

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



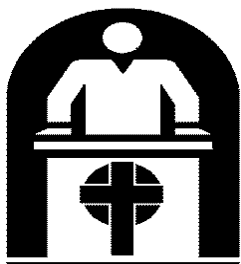
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Dear Members and Friends,

Babe Ruth had hit 714 home runs during his baseball career and was playing one of his last full major league games. It was the Braves vs. the Reds in Cincinnati. But the great Bambino was no longer as agile as he had been. He fumbled the ball and threw badly, and in one inning alone his errors were responsible for most of the five runs

scored by Cincinnati.

As the Babe walked off the field and headed toward the dugout after the third out, a crescendo of yelling and booing reached his ears. Just then a boy jumped over the railing onto the playing field. With tears streaming down his face, he threw his arms around the legs of his hero.

Ruth didn't hesitate for a second. He picked up the boy, hugged him and set him down on his feet, patting his head gently. The noise from the stands came to an abrupt halt. Suddenly there was no more booing. In fact, a hush fell over the entire park. In those brief moments, the fans saw two heroes: Ruth, who, in spite of his dismal day on the field, could still care about a little boy; and the small lad, who cared about the feelings of another human being. Both had melted the hearts of the crowd. (#50 Heroes – Anonymous, from "The Sower's Seeds by Brian Cavanaugh, T.O. R., Paulist Press, p. 41)

I was rummaging through my books for an idea for this article. I was struck by this story as I reflected on the present situation in our society today. We're so divided, so willing to criticize the "other side," whether its "vaxxers vs. anti-vaxxers" or Democrat vs. Republican, or Trump followers vs. Biden followers, or liberal vs. conservative, or whatever other label you may conjure up. It's so easy to get caught up in it all. I find myself doing it all too often. The little boy in the story had compassion. Couldn't we use a little bit more of that today. Jesus said (paraphrasing) "When you do it to the least of these my brothers and sisters, you do it to me." So, Christ is in each of us. How would we treat each other if we saw Christ in each other? Yes, there a few "yeah, buts," but it might be a starting point. Just a thought to ponder . . .

Pastor Miller

ASSISTANT SCHEDULES

The assistant schedules at this time are still being done one month at a time. With the two services, people not willing to help, conflicts in schedules, it is not easy for Steph to coordinate the schedules and she has to unfortunately schedule you more than once a month and maybe for more than one thing a Sunday. Please look the schedules over and let me know of any changes needed.

Cindy

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 worship, we will be worshipping the way you worshipped before Covid 19. You will be handing out the bulletin. Hymns will be sung. The offering will be collected in the pew. Communion will be taken at the altar. You will be directing the congregation to the altar and handing them a communion cup.

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 in need of 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.

MONTHLY MADDNESS FUNDRAISER- GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!

St. Paul's is once again participating in the Monthly Maddness fundraiser in conjunction with Dan Schantz Greenhouse. A purchase of a gift card for **\$20** will give the gift card recipient a specific flower (or pumpkin) gift each month during 2022 – a \$75 value. St. Paul's will receive **\$10** on every card sold – proceeds will go toward the cost of snow removal. Redeeming your monthly gift is easy - simply present the gift card at Dan Schantz Greenhouse on Lehigh Street in Allentown any time during the month and pick up your gift. Note that you do not need to make a purchase when picking up your gift. And if you cannot get there during a particular month, the card can be used during that month in 2023. Here is what is offered for each month in 2022.

 <p>JANUARY</p> <p>PINT PRIMROSE</p>	 <p>MAY</p> <p>4.5IN ZONAL GERANIUM</p>	 <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>3 JBL PUMPKINS OR 3 GOURDS</p>
 <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>6IN TULIP OR HYACINTH</p>	 <p>JUNE</p> <p>2.5QT ANNUAL ASSTD VARIETY</p>	 <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>1 FACE PUMPKIN (12-18LBS)</p>
 <p>MARCH</p> <p>4.5" OXALIS OR 4" DAFFODIL</p>	 <p>JULY</p> <p>1.5G HB FLOWERING ANNUAL</p>	 <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>4.5" TURKEY MUM</p>
 <p>APRIL</p> <p>1 QUART ANNUAL</p>	 <p>AUGUST</p> <p>\$2 OFF</p> <p>\$2.00 OFF ANYTHING</p>	 <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>4IN POINSETTIA</p>

We are taking orders for Monthly Maddness cards beginning September 12, and will continue through November 21. This time, we will have two delivery dates. If you purchase your card(s) by **October 10**, you can pick them up at church on **October 17**. If you purchase your card(s) between **October 11 and November 21**, you can pick them up at church on **November 28**.

You can purchase cards before/after Sunday worship. If you are attending indoor worship, look for the display – pick up an envelope and fill out your contact info along with number of cards requested. Price is \$20/card. Place your cash or check in the envelope and drop the envelope in the box labeled Monthly Maddness. If you are attending the parking lot service, ask an usher for an envelope, fill out your contact info along with number of cards requested. Place your cash or check in the envelope and return to an usher. Please make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and write **gift card** on the memo line.

If you are unable to pick up your gift cards on October 17 or November 28, call Judy (610) 914-7782 to set up a time to pick up.

Worship and Music Committee

HARVEST SUNDAY



We will be celebrating a Harvest Sunday at St. Paul's on October 10, 2021 to 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 and give thanks for our bounty.

As part of this celebration, we are calling for **non-perishable** food donations. You can bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to church beginning Sunday, September 5, and place items in the box in Narthex marked "Harvest Home". For people who are attending parking lot service, cans will be collected before service on October 3 and October 10. All food items will be donated to the food bank.

Help us to celebrate Harvest Sunday on the 10th, and bring food donations for those in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

WE ARE BACK!

We will start up Sunday School again on Rally Day on Sunday, September 19th at 9:15 a.m.

Our theme will be Prayer. We will be making prayer bottles and doing other fun activities. Hope to see you there.

MASKS WILL BE OPTIONAL!

CONCERTS AT ST. PAUL'S

THE ALLENTOWN MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT

Continuing with the concert series, the Allentown Municipal Band will have a concert here on Sunday, September 5th at 6:30 PM. The concert will be outside and light refreshments will be served following the concert.

PASTIMES CONCERT

Add to the Halloween excitement by joining us for a concert on Sunday, October 31st at 2:00 PM. Pastimes is the next addition to our continuing concert series. There will be light refreshments following the concert, which will finish in plenty of time for you to distribute candy to all the trick-or-treaters. Join us for this exciting trip in musical history!

Pastimes is an early music consort performing music from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance. Their repertoire spans 500 years, from crusader songs to dances from Queen Elizabeth's court. Pastimes performs on authentic period instruments and in historical costume. Featured instruments include strings (lute, violas da gamba, medieval fiddle, renaissance guitar), winds (recorders, krummhorns, dulcians, shawms, rackets, pipe and tabor, and the ever popular 'screaming pipe'), drone instruments (a variety of historical bagpipes, hurdy-gurdy), and odd percussion instruments (assorted drums, clacking shells, string drum, rommelpot).

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Peggy Saylor, RN

I hesitate as I write this article during the week of August 16, 2021, as I know that by the time most of you are reading this – in all probability – some items will have changed. The good news about the changing recommendations is that it demonstrates that the CDC is carefully monitoring the disease and is making up to date changes that need to be made in “real time.” As a nurse I realize that a large part of the nursing process is the need to constantly evaluate and make changes based on science. In the nursing field this is called “evidence-based practice.” In simple terms it means that you need to change practices based on the most recent facts!

Since the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant has reared its ugly head, recommendations have been changing. According to the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health tracking system current for the week of August 11, 2021, Northampton and Lehigh counties are at a high risk for transmission and Monroe county is at a substantial level. In the entire United States, 71.1% of the population has received at least one dose of the vaccine. Pennsylvania is at a much higher vaccination rate than some other states like Florida and Louisiana where there is a hesitancy to receive the vaccine. Current changes as of the time of writing include the CDC recommending universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status. Three of the largest area hospitals – Good Shephard, Lehigh Valley and St. Luke’s have mandated employees receive the vaccine to maintain current employment unless there is a proven exemption. I am sure that our church as well as others will continue to evaluate procedures for indoor worship services based on the most current rates of transmission.

These are troubling times, but we need to continue to encourage vaccinations, mask wearing, good hand hygiene, social distancing and pray to God to help us through these times.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

Our attendance over the summer in July and August was amazingly good.

The Ingathering will be on Wednesday, December 1. Sandi Wagaman will have more information by September.

In July our Bible Study was *Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)* Session two, Just Truth by Angela T. !Khabeb. In this session, we listened to Jesus' words about sharing truths that are difficult to receive. Also, Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth and how hard truths are challenging but necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.

In August on *Just L.I.F.E. (Liberation Is For Everyone!)*, Session three, Just Hope by Angela T. !Khabeb. Despite everything that is going on in the world today, this is the perfect time for hope in Christ. Hope is the divine presence in our lives. Hope is dynamic, indomitable, ever-present and – like the air we breathe – it is everywhere.

Upcoming Bible Studies

Fall 2021 – The gift of the Spirit by Sara Olson-Smith

Session 1: Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource

Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer

Session 3: Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router

December 2021 – Advent devotional/study

2022 – January through April

The kingdom of God by Mark Allen Powell

A four-session study

Join us on September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for our next meeting.

GREETING CARD CLASS

St. Paul's is pleased to announce a new class being held at the church on the second Thursday of each month, beginning in September. The class is all about making greeting cards from paper, ink and die cutting. Many techniques are taught and hands on learning with the stamping and die cutting is a must. This class runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00 which includes everything you need, and you leave with 8 different cards suitable for all occasions

The 3 hours are fun filled and relaxing and will bring out you creativity and imagination. Bring a friend for a fun time. First class is September 9th.

Reservations are required because supplies may be limited. If you are interested please contact Gretchen Galiardo at ggaliardo@aol.com for any more information.



PET BLESSING

Join us for the Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 3rd at 1 PM. Arrive early around 12:30 to enjoy hotdogs, drinks, and the bake sale. Raffle winners will be announced immediately following the pet blessing. To purchase raffle tickets, Diane Kropf will be selling them at church on Sunday mornings. If you cannot make it then, reach out to Angie Kropf to arrange a meeting to purchase tickets. Her cell is 484-575-6189. All proceeds benefit The Sanctuary at Haafsville. You do not need to be present to win.

BE STILL (AND SILENT)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

—Mother Teresa

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

St. Paul's is again participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event. We will be selling shopping passes for \$5.00 each. Each pass entitles you to 25% of most items (15% and 10% of other items – see the reverse of your pass). You may also register to win a \$100.00 Boscov's Gift Card, one per store. Just drop it in Friends Helping Friends ballot box in the store. **This is one day only – October 20, 2021. Stores are open 8:00am to 11:00pm.** 100% of your donation goes to St. Paul's. You can purchase them at worship both outside and inside. Inside, Martha Lindenmuth will be selling the passes. For outside worship see Pastor Miller. They will also be available in the office during the week. Please have the exact amount available. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP - SEAFARER'S PROJECT UPDATE

For those of you who are working on hats and cowls for the Seafarer's project, the deadline for completion and bringing to church is **Sunday, November 7**. The hats and cowls will be blessed during worship service that day, and mailed to Seafarer's International House the following week. If you want to bring your hats and cowls to church early, there is a green bin in the storage closet (in Fellowship Hall) marked "Prayer Shawls/Seafarer Hats and Cowls. You can place your items in there.

If you have any questions, contact either Steph (610-395-0355 stepbillwagaman@rcn.com) or Peggy (610-481-9086 peggyekern@gmail.com).

Stephanie Wagaman

Peggy Kern

PIANOS FOR SALE

A member of the congregation has two pianos for sale. The first is a Spinnet Knabe piano. It is in good condition and has good action. The second is an electric Casio full keyboard (88 key) piano.

If you are interested, please call the church office at 610-398-7000.

CUB SCOUTS AT MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK

Boys & Girls K-5th Grade are invited to learn what Cub Scouts is all about. Come join in the fun at Cub Pack 431's sign-up events.

- Tuesday, 8/31 6-8PM Macungie Memorial Park - Opening Pack Meeting and Picnic
- Tuesday, 9/28 6:30-7:30PM Macungie Memorial Park - Pack Meeting
- Tuesday, 10/5 6:30-7:30PM Macungie Memorial Park - Lions Info Night for incoming Kindergarteners

Cub Scouts

- Develop new skills
- Develop a sense of belonging
- Enjoy a supervised environment for activities
- Learn citizenship, character, and fitness
- Develop leadership skills
- Develop self-confidence as he/she earns badges
- Become closer with their family

For more information contact Christa Taylor. 610-509-6304
cataylor248@hotmail.com

LEARN FROM LEAVES

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Firestone



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, and 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.



1 Madelynn Walters	21 Calise Eiswerth
2 Nicholas Theodore	23 Madeline MacMechan
5 Laurin Mironov	23 Hazel Pisauro
6 Joyce Eisenhard	25 Luca Caricari
11 Steph Wagaman	26 Carlene Brumbach
16 Judy Szukics	26 Steve Mesko
18 Jim Eisenhard, Sr.	27 Jennifer Bentsen
20 Lisa Newhard	27 Sharon Heminitz
21 Emily Danner	28 Paula Smith



5 Skip & Anita Eisenhard
20 Earl & Irene Wenz

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received from the following people in memory of Larry Schneider:

Jim & Brenda Pierson
Ron & Bonnie Tazza

The following memorial contributions have been received from the following people in memory of Esther Nolf:

Alice Bastian
Carol Derr-Breinig

The following memorial contributions have been received from the following people in memory of Marilyn Thomas:

Mary Ann Aten	Daisy Pearson
Carol Derr-Breinig	St. Paul's Women of the ELCA
Melanie Dimovitz	Judy Walker
Rosemary Lehman	

FUNERALS

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Marilyn Thomas on June 23, 2021.

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Cynthia Martin (a non-member) on July 22, 2021.

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Many Christian denominations celebrate the festival of Michael and All Angels on September 29. While Gabriel is probably the best-known angel for announcing to Mary that she would bear the Son of God, “the archangel Michael” is named in Jude 9; in Daniel 12:1 he is called “Michael, the great prince, the protector of [the] people”; and in Revelation 12:7 we read of “Michael and his angels.” In each case, Michael is involved in a cosmic battle revealed to someone in a vision as a message from God.

In fact, whenever angels appear in Scripture, the Hebrew word is “messenger,” which in Greek is *angelos* — thus, the English “angel.” The Bible doesn’t say much about what angels looked like, but surely they weren’t the cute cherubs of modern pop art. Given their most common greeting, “Do not be afraid,” it must have been startling to see one.

Why celebrate Michael and All Angels? First, it reminds us there is more to God’s realm than we humans can see or comprehend. No matter the exact structure or appearance of angels, God sometimes uses them to communicate with us. Second, by broadening our understanding we can serve as angels ourselves: *messengers* of God’s love and grace to the world.

A CHEERFUL WHAT?

Guideposts editor Mary Ann O’Roark recalls hearing the phrase “cheerful liver” so often in church as a girl that she asked her grandmother what a liver is. “It’s a part inside you, like your stomach or your heart,” Grandma replied.

Rather confused, O’Roark tried to figure out how to be cheerful from the inside out. Then during Sunday school one week, a classmate explained that God loves a cheerful *giver*, not liver. Years later, however, O’Roark realized that her younger self wasn’t too far off the mark. After all, God does indeed love someone who *lives* cheerfully, spreading the hope and joy that he longs for all people to know!

After all, it was Jesus who said, “I came that [all] may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10, NRSV).

GOD LANGUISHES WITH US

A headline from last spring teased, “There’s a Name for the Blah You’re Feeling.” The writer decided what he and others felt as the pandemic wore on wasn’t burnout or depression but *languishing* — decreasing vitality; feeling dispirited. People of ancient times experienced this too: “The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished because of the famine” (Genesis 47:13). “The wine dries up, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh” (Isaiah 24:7). But there’s more.

If you used to be “merry-hearted” but now sigh a lot, hear this: “The heavens languish together with the earth” (Isaiah 24:4). Isaiah uses “the heavens” to refer to God, who languishes with us. Like an empathizing friend, God sits *with* us in our struggle. Sure, we pray for rescue *now*: “I am languishing; O Lord, heal me” (Psalm 6:2). But when our timing isn’t God’s, we trust his promise of restoration: “[God] will wipe every tear from their eyes ... mourning and crying and pain will be no more” (Revelation 21:4).

With the psalmist we hold two truths at once: “My soul languishes for your salvation; I hope in your word” (119:81).

—Heidi Hyland Mann

OUR HELP — PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself.

Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days.

How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken?

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

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



CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

HOSPITAL CODE: #321

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

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

September 2021

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Bob Nickisher 610-481-0887

Sunday, September 5, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Anita Eisenhard
Bob Nickisher

10:30AM INDOOR

Frank Bennighoff, Anita Eisenhard,
Daisy Pearson, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, September 19, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Ken Ritter

10:30AM INDOOR

Rosemary Lehman, Ken Ritter,
Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Rosemary Lehman

Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sandi Wagaman

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz, Madeline MacMechan,
Peggy Saylor, Bruce Wagaman
Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Carl Seibert

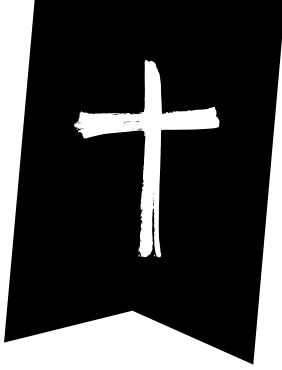
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Communion Asst: Rosemary Lehman
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Reader: Bob Nickisher



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SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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AN INCREDIBLE RETURN TO THE WOODS AT THE END OF THE RED DIRT ROAD

BY COLLIN GROOMS

No one would have asked to have a summer of youth camp canceled because of COVID, but certainly, as with any challenge, it is good when the positives of a situation can be found. Having a summer away from the routines of camp as it has “always been” gave Bear Creek Camp an opportunity to truly look at creating the camp experiences that campers and staff need right now.

In a world where we’ve been separated from our friends and families, taking the time to build a small, intentional community was most essential. This summer, each quest group crafted their own experience as they creatively planned their week’s activities. For some that meant nature hikes into the depths of our woods or discovering every swimming location. For others that meant time on the high ropes course or writing new songs to be sung at bonfires.

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For every group that meant finding unique ways to explore their faith through daily bible study and worship experiences. Camp has an enduring quality of being the place where campers can find whatever they are needing in the moment. Faith can be discovered and strengthened. Lifelong friends can be made. Personal discovery happens constantly as we're taken away from our comfort zones and shown a newly revealed world.

Summer 2021 was an incredible return to the woods at the end of the red dirt road. We are so deeply grateful for our entire community that supported us in reaching this new beginning.



GROWING TOGETHER IN NEPSYNOD: MINLAB

On August 14, 2021 people from all over the NEPSynod gathered at the Lutheran Center to share ministry, ideas, and God's love with one another. Individuals who participated in MinLab were able to work together to build relationships with one another and the ministries of the other through authentic engagement, conversation, and questions. *The relationships we build at synod assemblies, special events, and through mutual collaboration are paramount to our work as Church.*

At MinLab, participants learned more about Growing Young and elements that are present in ministries that are actively "growing young." Participants also learned that congregational and organizational ministry is at the center of our work as a synod. *The synod is not a top-down organization, but instead, a collaboration of people working together to serve God's people.* Leaders in our synod, both lay and ordained, can't wait to see where the Spirit will lead us next.

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October 2021 LMD NL news will be due September 16, 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.**

The **Clothes Closet** is now open again. 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. Thank you to all who help contribute things!!

LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The planning meeting will be held at: TRINITY MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (fellowship hall, behind the church in the alley) 535 W. EMAUS AVE., ALLENTOWN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Please plan to send at least one representative so they can pass on the necessary changes and information for this year.

The committee thanks all for your participation in this important mission.

IMPORTANT UPDATE!

ZOOM CROP Hunger Walk Rally: **Sun., Aug. 29, 2021, 1:30-2:30 p.m.**

(Ideas, inspiration, and resources for you and your congregation)
To register and receive Zoom info for the Rally, please contact Dianne Kareha at karehad@gmail.com. **Please see attached flyer.**

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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.



Dear Lehigh Mission District

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus found in the Gospel of Luke gives an illustration of what's happening in our nation today in regard to the deaths related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The rich man and Lazarus both died in the parable. But it is the conversation that the rich man has with father Abraham that can give us a reflection to our modern pandemic situation.

The rich man asked Abraham, " 'father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' " Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, 'No father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " Luke 16:27-31.

Segments of the population have not been moved to get vaccinated with the recent rise of the more contagious Delta Variant in the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of August 16, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a total of 619,564 deaths in the United States from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read any of the national newspapers and you will find stories from the Washington Post to the Wall Street Journal of the testimonies from patients who have regretted not getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Patients on their deathbed call on family and friends to get vaccinated. They lay dying with regrets. This sounds like torment. The patients that have survived the ordeal have become evangelists spreading the news to get vaccinated before being tormented by the disease.

Still, some people insist that the pandemic is a hoax. Others, believe that being vaccinated infringes on their freedom. Yet others claim that if you are strong enough you will survive it. If not, it was your time to go.

Some don't believe science. Some don't believe the numbers of deaths. Worse, some don't believe the very family member dying from the pandemic on their deathbed. Do we see a reflection from the parable in our modern society way of thinking?

The parable hopes, however, that there is a reversal from the possible misfortune like the one received by the rich man. The parable serves as a reminder of the action we can take today before we find ourselves on our deathbed.

My prayer is that you stay safe and follow the proper guidelines and procedures.

In the Name of the Risen One,

The Reverend 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****

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

October 14, 2021 (Thurs.) – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse – DR. K'S MOTOWN REVUE

Dr. K's Motown Revue takes the stage once again with an amazing array of seasoned musicians and singers! With every performance, this talented group of performers transports you back to another era, all the while delivering a very realistic re-creation of the **Motown Sound**. Keeping true to its roots, **Dr. K's Motown Revue** combines the perfect blend of Motown era costumes with fantastic singers who complement this latter day "Funk Brothers" type band of musicians perfectly. The resulting show is nothing short of a powerhouse performance! All this plus a delicious served lunch (choose from their menu of 7 entrees including a veggie entree) plus an outstanding dessert buffet.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM Cost \$98

Payment Deadline: Thurs. September 30, 2021

December 9, 2021 (Thurs.) – American Music Theatre – WINTER WONDERLAND - American Music Theatre's 2021 Christmas Show:

Winter Wonderland will recapture the Christmas spirit! This highly anticipated and critically acclaimed live music production will ignite your spirit and set your heart aglow! Once you step through our doors, you'll gaze upon the magical sights and sounds of the season and be transported to a wonderland of music and enchantment – from a Bavarian mountain village to the festive, holiday excitement at the North Pole. Our extraordinary costumes, gorgeous gowns, and stunning sets will make you feel like you're really there. And ... the young ones can even catch a glimpse of Old Saint Nick himself! Winter Wonderland is AMT's newest Original Show, featuring the secular and sacred holiday songs you know and love, with all-live performances by our sensational cast of Singers and Dancers, as well as the remarkable AMT Orchestra. Bring the entire family and discover a new holiday tradition! Family Style lunch at the fabulous Fulton Steamboat Inn.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM

Cost \$98 Payment Deadline: Thurs. November 4, 2021