

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Breinigsville, PA

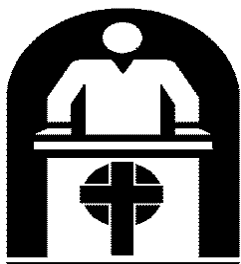
JUNE 2021



Jesus said...
**"DO NOT FEAR,
ONLY BELIEVE."**

MARK 5:36

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Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this, we will have entered the season of the church year called Pentecost. Pentecost means the 50th day after Easter. Christians mark the completion of Christ's earthly mission and the sending of the Holy Spirit to oversee the birth of the Christian community. In pouring out the Spirit, Jesus kept his promise to

“send another Counselor.”

The Holy Spirit was also called by Jesus “the Spirit of Truth.” It showed the disciples the meaning of the Old Testament, the significance of Jesus' ministry, and baptized them with the power to carry this Truth to the people of the world. The Holy Spirit is represented in Scripture as a peaceful dove, as life-giving breath or invisible wind, or as visible fire that transforms what it touches. The Spirit is the Lord's gift to his people to give life, understanding and confidence.

The observance of Pentecost by the Christian Church begins with the Day of Pentecost. It is the climax of the 50 days of the Easter season, the birthday of the Christian Church, and the doorway into the Season of Pentecost. This season extends through summer and fall to the First Sunday of Advent.

The Holy Spirit works within us and throughout the church to extend the ministry of Christ to whom all we meet. May God's Holy Spirit continue to help us spread God's word in this community and beyond.

Pastor Miller

NO BOUNDARIES

Love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others. It doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's or [our] country's border. This is one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth, as the hymn goes. It often calls us to step outside of what we thought our boundaries were, or what others expect of us. It calls for us to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do.

—Bishop Michael Curry, *Love Is the Way*

USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with either the parking lot service or the inside worship service, or both. For the parking lot you will be walking up to the cars and handing out the bulletin, a communion cup(s) and collecting the offering.

For the inside service we will be go back to the regular worship service starting June 6. You will be handing out the bulletin. The offering will be collected in the pew.

If you would be willing and interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355 or stepbillwagaman@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are taking bulletin sponsorships for 2021. Now that the building is open for worship, sponsorships will be for both the parking lot and inside services. The price is \$20.00. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates. Fill out the **white** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring, and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet.

Altar Flower Sponsorships are: one vase is \$22 or both vases are \$44. If you are sponsoring both vases, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. Fill out the **blue** slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates.

ESTHER NOLFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The congregation is invited to a memorial service for Esther Nolfé here at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 19th at 11:00 a.m.

A luncheon will follow the service at the home of Jen Schmoyer at 29 Tillage Road, Breinigsville, PA. All are invited.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Catherine Waltemyer RN

June is Men's Health Month

Research shows that men are less likely to seek healthcare than women. A survey by Cleveland Clinic found 40% of men surveyed go to the doctor *only* when they have a serious health issue, and never go for routine checkups. The focus of Men's Health Month is aimed at improving the lifestyles of men. We all know that improving health includes diet and exercise, but there are other things that all men should do to help improve their overall health.

- Know your preventable risks
- Take steps to create healthful habits
- Schedule routine tests for early detection of disease
- Learn your risk factors—this includes knowing what your lab results are.
- Make sure your family physician knows your family health history.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading causes of death among men are heart disease, cancer, and accidental death.

Here are some steps you can take to begin to improve your health and decrease your risk factors:

- Make a commitment to have routine health checkups.
- If you've recently had a health checkup and you are at risk for heart disease, cancer or diabetes to name a few, consider making changes to your lifestyle to improve your health.
- Talk to your physician about the steps to take.
- Talk to the men in your life about making an appointment for a checkup.
- Take a walk with your father, brother, husband, son, friend or co-worker.
- Cook up a healthy meal for the man or men in your life.

Without question men's health issues deserve attention and men must be encouraged to continue seeking health care. The responsibility lies with all of us to keep this conversation going, even once June is over—because men's health is always worthy of discussion. We can help by breaking down stigmas, encouraging and supporting men in our lives to seek care, and continue to ensure that no-one falls through the cracks.

IRONPIGS GAME



MONEY FOR THE IRONPIGS GAME IS DUE SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH. Game date is Sunday, June 27, 2021. Gates open at Noon and game time is 1:35 p.m. We are in the PenTeleData 3rd Base Party Porch. The price is \$37.00. Make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Put IronPigs on the memo line. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 610-398-7000.

ST. PAUL'S YARD SALE

We are having our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 12 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. This event will be held rain or shine. The cost is \$10.00 per space. Spaces are open to congregational members first. First paid, first served. There will be a sign-up sheet to ask volunteers to man the bake sale table. There will also be a sign-up sheet for water, soda, condiments and baked goods for the event. If you wish, you may tear off the form below and send it to the church.

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of spaces _____ (\$10.00 each)

Total enclosed _____

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS

For those of you who are working on the Seafarer's Project, there are several skeins of wool blend yarn left. The yarn and patterns are on the pew in the Narthex.

If you are not interested in making hats and cowls, but would like to contribute, consider making a light-weight, airy shawl or lap robe. With the warm weather, we are in need of these types of prayer shawls.

As always, many thanks for all your work!

Steph Wagaman

Peggy Kern

SEE LIGHT, BE LIGHT



In January 2021, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman presented her poem “The Hill We Climb” at the presidential inauguration. The final lines read: “For there is always light, / if only we’re brave enough to see it. / If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

How often we long for light! In recent years we’ve agonized amid pandemic, angry politics and new awareness of racism. Some have suffered deep sorrow. But Jesus says, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12) and invites us to turn to him. God is always bringing light into darkness, through helpers, healers, peacemakers, friends. Sometimes bravery is required to turn our focus from the negative to the positive — to see the light of God.

Jesus also says, “*You* are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14, emphasis added) and calls us to brighten the gloom. That requires bravery, as Gorman notes, but as Christians we’re urged to look for light not just to make our own lives better but to shine into others’ lives too. The Holy Spirit gives us the needed courage — to both *see* and *be* light.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

The Women St. Paul's ELCA met on May 12 which was over a year since their last meeting due to the corona virus pandemic. It was great to meet once again and catch up with each other in person.

Convention

- We discussed the 31st annual convention to be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Tatamy on June 12th, either in person or online. Registration will be due by May 30 but voting delegates will need to be registered by May 15 and are required to attend the convention in person. Registration fees are \$20 if attending Hope Tatamy, which includes lunch; online registration fee is \$10.
- Since the pandemic did not allow for a spring Justice Event this year, we are combining it with the convention. The afternoon session will be a Bible Study on Unity...The Story of Peter and Cornelius.

We currently have 3 women that will attend in person. Any woman of the congregation is invited to attend the convention either in person or online.

Fall Fun Event

A Fall Fun and Service Event planned for September 25, 2021. The board is in the process of booking a church for this event and the information will be forwarded when confirmed.

Food Bank

There was a disruption to the volunteering at the food bank in Allentown. Currently you sign up online and select from a selection list as to what you would like to do, and you receive a parking pass to park across the street.

Bible Study

We had a lively discussion during our bible study on *The journey of generations---waiting to be unwrapped, a devotional by Violet Cucciniello Little*. It dealt with intergenerational relationships; the differences, learning a new language, potlucks, kin-dom, etc. Asked "can you step outside of your generation?"

We are planning to meet again on June 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

EAGLE PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for the donations! I have raised \$420, which is almost at my goal of \$500.

I am now asking for volunteers to help me take pictures and verify the information for the Cemetery database. (Pictures can be taken with a smartphone or a digital camera. We will have a few spare cameras, if needed.)

Here is a list of dates and times:

- June 6th: 11am - 2pm
- June 12th: 9am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm
- June 19th: Rain Date (will contact when there is a rain date)

**Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please sign up by either going to this website (<https://forms.gle/68uAUpQjSz52x6SJ9>) and filling out the form, or emailing me with your name, phone number, and the dates/times you are available. My email address is chrismac03@icloud.com. If you are unable to make the time you signed up for, please email or text me. (Note: The information being submitted using the online form cannot be seen by anyone else.)

If you have any questions, please email or call me at chrismac03@icloud.com / 484-353-2159 - Christopher MacDonald

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear St. Paul's:

Thank you for thinking of June and myself these last months. Knowing that we have been in the Prayers of the Church after our surgical procedures has given such a calming presence to us. We want to especially thank the prayer shawl knitters for the two beautiful shawls we received. Using them, knowing the effort and prayers put into each of them means so much to us.

And all of this has been done for us during this time when the Church's work has been made so much more difficult. Thank you all again.

Tom and June Kellogg

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.

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.



We have opened the church, we will still be sending cards to the members of the congregation. If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, please let the office know. Judy Szukics will be contacted and she will send a card signed from the congregation.

THE SANCTUARY AT HAAFSVILLE 3RD ANNUAL ANIMAL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Keller Williams Real Estate Allentown and Matt Ricchio Real Estate Group is having a supply drive for The Sanctuary at Haafsville. They are looking for the following. You can bring the items to the church until Thursday, June 17th till 5:00 p.m.

Canned Cat Food-Pate	Large Paper Plates
Purina One Dry Puppy Food-Red Bag	Small Paper Plates
Clumping Litter	Mr. Clean
KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement)	Bleach
Cat Toys	File Folders-Letter Size
Latex Gloves-Medium/Large	Dry Erase Markers
Canned Kitten Food *NO Seafood*	Duct & Packing Tape
Small Puppy Collars-Dollar Store	Cat Treats
Puppy Leashes- Dollar Store	Scotch Tape
Metal Leashes	Training Dog Treats
Trash Bags-13 Gallon/Tall Kitchen	Paper Towels
Dog Toys	Envelopes-Letter Size
Libman Sponge Mop Refill	

Please Note: They cannot accept pillows, comforters, sofa cushions, stuffed toys or anything with stuffing. Thank you.

To learn more about this amazing facility, please visit:

www.thesanctuarypa.org



1 Matthew Bruchak
3 Sharon Bortz
5 Sandy Huegel
6 Paul Trainor
8 Heather Caricari
9 Vanessa Eiswerth
9 Sandi Wagaman
12 Cathy Waltemyer
14 Sandy Bennighoff
16 Christine Nemeh
19 Baileigh Mount
19 Keith Theodore
21 Sydney Mesko
24 Tracy Grammes
25 Jerry Sedlak
27 Shirley Binkley
27 Emilia Whitt
29 Becky Theodore
30 Mari Eiswerth



4 Robert & Betty Bastian
9 Cindy & Jim Krasnansky
11 Carey & Nancy Miller
13 Paul & Denise Trainor
15 Jeff & Cathy Waltemyer
15 Dick & Nancy Steltz
16 Steph & Bill Wagaman
17 Ed & Daisy Pearson
18 Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
18 Frank & Judy Szukics
22 Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
26 Jeffrey & Melody Pavlacka
30 Bob & Kim Bruchak

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

Carole Beck	Brooke Brumbach	Tom Kellogg
Helen Kessler	Martha Lindenmuth	Heather Sedlak
John Thomas	Marilyn Thomas	Bill Wagaman
Steph Wagaman		

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions was been received in memory of Esther Nolfe and Ina Knoll by:
Joyce Eisenhard

FUNERAL

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Kathy Shryock on May 4.

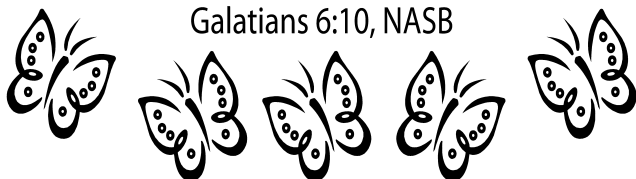
**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
JUNE 13, 2021**

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



Let's do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB



CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

HOSPITAL CODE: #321

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STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. Carey L. Miller
Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

June 2021 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2021

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320

Sunday, June 6, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Frank Bennighoff
Bob Nickisher
Daisy Pearson
Carl Seibert

10:30AM INDOOR

Frank Bennighoff
Bob Nickisher
Daisy Pearson
Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Frank Bennighoff
Cal Fetherolf
Bob Nickisher
Peggy Saylor

10:30AM INDOOR

Cal Fetherolf
Frank Szukics
Judy Szukics
Bruce Wagaman
Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Meredith Schmoyer
Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, June 13, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Sharon Bortz
Anita Eisenhard
Richard Hartley
Sandi Wagaman

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz
Madeline MacMechan
Ken Ritter
Judy Walker
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, June 27, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Jennifer Bentsen
Sharon Bortz
Daisy Pearson
Carl Seibert

10:30AM INDOOR

Rosemary Lehman
Madeline MacMechan
Bruce Wagaman
Sandi Wagaman
Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Rosemary Lehman

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Synod Assembly 2021 & MinLab

Our assembly is virtual to protect the most vulnerable around us, but we will be holding an in-person Ministry Laboratory (MinLab) on August 14, 2021. The MinLab will be held at the Lutheran Center. It's open to anyone, even people who were not voting members to the Synod Assembly. The Lab will allow participants to engage, in real time, with ministry ideas, congregations already participating in ministry projects, and allow space for participants to experiment with ideas, eat good food, and have fun!

Together we'll wonder about how we're healing the hurting, loving the land, and engaging the stranger!

The Good News

June is here, and hope is busting out all over. We can worship outdoors, reducing greatly the still ongoing threat of the pandemic. The vaccines are effective and safe, and I urge everyone to get their doses, so we can move back indoors more safely this fall. Our synod just hosted its first event addressing racial issues, on May 22. Our online Synod Assembly June 4 and 5 is giving us new opportunities for "**growing young and vital**," as we share ministries that **heal the hurt, love the land, and engage the stranger**. And going forward from here, we are discovering how to partner more, as we are "**gaining strength**" and "**going beyond death to life**."

See the **boldface** type? Yes – I've just written a paragraph incorporating ALL the new vision and direction that we are exploring together! But more than just boldface words...what are we called to BOLDLY FACE – as ELCA, as synod, as congregations, and as baptized children of God?

The answer comes to us, simply and directly, from our scripture, both Old and New Testaments: St. Paul writes "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith..." (Romans 1:16). The prophet Micah declares: "[The lord] has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

With these **bold directions**, how will we, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, proceed? HEAL THE HURTING: "**[Jesus told them]: 'As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.'**" (Matthew 10:7)

LOVE THE LAND: “[The lord spoke to Moses]: **The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land.**” (Leviticus 25:23-24)

ENGAGE THE STRANGER: “[The Son of Man will say when he comes in his glory]: **‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...’**” [Matthew 25:34-35]

These are just a few of the bold words, given to us by the God who created everything; who led the marginalized Hebrew people God loved out of slavery, through the wilderness, into the promised land; who came to us in the person of Jesus, healing the sick and raising the dead; who died for all for the forgiveness of all our sin; and who is raised from the dead and reigns forever, and will return to judge the living and the dead and live here forever with us in our resurrected creation.

This is a **bold promise**. We are called to **bold action**. And in this lovely month of June, one of those bold actions can be, that we love our LGBTQIA+ neighbors, who still feel like strangers in our midst. One bold action – simple, small, but significant – is my request to change our SYNOD NEWS banner, to reflect the BOLD RAINBOW COLORS of June Pride Month. I en-**courage** all of us to engage in more conversation and work together with our members and leaders who are Queer, to learn more and share more of the Good News and the good work of God, together. As Paul writes: **“For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”** (Galatians 5:14)

In God’s love,
Bishop Christopher deForest

Did you know we are a “Reconciling in Christ” Synod?

Way back in 2001, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod at its Synod Assembly adopted a Continuing Resolution (#39) to make known its caring and concern for LGBTQIA+ people, their families and friends. Across our synod, congregations and organizations have themselves discerned and decided to join the RIC journey. “Reconciling in Christ” is a Lutheran movement led by the group RECONCILINGWORKS, whose vision is “to keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in the margins; to keep dismantling barriers and building bridges; and to keep working until all of God’s beloved have equity.”



An independent, Lutheran, membership-supported organization, RECONCILINGWORKS advocates for the acceptance and full participation of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within the Lutheran Church. To find out more, go to www.reconcilingworks.org.

The Rev. Nelson Quinones, Dean 610-653-5858
 The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop 610-704-5133

Elizabeth Leibenguth, Mission District Chair 484-550-0057
 Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor 610-437-9927

July/August 2021 LMD NL news will be due June 18, 2021. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

*******IMPORTANT*******

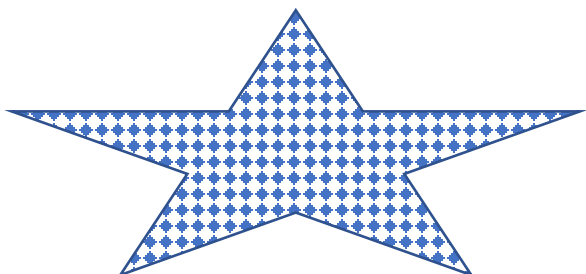
Financial gifts can be sent to our new mailing address to the attention of our new Lehigh Mission District Treasurer Leslie Talago at: **Leslie Talago, LMD Treasurer, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 417 N Seventh Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**

UPDATE - Thank you to our former Clothes Closet facilitators, Pat & Bruce Markle for their many years of service. A twist of fate led them to quickly sell their home and relocate to Florida. It happened so fast that for now the **Clothes Closet is temporarily closed**. We are going to **still need volunteers during the week to help sort and organize our donations**. This can be as little as an hour or two per week. We want to keep this vital ministry to the community going. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago, Parish Administrator at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or email to LETalago@StLukesLuth.org.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING UPDATE - More information will follow in the upcoming July/August LMD Newsletter thank you Christmas Ingathering Committee.

COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE... A Brief Pause for Prayerful Renewal in Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, All Are Welcome. **First Friday of each month** led by Ferd Piccuiro and hosted by Pastor Maritza Dolich via Zoom, **10:30 - 11:30 AM** (Sessions held via **Zoom** temporarily until we can all meet together again in person at the Center for Spiritual Awakening). **Please contact Ferd to be placed on the email list with the Zoom information.** ferdpiccuiro@ptd.net / Cell: [908-310-4228](tel:908-310-4228), Home: [610-737-7871](tel:610-737-7871)

SUSPENDED - St. Luke's ELL and Naturalization Test Study groups have been **SUSPENDED** due to cautions regarding large gatherings during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Please contact Leslie Talago at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) for more information



Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 10, 2021**, 1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

CROP Recruiters' **Pizza Party/Kick-off: Sun., Aug. 29, 2021**, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104.

For more information about Church World Service/CROP, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/page/about-the-walk>

The CROP Hunger Walk Pages are Live!

Please find your NEW Walk page on our new OneCause Platform at www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa

The greatest gift
 I ever had
 Came from God
 I call him Dad!



Lehigh Mission District 2021 Virtual Spring Assembly Highlights

Dear Lehigh Mission District

On Sunday, April 25, 2021, the Lehigh Mission District held its 2021 Virtual Mission District Spring Assembly meeting. The guest speaker for the evening was Bishop Christopher deForest of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (NEPA Synod).

There were 37 electronic devices logged on with several delegates sharing devices to participate in the meeting.

Before his presentation Bishop deForest complimented the congregations for giving 97 percent of what was budgeted for Mission Support.

Bishop deForest's presentation was the 3 Vital Signs vision for the Synod. This is a 6-year-plan spread into a 3+3 Vital Sign journey for the future ministry in the Synod. These 3 Vital Signs are Growing Young, Gaining Strength, Going Beyond.

Growing Young

- Nationwide Movement
- Churchwide Support
- NEPS Implemented

Gaining Strength

- Leaders
- Congregations
- Adaptive Leadership

Going Beyond: Going Beyond Death to Life

- Pull Together
- Build a new Strategy
- Assess results

Details regarding Synod staffing positions within the Vital Sign Vision can be found in the February 2021 Lehigh Mission District Newsletter Vol 26, No. 2 or by visiting the nepasynod.org website under "Bishop deForest Talks About Staffing and Vision for the Future."

Muhlenberg College Interim Chaplain Claire Burkat noted the unanimous election by the Board of Trustees of Dr. Kathleen E. Haring as President of Muhlenberg College. Due to the pandemic, the college's commencement was held online. Chaplain Burkat highlighted the ethnic and religious diversity of students on campus.

Deacon Kelly Brooks reported that Good Shepherd Home is scheduled to open its new rehabilitation center in Saucon Valley in the Spring of 2023.

Re-elected to the LMD Council as Secretary was Cathy Mordosky. Leslie Talago was re-elected as Treasurer. CONGRATULATIONS! There are two LMD Council seats available for anyone interested in joining. In addition, a clergy person is needed to represent the mission district at the August 2022 Churchwide Assembly to be held in Columbus, OH.

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ron Mordosky for his many years of dedication serving as a LMD Council Member. THANK YOU for all the years of ministry with the LMD. I look forward to seeing you again. Blessings!

In Christ,

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED ON THE BUS AND AT ALL VENUES****

July 20 (Tues.) – SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE – QUEEN

ESTHER – Everyone has a story. Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, **QUEEN ESTHER** is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production! Lunch at the Shady Maple Buffet.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM

Cost \$110 Payment Deadline: Thurs., June 11, 2021

August 19, 2021 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre –

GRUMPY OLD MEN, THE MUSICAL - Don't miss this laugh-out-loud story of family, friendship, love, and romance in a fresh new musical that's guaranteed to delight! Based on the 1993 film, which starred Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Ann-Margret, written by Mark Steven Johnson. The story of two aging men, Max and John, neighbors, who have been feuding for most of their lives. They are re-united in friendship through the love and compassion of their new neighbor across the street, the beautiful, eccentric, and charming Ariel. Lunch is served will be a buffet style served by Dutch Apple staff.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM

Cost \$94 Payment Deadline: Thurs. July 15, 2021

September 30, 2021 – Doolan's All Star Productions –

HAPPY DAYS/UNDER THE BOARDWALK – Join the Operation Sunshine group for an afternoon of outstanding entertainment, food, and music that we all remember and love. Enjoy a one-hour open bar Happy Hour before lunch and you don't have to worry about driving home! Menu choices to be announced.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 9:15 AM

Cost \$95 Payment Deadline: Thurs. August 19, 2021