

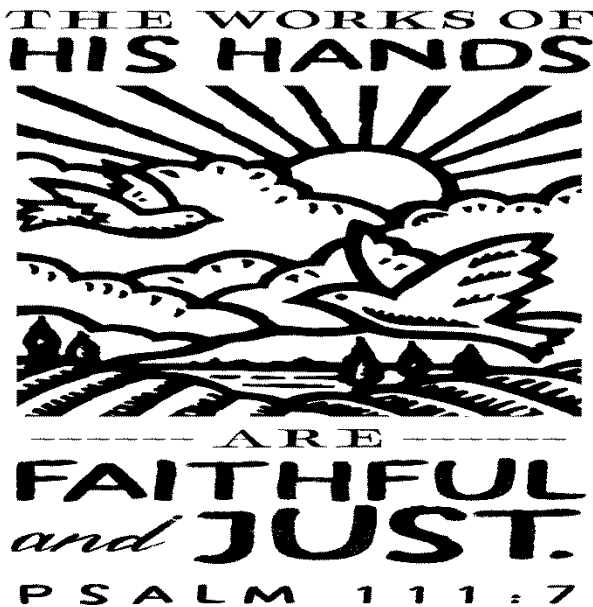
# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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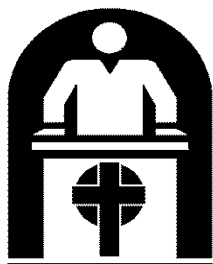
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Dear members and friends,

The famous American cartoonist Thomas Nast was at a party with some friends. Somebody suggested that he draw caricatures of everyone at the party.

Using swift, bold strokes of his pencil, Nast made quick sketches of each person. He passed the

sketches around for everyone to look at. There were lots of laughing and joking. Then something unexpected happened. It seems that everyone recognized everyone else, but few recognized themselves.

When it comes to self-recognition, we seem to have a blind spot. We don't see ourselves as clearly as others see us. We just don't recognize our main characteristics – our strengths and our weaknesses – as they really are.

I've always struggled with the question "What are your strengths and weaknesses?" especially when interviewing with call committees. I tend to downplay my strengths and draw a blank to my weaknesses (or I am afraid to admit them). There are times when I just fumble with that question. Maybe it's that tape concerning strengths that was played in my childhood that you shouldn't brag about yourself. Maybe it's the fear of vulnerability in revealing weaknesses.

But if we really think about it, God has gifted us with gifts that are unique to each of us. If we think about those things on which we are complimented and those things that we do that enhance our neighbor, those are our strengths. May God help us to recognize our strengths that we may serve him and our neighbor. May God help us to recognize our weaknesses that we may become more honest persons and become what he intended us to be – servants of the Lord.

Blessings,  
Pastor Miller

(story of Thomas Nast from *More Sower's Seeds: Second Planting*, by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R., Paulist Press, 1992)

Dear Fellow St. Paul's Members,

For those of you unable to attend the congregational meeting and pastoral vote on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the congregation elected to extend a regular call to Pastor Carey Miller. Pastor Miller expressed his intent to accept our call, and we had a celebratory reception upon the meeting's recess.

As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, I am pleased to announce that Pastor Miller officially accepted the call as our regular pastor. Pastor Miller sent the acceptance letter to Bishop Zeiser's office. This call will officially commence on November 1, 2019, as his two-year term call finishes on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please join me in officially welcoming Pastor Miller as our regularly called pastor. Let us support and pray for him to continue guiding us in worship, enhancing our biblical understanding, developing our youth group, and supporting our committees and outreach, all of which Pastor Miller did during his two-year term call with us.

Sincerely,  
Angie Kropf

## **USHER'S MEETING**

There will be an usher's meeting for all existing ushers and anyone interested in becoming an usher in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 13 immediately following worship.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING** will be held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

# FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) packing event is being held at the Union UCC church in Neffs on October 12th. We have reserved 23 spots for the 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM shift, of which 19 are still available.

FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food to people in developing nations. Founded in 1987, it has reached more than 70 countries. For more information, go to [FMSC.org](http://FMSC.org).

Children 5 to 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. When packing, no jewelry can be worn and everyone **MUST** wear a hair net.

Sign-up in the narthex or call Daisy Pearson at 610-285-0144 or e-mail [epearson@ptd.net](mailto:epearson@ptd.net).

## 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



## 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



*“All is safely gathered in - Ere the winter storms begin”*

We celebrated a special Harvest Sunday on September 15. Thank you to all who donated food to share. We collected lots of non-perishable foods for the food bank. We also collected fresh produce including apples, oranges, potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn, squash, tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, cauliflower and bread - which will go to the Lutheran Home in Topton.

A special thanks to Judy Noll – for her leadership and vision on this project. Also thank you to our church decorating committee – Sharon Bortz, Peggy Kern, Judy Noll, Marilyn Thomas, Steph Wagaman, and Judy Walker. We greatly appreciated the beautiful quilts Judy Walker lent to us. Thanks also to Dave Feierstein for helping to remove decorations and pack food.

Harvest Home is about giving thanks, celebrating the gathering in of the harvest, and helping to feed those in need. The Worship and Music Committee was excited to revive this tradition at St. Paul's, and look forward to celebrating Harvest Home every year.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA IS A  
SANCTURARY CHURCH: What does this mean?**

You may have heard that the ELCA in its assembly in August declared itself a sanctuary denomination. The following pieces are from our national presiding bishop, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and our presiding synodical bishop, Bishop Samuel Zeiser. I have put these in our newsletter so that you may have a better understanding of this topic. It is rather lengthy, but I wanted you to be informed as much as is possible in a newsletter format.

Pastor Miller

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Dear siblings in Christ,  
As many of you know, last week the ELCA Churchwide Assembly adopted a resolution that, among other things, declared the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) a sanctuary denomination. Many of you are asking, “What does this mean?”

Our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith. In our baptismal covenant we promise to strive for peace and justice in all the world. One of the ways we live out this vow is through our commitment to welcoming the stranger. With this declaration, we publicly state that walking alongside refugees and immigrants is a matter of faith.

We have prepared [talking points](#) to provide a better understanding and further clarification on what sanctuary means for you and your congregations. We acknowledge this will look different in different contexts across the ELCA.

We also hope this resource will help guide conversations with your parishioners and your community about what our faith says about immigration.

*“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7).*

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop

## SANCTUARY TALKING POINTS

What does becoming a sanctuary denomination mean for the ELCA?

- **In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.** The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday to make sure it happens.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in any illegal actions.**
- **We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers.** To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist the most vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors.** While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central to our faith.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts.** It may mean providing space for people to live; providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or supporting other congregations and service providers. We cannot mandate or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.
- **While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work.** Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second language (ESL) classes; marching as people of faith against the detention of children and families; providing housing for a community member facing deportation; or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.

- **Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church.** Our decades long work with immigrants and refugees *is* how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee resettlement agencies in the U.S.
- **At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American children and families fleeing their communities by passing the AMMPARO strategy** (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- **Through the AMMPARO strategy, we are also working through our global partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate.** We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported migrants in Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures), all of which do work with immigrants, refugees and asylum-seekers.
- **In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity.** As a church, we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in people who must flee.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work.** At the same time, we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.

## FROM BISHOP ZEISER

On Wednesday, August 7, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI adopted a resolution declaring the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be a sanctuary church body.

There were 26 Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod voting members at the assembly, which was composed of approximately 950 voting members. It was clear during discussion of the then-proposed resolution that adoption would be significant in the life of this church.

Voting members from synods directly impacted by the presence of immigrants on their territories, as well as others, spoke about ways congregations already assist immigrant families. That assistance takes many forms: provision of food, clothing, and other essentials; ESL classes; support through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and (a relatively new ELCA ministry) Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO\*). I believe that these testimonies had a strong impact upon voting members.

It seems to me that voting members were also influenced by those who reminded the assembly that the Lutheran witness in the U.S. was begun by immigrants, namely Germans, Swedes, Africans, Norwegians, Slovaks, and many others. Many among those diverse groups were persecuted, oppressed, and marginalized in the course of their daily lives.

So, the declaration grows out of our self-understanding as an immigrant church, and it affirms ELCA ministries to migrants and refugees already taking place in border states. It is about Jesus' call to serve strangers in our midst who are in need (think: parable of the Prodigal Son). This declaration does not direct congregations to break the law. Some would say it this way: the declaration is descriptive, not prescriptive.

With gratitude for your faithful ministry,  
Bishop Samuel Zeiser

## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS



We would like to thank the following people who made hats for the HatNotHate project. Thanks to you - we delivered 18 hats to the Knitter's Edge!

Patti Everett  
Peggy Kern  
Daisy Pearson  
Ruth Reynard  
Janine Ritter  
Steph Wagaman

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.

Also, this is a reminder that we are planning to have a kick-off meeting for the Twiddle Sleeve project on **Sunday, October 13**, at 11:30AM in Fellowship Hall. Even if you are not interested in making sleeves – we could use help with making crocheted or knitted flowers, and with decorating sleeves. A light lunch will be provided. We are looking for someone to bring drinks and/or dessert. Please **RSVP by October 6** to either Steph (610-395-0355 / [stepbillwagaman@rcn.com](mailto:stepbillwagaman@rcn.com)) or Peg (610-481-9086 / [peggyekern@gmail.com](mailto:peggyekern@gmail.com)).

Steph Wagaman  
Peggy Kern

## PET BLESSING

**October 6, 2019** - 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). Ticketsales 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.



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT



**October 16, 2019** - 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.

## 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.

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

At our September 11 meeting we discussed the following upcoming events:

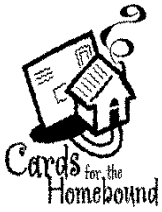
- Our Fall Fun and Service Event: Kirby Episcopal House, 381 Sunset Road, Glen Summit, Mountain Top, PA. If anyone is interested in attending the Saturday session, please see one of the W-ELCA ladies.
  - Currently, there are 21 overnight registered guests and 23 registered guests for Saturday.
    - There is a \$30 donation for attending on Saturday.
- Thankoffering Sunday – November 17. Offering envelopes will be handed out that morning.
- Ingathering, December 4, St. John's Church, Emmaus....Sandi Wagaman attended a meeting on September 11 and will be bringing back information for congregation.
- Soup 'n Sandwich Sunday, January 5, 2020, after worship service. Plans are to have Charlotte Gross speak on Mission Interpreters.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry are currently knitting twiddle sleeves for dementia patients to be given to residents at Luther Crest. Buttons, bead, fuzz balls, cross, and other items are placed on the sleeve. Their goal is to have 20 completed for this project.

Our Bible study was *No hard feelings? Session one, The angst of anger by Anna Madsen*. The reading of Psalms aided us with discussing this common but complicated emotion.

Please join us on October 9 at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and Bible Study.



## 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.

## AW-FALL!

Share some laughs — or groans — with these autumn-themed jokes:

- What did the tree say to autumn? “Leaf me alone!”
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? “I’m falling for you.”
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they “let it go” and in the spring they “turn over a new leaf.”
- How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.
- What’s the ratio of a pumpkin’s circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

## **OCTOBER FOOD BANK ITEMS OF THE MONTH**

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

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

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

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 29 – Blessing of Prayer Shawls

October 6 – Pet Blessing at 1:00 p.m.

October – 12 – Feed My Starving Children 2:30 p.m.

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

October 16 – Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends

November 10 – Moravian Choir 3:00 p.m.

November 24 – Potluck & Tree Decorating

## **MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Karen Feimster by the following person:

Paul Feimster



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.

## **A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

## JUST PLANT IT

As the church year wraps up, many Bible readings address the end times and Jesus' return at an unknown date (unknown to all but God the Father, that is). Specific beliefs about the Second Coming vary throughout Christendom, but our attitude about that momentous event affects how we live right now.



“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces,” Martin Luther reportedly said, “I would still plant my apple tree.” Instead of constantly despairing about this broken-down world, we can remain determined to serve God and our neighbors, planting seeds of life and hope in the process.

## A LOOK AT BEAUTY

Remember kaleidoscopes — those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an “object cell” shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-hued flower might become sunlight through a round stained-glass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell — tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid — but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word *kalos*, for “beauty.”

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God's perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love — delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.



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

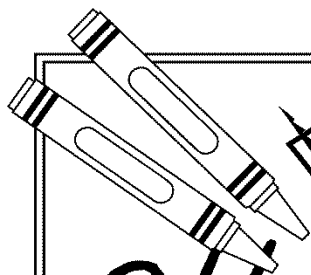


3 Keith & Becky Theodore  
 11 Chris & George Holzer  
 14 David & Peggy Apgar  
 14 Bill & Sharon Heminitz  
 16 Stan & Mitzi Younger  
 25 Carl & Esther Seibert, Jr.  
 28 Steve & Amanda Mesko

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

Dave Apgar	Peg Apgar	Linford Bastian
Sharon Bortz	Anita Eisenhard	Doris Fenner
Hughey Haughney	Helen Kessler	Bill Knoll
Esther Nolf	Heather Sedlak	Kathy Shryock
John Thomas	Irene Wenz	

(Their names were printed in the bulletin during the last month)



# PUZZLE

## Harvest hunt

*Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.*

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delfis

Galatians  
6:9

James 3:18

John  
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_\_!  
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
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**OCTOBER 13, 2019**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
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BY THIS DATE.**



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Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky  
Sexton.....Mr. Charlie Meitzler



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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### Those Who Serve for the Month of October

Council Person: Bob Nickisher 610-481-0887

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

### Sunday, October 6, 2019

Altar Guild: Rebecca & Keith Theodore  
Lay Assistant: Dick Steltz  
Greeters: Madeline MacMechan, Patrice Walters  
Reader: Gerald Sedlak  
Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher  
Communion Assistant: Marilyn Thomas  
Ushers: Angie Kropf, Rosemary Lehman, Martha Lindenmuth,  
Bruce Wagaman, Amy Williams

### Sunday, October 20, 2019

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter, Susan Xander  
Lay Assistant: Meredith Schmoyer  
Greeters: Joyce & Jim Eisenhard  
Reader: Marilyn Thomas  
Communion Bread: Alice Bastian  
Communion Assistant: Calvin Fetherolf  
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Lisa Newhard, Joshua Solderich,  
Larry Schneider, Mary Schneider

### Sunday, October 13, 2019

Altar Guild: Brooke & Carlene Brumbach  
Lay Assistant: Daisy Pearson  
Greeters: Melody and Garret Pavlacka  
Reader: Wells Rampen  
Communion Bread: Angie Kropf  
Communion Assistant: Peggy Saylor  
Ushers: Aubrie Pavlacka, Garret Pavlacka, Diane Kropf,  
John Kropf, Madeline MacMechan

### Sunday, October 27, 2019

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen, Joyce Eisenhard  
Lay Assistant: June Kellogg  
Greeters: Diane & John Kropf  
Reader: Nancy Miller  
Communion Bread: Diane Kropf  
Communion Assistant: Wells Rampen  
Ushers: Matthew Bruchak, Robert Bruchak, Anita Eisenhard,  
Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert







# Installation of Sunday School Teachers



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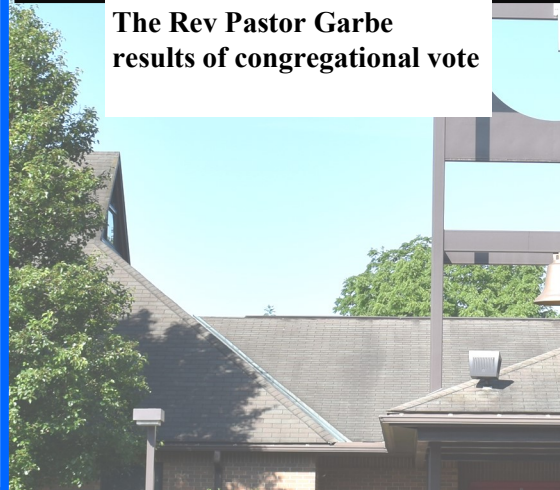
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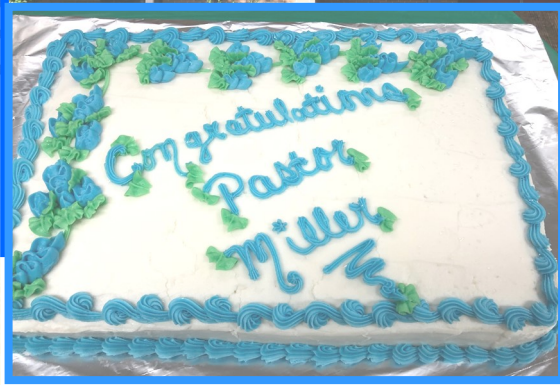
# Vote on Permanent Call for Pastor Miller



The Rev Pastor Garbe  
results of congregational vote



Pastor Miller w/Council President  
Angie Kropf



September 15, 2019



# Harvest Home



September 15, 2019



# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### Bishop Zeiser Visits Germany



For eight days in August, Bishop Samuel Zeiser visited our companion synod, the Löbau-Zittau district of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony. After his arrival in Dresden and before his visit to the church district, Bishop Zeiser preached in Kreuzkirche (Holy Cross Lutheran Church) as part of a sermon series "Europe and the churches." He was preceded by preachers from the Czech Republic and Russia. Bishop Zeiser spoke about ecumenical relationships in our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. After the service he answered questions from members of the congregation.

Bishop Zeiser then spent several days visiting with pastors and congregations from our companion synod. He valued this opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of their history, ministries, and challenges. A special treat was meeting with Bishop Carsten Rentzing and Friedemann Oehme, the adviser for ecumenical relations in the Landeskirchenamt, Oberkirchenrat. During their trip on a Saxon steamship they not only enjoyed the beauties of the Elbe Valley, but also engaged in meaningful discussions about ecumenical cooperation and the current situation in the United States.



Another highlight was a visit to Herrenhut, the home of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf and the Moravian church, where Bishop Zeiser toured the brand new Zinzendorf School (similar to our middle schools). The people there (in the former East Germany) were extremely proud both of this new school and an older one for developmentally challenged children located across the street.

## **Eric Gombert Joins Synod Support Staff**



Eric Gombert has joined the team at the Synod Office as Finance Administrator/Bookkeeper having spent many years processing payroll, accounts payable, and accounts receivable while working for companies, churches, and even for his Homeowner's Association.

Eric was born and raised in the Lehigh Valley, graduated from Whitehall High School, and attended St. John's Lutheran in Whitehall. He is currently also the Cantor (music director) at St. John's Lutheran in Allentown, and a member of the board and the finance committee of the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Eric and his husband, Matthew, enjoy spending time with their Great Dane, organic gardening, and roasting their own coffee.

## **Outdoor Contemporary Worship**



On Sunday, August 18, five Lutheran churches (St. Paul, Mountaintop; St. John, Nanticoke; St. Mark Pond Hill; St. John, St. John's; and St. Luke, Freeland) gathered for an Outdoor Contemporary worship service, followed by a church picnic with all the trimmings.

The event was hosted by St. Paul's in Mountaintop. Steve Perillo and the Followers Band provided the music, and Pastor Michele Kaufman led the worship.

Last year the Nanticoke parish invited St. Paul to join them for an outdoor worship event. This year the invitation was

extended to St. Luke and St. John, and was tagged as "Lutheran Day." Even with 90+ degree temperatures, about 135 people came together for the worship, food, and fellowship. The band continued to entertain throughout the afternoon.

Pr. Kaufman concluded the sermon by saying: "If there is an alternative reason for our gathering today, it is to build bridges that we might work together and support one another in the future. We need to be less defensive and more cooperative. The forces in this world may be working to tear us apart, but Christ is the thread that binds us together; he calls us to be one. Working together, consider what we can accomplish."

A fall event is currently being discussed.



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**November 2019 LMD NL news will be due October 17, 2019.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**\*\*\* LMD Congregational Finance Committees and Pastors \*\*\***

- Please see attached note from Richard Skelly, LMD Treasurer
- Please see attached LMD Pastor Meeting schedule from the Dean

**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 [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org). All are welcome!

**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 - Book Study at Luther Crest: Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved**, by Kate Bowler. Luther Crest (800 Hausman Road, Allentown) will host a 5-week book study on **Thurs., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-4 p.m.**, in the Fuellenbach Room, led by Rev. Dallas Bradel, Interim Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Allentown. Bring your thoughts and questions about suffering, grief, and grace. Participants are asked to purchase the book and read the first two chapters prior to the first meeting.

**Centering Prayer** - the first Friday 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 [tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com) / [610-533-9362](tel:610-533-9362).

**Center for Spiritual Awakening at Christ Lutheran - African American spirituality retreat** – Sat., Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. **Evening of Taize** – Sun., Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. **Open House and Reception** – Sun., Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:30 worship service.

**\*NEW - Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale** - Looking to add some St. John's, Fogelsville favorites to your meal? Place your orders for the following: 3lbs. potato filling in a conveniently packaged, oven ready aluminum baking pan for \$7.00. (Remove the lid, put the container in the oven, bake, and enjoy!) Applesauce will be available in quarts for \$5.00 each. Bacon dressing is available to order in a pint for \$4.00 or a quart for \$6.00. We will be taking orders from Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> until Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – contact Carol Moyer at [610-398-0569](tel:610-398-0569). **PICK UP:** Sat., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM. For more info call [610-395-5535](tel:610-395-5535) or visit [www.stjohns-fogelsville.org](http://www.stjohns-fogelsville.org).

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 13, 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, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 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 – Wisdom Way of Knowing** – Last Fri. of the month starting Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. RSVP: [marcellak2@aol.com](mailto:marcellak2@aol.com)

**4 – Welcome to SoulCollage Fall Series** – Starting Fri., Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.

**5 - 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).

**6 – Healing for Our Troubled Times** – Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.

**7 – Huge Indoor Yard Sale** – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, ELC of the Redeemer.

**8 – Bingo** – Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, and **Trunk or Treat** – Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, at Jerusalem, Eastern Salisbury.

**9 – Come get a Taste...and See** – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, at Center for Spiritual Awakening.

**10– 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>.

**11 – 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).

**12 – 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).



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### ***Greetings from the Dean***

I want to report that the Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders met on September 12<sup>th</sup> at The Lutheran Center in Allentown. The LMD Rostered pastors gathered and planned the program for the 2019-2020 calendar year. We welcomed Pastor Spencer Steele to the LMD. He is an associate pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus. The pastors' organizational meeting was one that can be summarized in three words: Concerns. Insights. Discernment.

Among the concerns was to continue the discussion of what it means to be a sanctuary denomination. The recent Churchwide Assembly's decision to be a national sanctuary denomination brought questions to local churches. To this end, earlier in the month, Synod Bishop Samuel Zeiser held three sessions to address any concerns about the designation of being a sanctuary church.

In that same insightful spirit, LMD pastors want to understand better our Christian position as a sanctuary church for both people in need and our congregations. The former San Martin de Porres Lutheran Church declared itself a sanctuary church while at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Allentown for people from Latin America. In addition, St. John's, Allentown provided sanctuary space for Uganda Muslim families. This is one of our Lutheran stories of being a sanctuary church in the Lehigh Mission District.

In the fall, we continue with a discussion on Justice and Advocacy from one of our community agencies. During the Advent Season in December we come together at Muhlenberg College's Chapel for worship and a meal as we *awake* for Christmas

The start of a new year brings us to the topic of healthcare with the movie: *Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point*. As we prepare for Easter, a presentation of *Messages from the Gospel of John for Lent* prepares us from this season of self reflection and towards a spirit of new life. We continue with this spirit of reflection in being *Mindfulness* towards our self care to better serve the church in body, mind, and spirit.

As new life springs upon us, some recent church closings and mergers have brought a spirit of discernment as to what to do with a church's historical and parish records. The *Lutheran Archives and Lutheran Historical Society's* presentation will advise us as to how to care for these documents. And more importantly, how to keep church's records as we continue to make histories in our communities.

We round off the 2019-2020 calendar program by meeting with Bishop Zeiser as we seek discernment in preparation to the Synod Assembly in June and the election of a new bishop.

Finally, on Thursday, May 21, 2020, a prospective Ascension Day worship service by the LMD at 7:00 P.M. is being discussed for all congregations in the mission district at The Lutheran Center.

I look forward to meeting with you throughout the year!

***Blessings,***

***Pastor Nelson Quiñones, LMD Dean***

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### **OPERATION SUNSHINE**

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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.***

### **ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT FOR ONCE!**

#### **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: Roast Chicken Breast, Crispy Skin Salmon, Braised Short Ribs. Please specify your choice at time of reservation.

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

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

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### **SNEAK PEAK AT 2020**

#### **\*NOT YET ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS\***

**February 27 – Paper Mill Playhouse**

UNMASKED – MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBER

**March 25 - Dutch Apple Theatre**

GRUMPY OLD MEN, THE MUSICAL

**April 9 – Bristol Riverside Theatre**

CABARET

**May 4 – Revere Tavern (New Venue)**

MURDER MYSTERY LUNCHEON

**June 25 – Fulton Theatre**

JERSEY BOYS

**July 23 – Sight & Sound**

QUEEN ESTHER

**Aug. 19 – Doolan's Shore Club**

RED HOT MAMA'S OF SONG

**Sept. 17 – Westchester Broadway Theatre (New Venue)**

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL