in Him.

We love to hear how God is working through your life or, as Jennifer Grace shares in the following letter, how He has worked through someone else:

I have been reading Our Daily Bread ever since 1987 when I was a lost college student spending the weekend at a pastor's house. His wife fixed up a guest room for me with an Our Daily Bread, an apple, and a few Andes mints on the dresser. First, I ate the mints. Then I bit into the apple; and since apples take longer to eat, I thought I might as well open the Our Daily Bread to read while I was munching. And that was the start of God calling me back to Him and into a relationship with Jesus Christ. I took that Our Daily Bread home with me and signed up to receive my own copy and have been reading it ever since. I love how the devotions are always grounded in Scripture and point us to Jesus.

Thank you for reaching out to others like Jennifer Grace and providing for them practically and spiritually. And thank you again for your financial gift that helps us do what we do. May God use all of us to point many, many more to Him.

Gratefully,  
Rick DeHaan  
President  
Our Daily Bread Ministries



1 Kellan Feimster	21 Calise Eiswerth
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20 Lisa Newhard	28 Paula Smith
21 Emily Danner	



5 Skip & Anita Eisenhard  
11 Mindy & Doug Inman  
20 Earl & Irene Wenz  
26 Warren & Kay Schlenker

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

Dave Apgar	Peg Apgar	Linford Bastian
Frank Bennighoff	Sharon Bortz	Anita Eisenhard
Doris Fenner	Calvin Fetherolf	Hughey Haughney
Helen Kessler	Bill Knoll	Judy Kresley
Nancy Miller	Esther Nolf	Carl Schmoyer
Heather Sedlak	Kathy Shryock	John Thomas
Irene Wenz		

(Their names were printed in the bulletin during the last two months)



PEACEMAKERS  
who  
SOW IN PEACE  
REAP A HARVEST  
of  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.

James 3:18, NIV





## THE MANY AND THE ONE

When I studied in Spain, it was profound to hear a scripture in Spanish during worship, knowing my friends and family heard the same passage in English that day back home: two languages, various Christian denominations, multiple places — one God.

Many Christian congregations and judicatories hold worldwide partnerships through a “companion church” program. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for instance, relates to a total of 120 church bodies globally. Companion synods and congregations pray for one another, visit each other, share ministries and learn from far-flung siblings in Christ. Horizons expand, enabling people to see God’s family more broadly: multiple languages, worship styles, cultures — one God.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts ... so it is with Christ,” writes Paul. “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body. ... Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many” (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, NIV). Numerous members, diverse functions, unique gifts — one God.

—Heidi Mann

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL HUMOR

What kind of school do you go to if you're ...  
... an ice cream man? Sundae school  
... a giant? High school  
... a surfer? Boarding school  
... King Arthur? Knight school

**Teacher:** What's the chemical formula for water?

**Student:** H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

**Teacher:** What are you talking about?

**Student:** Yesterday you said it was H to O.

**Math teacher:** A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

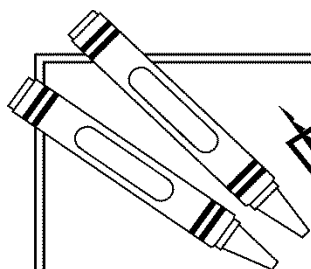
**Student:** In jail

## LABORS OF LOVE

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

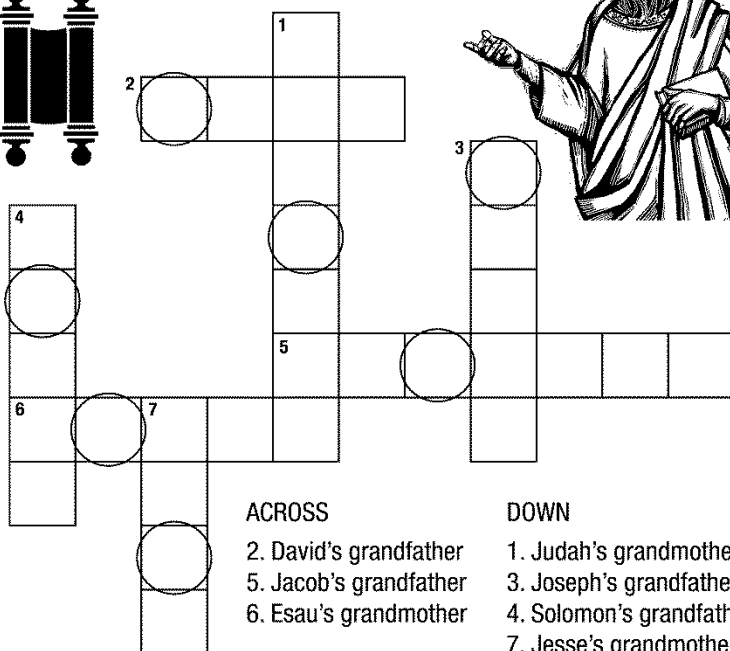
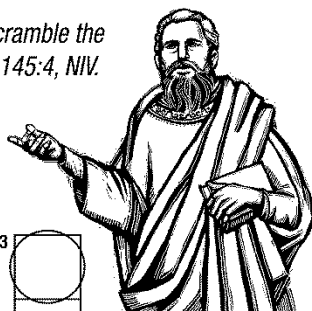


# PUZZLE

## Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

**Directions:** After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



### ACROSS

- 2. David's grandfather
- 5. Jacob's grandfather
- 6. Esau's grandmother

### DOWN

- 1. Judah's grandmother
- 3. Joseph's grandfather
- 4. Solomon's grandfather
- 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G \_ N \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

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



**BE QUICK  
TO LISTEN,  
SLOW  
TO SPEAK,  
SLOW TO  
ANGER.**

**James 1:19, NRSV**

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Those Who Serve for the Month of September

Council Person: Carol Weiser 610-967-5534

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

### Sunday, September 1, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca & Keith Theodore  
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson  
Greeters: Cal Fetherolf, Dick Hartley  
Reader: Calvin Fetherolf  
Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak  
Communion Assistant: Tom Kellogg  
Ushers: Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman, Martha Lindenmuth,  
Bruce Wagaman, Amy Williams

### Sunday, September 15, 2019

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter, Susan Xander  
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg  
Greeters: Ethan & Vanessa Eiswerth  
Reader: Tom Kellogg  
Communion Bread: Joshua Solderich  
Communion Assistant: Sharon Bortz  
Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,  
Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

### Sunday, September 8, 2019

Altar Guild: Michele Rampen, Patrice Walters  
Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer  
Greeters: Sue Kline, Joshua Solderich  
Reader: Jen Schmoyer  
Communion Bread: Patrice Walters  
Communion Assistant: Jeremy Schmoyer  
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Sue Kline, Joshua Solderich,  
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

### Sunday, September 22, 2019

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen, Joyce Eisenhard  
Lay Assistant: Sandi Wagaman  
Greeters: Alice Bastian, Jeff Waltemyer  
Reader: Bob Nickisher  
Communion Bread: Emily Danner  
Communion Assistant: Bob Bruchak  
Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Brooke Brumbach, Carlene Brumbach,  
Tom Kellogg, Bob Nickisher

### Sunday, September 29, 2019

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman, Amy Williams  
Lay Assistant: Cathy Waltemyer  
Greeters: Lacey Edwards, Rosemary Lehman  
Reader: Rosemary Lehman  
Communion Bread: James & Joyce Eisenhard  
Communion Assistant: Anita Eisenhard  
Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley,  
Marilyn Thomas, Jeff Waltemyer





**22—26 July 2019**



**VBS 2019  
September Newsletter**



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
8227 Hamilton Blvd.  
Breinigsville, PA 18031

**PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING EVENTS!!**



**October 6, 2019 - Pet Blessing:** The pet blessing commences at 1:00 PM, but attendees should arrive early for food, drinks, and raffle ticket sales! Hot dogs, baked goods, and drinks will be available for purchase. Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance and at the event for the opportunity to win a dog basket, cat basket, or a store gift card (Pet Valu, Target, or Giant). Ticket sales will cease prior to the start of the pet blessing, and the winning tickets will be drawn immediately after the pet blessing ends. All proceeds benefit Brindle Buddies & Friends, which is a rescue based in Kutztown. Our event is rain or shine. You do not need to be present to win the raffle prizes.



**October 16, 2019 - Trunk-or-Treat:** Bring your kids to our second annual Trunk-Or-Treat event, which runs from 6 PM to 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 16th. Trick-Or-Treat safely while enjoying the trunk displays. Our event is rain or shine.



**November 10, 2019 - Moravian Choir Performance:** As part of our concert series, the Moravian Choir will perform at 3 PM on Sunday, November 10th. There will be a reception with light refreshments and snacks in fellowship hall following the performance. This event is free and open to the public with a non-perishable food item or free-will monetary donation for a local food bank.



# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### St. Mark, Appenzell - Imagining Our Future



Last year St. Mark's Appenzell decided to work on its mission and ministry goals and to do it during sermon time over four sessions dispersed throughout the summer months. We constructed a timeline of what we remembered about church history by "talking amongst ourselves." We then wrote a memory or two on "sticky notes," which were placed by everyone on the timeline. Even children were excited to stick something on the wall.

It was noted that most of our memories occurred in the past 20-40 years, implying that the more distant past was not as important as where we are going now. So, the next week we talked about the challenges and the opportunities we experienced in just the past 20 years. Then, in the third session, we moved into asking "What is our church known for in the community?" followed by "What are some things we would like it to be known for?"

As a result of our reflections, three categories of ministry seemed to develop:

- learning/spiritual growth
- caring for membership/visitors
- fellowship/social ministry

During the final sessions, we listed on our sticky notes (see the picture above) some activities under each category that we would like to see started or improved. From those we chose two or three activities that we thought we might begin in the fall months.

The posters now hang in the church office to remind us about the other activities that we might try in the future. This process created a new energy that still continues in the congregation, as we look for ways God is calling us to be active in the community and the world.

### Thank You!

Thanks to the congregations who donated mac & cheese at Assembly 2019. The food was divided equally between Valley Food Bank in Conyngham and Shepherd House, which serves Carbon County.

## Holy Trinity, Dingmans Ferry Summer Youth Program: "Make Love Your Aim"



As soon as the public school year ends, youth ministry at Holy Trinity cranks up. The summer is full of faith formation and fun activities including group building, camping, lock-ins, and Vacation Bible Camp. The summer starts with a High Adventure Trip to the Adirondack Mountains. Seventeen high school youth and eight advisors spend a week camping, developing leadership skills, white water kayaking, and water skiing.



The second week includes three days of a Counselor In Training event for 30 middle school and high school youth. These young people are trained to work as teachers, helpers, and recreation staff for the Vacation Bible Camp. Some of the training is done by High Adventure Youth, as well as the pastor and staff.

The third week is filled with Vacation Bible Camp; and it includes an evening mid-week event with a giant BBQ, sing-a-long, and campfire for youth and families. The remainder of the summer has weekly youth activities for Grades 3-12. This year the theme was "Make Love Your Aim."



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**October 2019 LMD NL news will be due September 18, 2019.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

Please check out our Mission District website: [www.lehighlutherans.com](http://www.lehighlutherans.com) - and send any changes or additions to Pastor Samantha Drennan, [sldrennan1@gmail.com](mailto:sldrennan1@gmail.com)

**The Invitational Christian, by Dave Daubert - Sun., Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 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).

**\*NEW - 2019-2020 First Friday Theme – Learning to Understand One Another** – Fri., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 1:00pm at Muhlenberg College, Miller Forum, Moyer Hall. Come learn what Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) is, how the IGD process works, and the hopes for IGD on a college campus. **See attached flyer.**

**\*NEW - The Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering** planning meeting will be held on Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at St. John Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus. We look forward to meeting with all the LMD church representatives or pastors. Thank you!

**\*NEW – Fall Basket Social - Fall Basket Social** – St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) will be holding a basket raffle on **Sat., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM-2 PM. 'Basket Preview Night' will be on **Fri., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 PM (only raffle tickets will be sold, no food). For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org). All are welcome!

**\*NEW – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Breinigsville** will be hosting – Pet Blessing Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Trunk-or-Treat Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Moravian Choir Performance Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. **See attached flyer.**

**\*NEW – Passing the Word:** A Conference toward the future of Lutheran-Jewish and Inter-Religious Understanding. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. For more information and to register go to: [www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword). **See attached flyer.**

**Centering Prayer** - continues on the first Fridays of the month – 10:30-11:30am. 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 [tlchlicher@rcn.com](mailto:tlchlicher@rcn.com) / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

**Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 13, 2019, 1:30 p.m.**, beginning and ending at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104, with registration starting at 1 p.m. For a sponsor form, please contact your own congregation, or log on at [www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa) for more information about CROP and for making online donations. Walkers are encouraged to register online, and those who raise \$150 or more earn a free CROP Hunger Walk T-shirt. Walkers are also asked to bring non-perishable food to the CROP Hunger Walk for the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank. The CROP Hunger Walk is a great fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk returns to the Lehigh Valley to support the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen. The remaining 75% is used by Church World Service for disaster relief (e.g., for communities in the United States and around the world devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods) and development assistance (e.g., assisting poor families with clean drinking water, seeds, tools, and irrigation).

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

- 1 – 2019-2020-First Friday** – Learning to Understand One Another. Muhlenberg College, starting Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 1:00pm. [www.muhlenberg.edu/IJCU](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/IJCU).
- 2 – The Gospel of Thomas Series** – First and Third Wed. of the month starting Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. Questions or to register contact Mary Howe, [mhowe@rcn.com](mailto:mhowe@rcn.com) or [610-821-4007](tel:610-821-4007).
- 3 – WHAT? HOW?...tapping into your WHY** – Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 9-3:00PM. Registration and Questions – [divinepossibility@gmail.com](mailto:divinepossibility@gmail.com).
- 4 – Wisdom Way of Knowing** – Last Fri. of the month starting Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. RSVP: [marcellak2@aol.com](mailto:marcellak2@aol.com)
- 5 – Welcome to SoulCollage Fall Series** – Starting Fri., Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.
- 6 – Basket Social** – Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, Allentown. Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00pm. For more information call the church office, [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774).
- 7 – St. Paul's, Breinigsville** – Pet Blessing Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, Trunk or Treat Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, and Moravian Choir Performance Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 8 – Passing the Word** – Muhlenberg College, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-8:00pm. For more information and to register go to: [www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword](http://www.muhlenberg.edu/passingtheword).
- 9 – Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo** – Presented by St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Fearless Fire Company, Allentown, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30. For more information or questions: Lori Young [610-390-2107](tel:610-390-2107) or Robin Daw [717-926-7045](tel:717-926-7045), [standrewssummit@aol.com](mailto:standrewssummit@aol.com).

**LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT  
2019 – 2020**

Welcome to our new year of mission and ministry (2019 – 2020)! And we look forward to addressing the challenges of this year under our new leadership. Although Dean Nelson Quinones has been in place since the Mission District Assembly on May the 5<sup>th</sup>, his new leadership will certainly be more obvious as we begin the new activity year. And his efforts will be supported by Elizabeth Leibenguth in her new role as mission district chair and by Pastor Samantha Drennan in her new role as Synod Council Representative. Obviously we are looking forward to the new activity year and to the service of these new leaders, even as we once again express our gratitude to those who have left these positions because of the expiration of term availability (Dean Jerel Gade), a desire to “retire” after at least 20 years of service (Chair Joshua Fink), and the inappropriateness of continuing to serve as Synod Council Representative while also serving as Dean (Pastor Nelson Quinones).

Although there have been several significant changes in the congregational base of the Lehigh Mission District during the last year, the most recent one came with the closing of St. Matthew’s Church, 26 S. Tenth Street, Allentown, during the summer months. We certainly appreciated the mission and ministry of this congregation across the years and of its most recent pastor, Frederick Holst.

Obviously, we look forward to the new challenges and opportunities for mission and ministry which Activity Year 2019 – 2020 will hold in store for us. Although it is unclear what these may be, there are certainly some things which are clear about our future. No matter what transpires locally, we continue serving as part of a national church body (The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) which is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. The ELCA has more than 3.5 million members in more than 9,100 congregations scattered across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. And, uniquely, our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is one of the largest in terms of the number of congregations.

But, as we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of this next activity year, and those that will follow, let’s never overlook the fact that the ELCA is also known as the church of *God’s work! Our hands!* This suggests that we will be increasingly engaged in the issues with which our world is groping at this point. We are committed to facilitating *God’s work!* And we do this as we extend *Our hands!*

Throughout the history of the ELCA, and even its predecessor bodies, this has included providing care for those in need. And it’s clear that this commitment continues to this day and that it is not going to go away in the near future. As a matter of fact, we have just recently learned that as a result of its Assembly during the week of August 5 the ELCA declared us as the first *Sanctuary Denomination* with commitments to assuring that people with valid sanctuary needs will be assured of care. So, let’s pray God’s blessings on our new year of mission and ministry!

**God Bless!  
Pastor Stough**

**OPERATION SUNSHINE**

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***Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers. Please join us and invite your friends as we enjoy a variety of venues together.***

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**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**