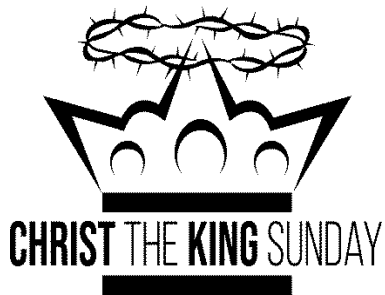


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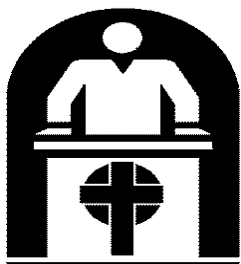
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Dear Members and Friends,

In thinking about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I'm reminded of Paul's letter and the number of times he gives thanks to God in prayer. "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." (Eph. 1:16) Paul was forgiven much so he was thankful for all the blessings he received. The Psalms often have

words of thankfulness like "Give thanks to the Lord . . ." then lists many things for which the Psalmist was thankful. Do we do the same in our prayers?

Isn't that oftentimes the case with us, that we neglect to give thanks for our blessings? I'm quick to list my needs in prayer but forget to thank God for my blessings. Maybe we don't take a brief inventory of our blessings each time we pray. When I get ill and recover, I give thanks for my restored health. But it takes an illness to remind me of the blessing of a healthy state that I normally enjoy. When I narrowly miss having a car accident, I give thanks for God's protection. But why does it take a near miss to wake me up to recognize God's constant care?

Any time we pray, our hearts should overflow with thanksgiving for the many blessings we've received. Any time we pray we should take inventory of the many blessings God provides like: health, jobs, family, friends, homes, clothing, food, etc. There's always something in our lives for which we can be thankful. If we have trouble, think of the Psalmist, he knew how to thank God for many things in times of joy and sorrow. The Psalmist knew of travail and tragedy, but could perceive God's mercy piercing the darkness and regularly gave thanks. Therefore, whenever you pray, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Pastor Miller

END OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Sunday, November 7 Daylight Savings ends. So don't forget on Saturday night to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

ASSISTANT SCHEDULES

The assistant schedules are still being done one month at a time. With the two services, fewer volunteers, 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 bulletins, communion packets, and collecting the offering. For the inside service, worship is the same as before Covid 19 – i.e. hymns are sung, offering is collected in the pew, and communion is taken at the altar. You will be handing out the bulletin, helping to collect offering, and 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. Bulletin 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.



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 HOME APPRECIATION

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution of non-perishable food items for the food bank. As you can see, we had an overwhelming response! Special thanks to Sean Thompson for his tireless efforts picking up food donations in the parking lot, and to Joe Thompson for the use of the wagon. Lastly, thanks to Sharon Bortz, Peggy Kern, Judy Noll, Dick Steltz, and Steph Wagaman for helping to decorate.



Worship and Music Committee

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A brief but important congregational meeting will be held immediately following both worship services on Sunday, November 14th. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2022 church budget and to elect new council members. Please plan to stay for this meeting.

The 2022 Budget is included in the newsletter.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP – SEAFARER’S PROJECT REMINDER

This is a reminder if you 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. There is still time, if you are interested in making a hat or cowl! Pick up a skein of wool from the box in the Narthex.

If you want to bring your hats and cowls to church before November 7, 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

PET BLESSING

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, baked, and donated to the pet blessing and bake sale. This was a great community outreach event, and we raised \$1,100 to donate to The Sanctuary at Haafsville. Following the pet blessing, Pastor Miller visited The Sanctuary at Haafsville and blessed the facility and pets up for adoption. Evangelism looks forward to holding this event again in 2022.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

The Fall W-ELCA Bible study is titled “The Gift of the Spirit”. In September we explored the misunderstood and mysterious member of the Trinity, the Spirit of God. At our meeting in October, we studied about The Holy Spirit as “the Breath of God”, giving life and building community, beginning with the breath God gave the first human. That breath continues to revive us as individuals and as communities. On Wednesday, November 10th at 9:30 a.m., we will explore more about The Holy Spirit as the Wind of God that moves us into deeper faithfulness and more authentic love. We’ll see the ways in which God’s Spirit moves us to bear good fruits in the world and refines us into our truest selves.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a morning of learning, discussing and bonding with our family of faith, Wednesday, November 10th.

St. Paul’s W-ELCA supports our congregation’s participation with The Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering. Purchasing items for Turning Point and The Allentown Rescue Mission or specific gifts for Good Shepherd – Raker and Tipton Home will help to make others have a merrier Christmas. Items you are donating need to be brought to church by Sunday, November 28th. For further information, contact Sandi Wagaman – 610-395-6387.

POINSETTIAS

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Anyone willing to sponsor a Poinsettia, please fill out the form in the newsletter.



If you would like to make a donation towards the Poinsettias, please mark the line for donation.

Please return all forms by November 28th.

Extra copies can be found in the rack at the sanctuary door, or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

2021 LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The Ingathering is finally back, but in a modified form from years past to accommodate COVID. Instead of a list of items to donate to 10-12 different agencies, each congregation has been assigned two agencies to focus their donations. St. Paul's will be collecting items for The Allentown Rescue Mission and Turning Point. Our WELCA group will be responsible to take our items directly to these two organizations rather than gathering at a site to sort and pack them. Let Sandi Wagaman know if you would like to volunteer to be a delivery person.

We will once again also be purchasing gifts for specific individuals with Topton Home Children's Services and Good Shepherd Home-Raker. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We will deliver the assigned gifts to Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church 535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 between 9:00-10:30. We also are looking for a volunteer to deliver these items to Trinity. You will not need to get out of your car, someone will be there to unload for you.

Please Note: Good Shepherd gifts should be either boxed and wrapped with holiday paper or put into a holiday gift bag and stapled shut. Topton Home has requested that the gifts **should not be wrapped in paper** but they can be put in a gift bag without the usual tissue paper stuffing.

Place all items for the Rescue Mission and Turning Point in the box provided in the Narthex. Gifts for Topton Home and Good Shepherd-Raker should be placed on top of the coat rack. Please check off your name on the list when bringing your assigned gifts.

Deadline to bring items for both of these parts of the mission will be Sunday November 28, 2021.

Contact Sandi Wagaman if you have any questions. cell 610-203-8085 or home 610-395-6387.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The end of 2021 is almost here. In order to make sure all your contributions are posted on your Year End Giving Statement, it is important to have your 2021 contributions received in the church no later than Thursday, December 30, 2021 (Church Office is closed on Friday) or if mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31, 2021. Any contributions that arrive after that, starting in January, will be posted on your 2022 giving statement.

Sandi Wagaman

THANK YOU

I offer my heartfelt thanks for everyone at St. Paul's whose thoughts, cards and prayers have given me an extra boost for my recovery from my accident.

Bruce Wagaman

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. 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.

Remember Our Veterans This Christmas



VETERANS WREATHS (SPONSORED BY THE ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION)

We are remembering our veterans with a Christmas wreath placed on each St. Paul's Cemetery Vets' grave. The cost of one (**live**) wreath is \$12.00. If writing a check, please make it payable to *St. Paul's Cemetery Association* and in the memo line write WREATHS. If you would like to remember a specific veteran with a wreath, please enclose a paper with their name in the envelope. If a name is not provided, your wreath will help us honor **all** veterans.

To place an order:

Place envelope in the collection plate during worship service

Or

Mail envelope to:

St. Paul's Cemetery Association

PO Box 560

Trexlerstown, PA 18087

Orders and payment are due Sunday, November 14th.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Nickisher
(seabee70@ptd.net) or Holly Williams (hrwilliams30@yahoo.com)

Please consider sponsoring a wreath and remember a Vet!

HELP NEEDED

November 13th – 9:30 a.m. – Cemetery clean-up

November 20th – 9:00 a.m. – Lying of the wreaths

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the “opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice.” In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It’s a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.



THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT ADVENT

When Advent begins on November 28 this year, so does a new church year for liturgical congregations. The church seasons, which correspond to key events in Jesus’ life, begin with the four-week Advent period of preparation for our coming Savior at Christmas. After the 12-day season of Christmas is Epiphany, which begins January 6 and continues through Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period of preparation culminates in Holy Week, and then Easter marks the pinnacle of every church year. Forty days after the Resurrection we celebrate Ascension, and 10 days after that, the Pentecost season begins; it lasts until Advent, when the cycle begins again.

“Like a great waterwheel,” writes Joan Chittister, “the liturgical year goes on relentlessly irrigating our souls, softening the ground of our hearts, nourishing the soil of our lives until the seed of the Word of God itself begins to grow in us, comes to fruit in us, ripens in us the spiritual journey of a lifetime.”

BOSCOV’S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Friends Helping Friends Ticket. Through your efforts we were able to raise \$60.00 for the church.

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 Rob Whitt
6 Judy Noll
7 Carl Seibert, Jr.
9 Joshua Soldrich
16 Jeffrey Strauss
18 Daisy Pearson

19 Sommer Cope
19 Ethan Eiswerth
19 Makenna Morgenstern
25 Madison Mironov
29 Katie Pisauro



14 Alan & Carlene Brumbach

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Marilyn Thomas:

Kay Schlenker

BAPTISM

On Sunday, October 10, 2021 we were blessed to be witnesses to the baptism of Cole Robert Clark who was made a child of God in this precious sacrament. Clark is the son of Dominique & Kevin Clark.

A NEW THANKSGIVING TRADITION

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything!"

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you!
Sincerely, Joan

THE SUBVERSIVE TABLE

“The Lord’s Supper [is] a profoundly subversive political event in the lives of the participants,” writes Richard Beck in *Unclean*. “The sacrament brings real people — divided in the larger world — into a sweaty, intimate, flesh-and-blood embrace where ‘there shall be no difference between them and the rest.’” Beck is quoting Walt Whitman, for whom “them” refers to “the wicked and the righteous.”

In our day, I think of political conservatives and liberals who receive equally the grace of God through Christ’s body and blood. I think of the man in a church I pastored, who took pride in stirring up controversy. I didn’t like him. But at the Lord’s table, though “divided in the larger world,” we shared a sacrament with no difference between us.

I think of my former parish near an Air Force base. Many members were military personnel and surely knew one another’s rank. But in church — at the conference table, the dinner table and especially the communion table — no difference existed between a colonel and a captain, a commissioned officer and an NCO. It was a beautiful example of God’s kingdom subverting the world’s tendency to divide.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

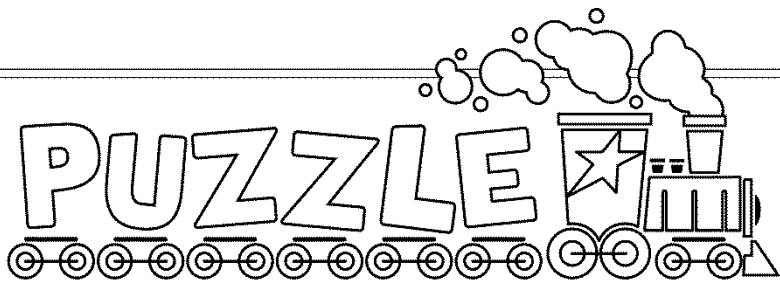
A BLESSING OR A CURSE?

Holocaust survivor and devout Christian Corrie ten Boom recounts how her sister Betsie thanked God for the fleas infesting their packed barracks. When Corrie resisted the idea, Betsie pointed out that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to “give thanks in all circumstances.”

Still, Corrie wasn’t convinced — until the sisters realized the infestation kept the guards away, giving prisoners in those quarters freedom to worship and pray. The biting pests, which seemed like added misery, became a blessing.

Anger and bitterness sometimes cloud our vision, causing us to forget to thank God *in* all situations, though not necessarily *for* them. Other times we don’t wait long enough for blessings to be revealed. But faith is like waiting through a storm, knowing a rainbow is coming eventually. Meanwhile, the Lord holds an umbrella for us, and the closer with him we walk, the less wet we’ll get.

—Julie Lee



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

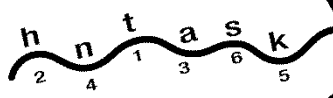




continually,



in all circumstances; for this
 is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

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



CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000

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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

November 2021

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month - Bruce Saylor 610-762-7001

Sunday, November 7, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Jennifer Bentsen
Bob Nickisher

10:30AM INDOOR

Frank Bennighoff, Lacey Edwards
Peggy Saylor, Amy Williams
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, November 21, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Frank Bennighoff
Bob Nickisher

10:30AM INDOOR

Frank Bennighoff, Frank Szukics
Judy Szukics, Judy Walker
Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Peggy Kern

Sunday, November 14, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Ken Ritter

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz, Madeline MacMechan
Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Richard Hartley
Bob Nickisher

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz, Anita Eisenhard
Madeline MacMechan, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Cal Fetherolf

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 2022 Operating Budget

Account #	Account Name	2022 Budget	2021 Budget	22 Less 21	22 Change %
Income:					
4.0010	Offering - Envelope	110,000.00	115,000.00	(5,000.00)	(4.3)%
4.0015	Offering - Tithe.ly	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	0.0%
4.0020	Offering - Plate	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	0.0%
4.0025	Thrivent Choice	300.00	300.00	-	0.0%
4.0030	Ash Wednesday	200.00	200.00	-	0.0%
4.0040	Lent	100.00	100.00	-	0.0%
4.0060	Maundy Thursday	100.00	50.00	50.00	100.0%
4.0070	Good Friday	150.00	300.00	(150.00)	(50.0)%
4.0080	Easter	1,200.00	800.00	400.00	50.0%
4.0090	Advent	200.00	200.00	-	0.0%
4.0095	Christmas Envelopes	1,400.00	1,400.00	-	0.0%
4.0100	Sunday Church School	200.00	500.00	(300.00)	(60.0)%
4.0105	Vacation Bible School	100.00	150.00	(50.00)	(33.3)%
4.0120	Bulletins	700.00	700.00	-	0.0%
4.0130	Church Usage	800.00	700.00	100.00	14.3%
4.0140	Altar Flowers	900.00	1,500.00	(600.00)	(40.0)%
4.0280	Small Groups	400.00	400.00	-	0.0%
	Totals Income	<u>159,750.00</u>	<u>165,300.00</u>	<u>(5,550.00)</u>	<u>(0.03)</u>
Education Ministry:					
5.0500	SCS Curriculum	500.00	500.00	-	0.0%
5.0505	SCS Supplies & Expenses	250.00	250.00	-	0.0%
5.0520	Cradle Roll/Baptism Items	100.00	100.00	-	0.0%
5.0525	First Communion	50.00	50.00	-	0.0%
5.0540	Vacation Church School	800.00	800.00	-	0.0%
5.0545	Synod Assembly	800.00	800.00	-	0.0%
5.0552	Youth Group/Youth events	150.00	150.00	-	0.0%
5.0555	Small Groups/Bible Study	750.00	750.00	-	0.0%
	Totals Education	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Evangelism Ministry:					
5.0600	Outreach	900.00	900.00	-	0.0%
5.0610	Fellowship Activities	400.00	400.00	-	0.0%
	Totals Evangelism	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>1,300.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Social Ministry:					
5.0800	Social Ministry- Committee Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	0.0%
5.0810	Kitchen Supplies	75.00	75.00	-	0.0%
	Totals Social	<u>175.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Account #	Account Name	2022 Budget	2021 Budget	22 Less 21	22 Change %
Worship:					
5.0920	Music	700.00	700.00	-	0.0%
5.0925	Musical Instrument Maint.	1,800.00	1,800.00	-	0.0%
5.0930	Handbell Choir Music	500.00	500.00	-	0.0%
5.0935	Handbell Equipment	200.00	200.00	-	0.0%
5.0940	Supply Pastors (5 wks @ 150 & Miles)	900.00	900.00	-	0.0%
5.0945	Supply Organists (4 wks @ 125)	500.00	500.00	-	0.0%
5.0950	Worship Supplies	800.00	800.00	-	0.0%
5.0951	Children Sermon Supplies	100.00	100.00	-	0.0%
5.0955	Worship Publications	850.00	850.00	-	0.0%
5.0960	Altar Flowers	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.0%
	Total Worship	8,350.00	8,350.00	-	-
Staff Compensation:					
5.1000	Salary - Pastor	38,967.00	38,967.00	-	0.0%
5.1005	Fica Allowance - Pastor	5,441.00	5,335.00	106.00	2.0%
5.1010	Housing Allowance - Pastor	32,161.00	30,766.00	1,395.00	4.5%
5.1020	Salary - Organist	20,370.00	19,971.00	399.00	2.0%
5.1025	Salary - Bellchoir Director	7,065.00	6,926.00	139.00	2.0%
5.1030	Salary - Secretary	24,872.00	24,384.00	488.00	2.0%
5.1050	Salary - Custodian	-	-	-	-
	Total Compensation	128,876.00	126,349.00	2,527.00	0.02
Staff Benefits:					
5.1100	Pastor - Healthcare, Pension	22,477.00	22,263.00	214.00	1.0%
5.1120	FICA - Organist	1,558.00	1,528.00	30.00	2.0%
5.1125	FICA - Bellchoir Director	540.00	530.00	10.00	1.9%
5.1130	FICA - Secretary	1,903.00	1,865.00	38.00	2.0%
	Total Benefits	26,478.00	26,186.00	292.00	0.01
Administration:					
5.1200	Employee Car Mileage	1,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)	(25.0)%
5.1210	Continuing Ed - Pastor	550.00	550.00	-	0.0%
5.1220	Expense Allowance - Pastor	400.00	400.00	-	0.0%
5.1225	Office Equipment	300.00	300.00	-	0.0%
5.1230	Risograph	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.0%
5.1235	Copier	2,200.00	2,200.00	-	0.0%
5.1240	Office Supplies	1,000.00	1,500.00	(500.00)	(33.3)%
5.1245	Payroll Processing	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.0%
5.1250	Other Administrative Expense	400.00	300.00	100.00	33.3%
5.1255	Computer Related Expenses	2,000.00	2,150.00	(150.00)	(7.0)%
5.1260	Postage	800.00	800.00	-	0.0%
5.1270	Secretary Continuing Education	500.00	500.00	-	0.0%
5.1280	Workers Comp Insurance	800.00	800.00	-	0.0%
	Total Administration	12,950.00	14,000.00	(1,050.00)	(0.08)

Account #	Account Name	2022 Budget	2021 Budget	22 Less 21	22 Change %
Building Expenses:					
5.1300	Boiler Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.0%
5.1305	Fire Alarm Monitoring	1,300.00	1,300.00	-	0.0%
5.1310	Janitorial & Cleaning Supplies	11,300.00	11,300.00	-	0.0%
5.1320	Electric	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	0.0%
5.1325	Equipment Repairs (AC)	400.00	400.00	-	0.0%
5.1330	Fuel Oil	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.0%
5.1340	Property Insurance	3,300.00	3,300.00	-	0.0%
5.1350	Lawn Care (Incl. Equip Repairs)	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.0%
5.1360	Building Expenses/Repairs	2,000.00	2,500.00	(500.00)	(20.0)%
5.1365	Building Supplies & Equipment	500.00	500.00	-	0.0%
5.1370	Real Estate Taxes	1,600.00	1,600.00	-	0.0%
5.1375	Sewer Authority	400.00	400.00	-	0.0%
5.1380	Snow Removal	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	0.0%
5.1385	Water System & Analysis	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	0.0%
5.1390	Telephone & Internet	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	0.0%
	Total Building	38,800.00	39,300.00	(500.00)	(0.01)
Ministry Resouces:					
5.1400	Stewardship Committee Expenses	100.00	100.00	-	0.0%
5.1420	Envelopes - Plate Offering	900.00	900.00	-	0.0%
5.1430	Celebration Sunday	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	0.0%
	Total Ministry Resouces	2,200.00	2,200.00	-	-
	Total Income	159,750.00	165,300.00	(5,550.00)	(3.4)%
	Total Expenses	222,529.00	221,260.00	1,269.00	0.6%
	Income Less Expenses	(62,779.00)	(55,960.00)	(6,819.00)	12.2%

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas, that heart warming time of the year and it is time to start thinking about ordering your Christmas poinsettias.

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Anyone willing to sponsor a Poinsettia, please fill out the form.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Poinsettias, please mark the line for donation.

This year's price will be \$10.00 per plant. Feel free to fill out this form and do one of the following:

1. mail it with your check (made out to St. Paul's, memo: Poinsettia) to the church;
2. place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate; or
3. hand deliver to Janine Ritter.

**The Due date for orders is
November 28, 2021**

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

As always, thank you for making our church a special place.

Janine Ritter
610-417-0209
Festival Committee

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: \$10.00

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 28, 2021

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

OF PLANTS _____ TOTAL COST \$ _____

COLOR: RED PINK WHITE MARBLE
(CIRCLE ONE)

ORDERED

BY: _____

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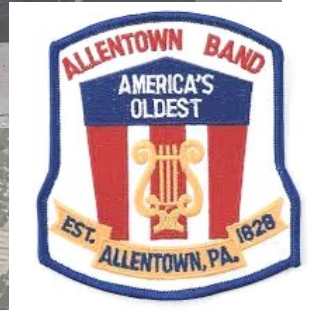
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PICK UP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: _____

DONATE TO SICK OR SHUT-IN: _____



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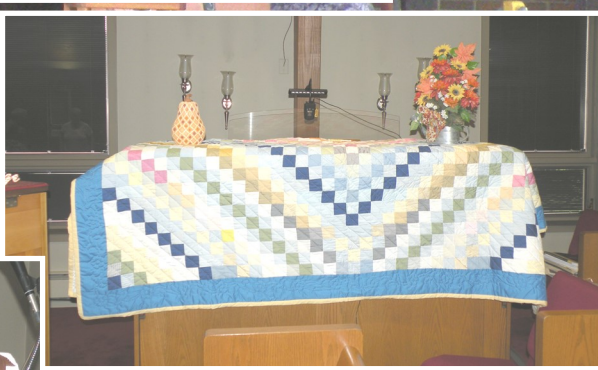
October 3, 2021





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October 10, 2021

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Being the Church in a Time of Pandemic

As this article is being written, social distancing and "stay at home" orders in response to the spread of the Coronavirus are preventing our congregations from gathering for face-to-face worship. But in the midst of circumstances that keep people from "going to church," it is heartening to see the ways in which the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod are focusing on God's call to "be the church," bringing a message of hope to their members and their surrounding communities. Leaders are discovering a number of creative ways in which God's people can still "gather" for worship and conversation - via Zoom, Facebook Live, YouTube, email, telephone chains, cars parked at a drive-in movie theater, and other means.

In addition to worship, prayers, and pastoral care for members, congregations are also turning their focus outward to bring tangible expressions of God's presence and love in the midst of extraordinary circumstances to their most vulnerable neighbors. This brief article highlights just two of these outreach ministries, as examples of the kinds of things that are happening in numerous sites across the territory of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

The Food Pantry at Holy Trinity, Dingmans Ferry



Every weekday morning, volunteers gather at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Pike County to prepare bags of food for community members who are food insecure. In the past, typically 85 - 95 families would turn to Holy Trinity each month to supplement their nutritional needs. Food Pantry Director, Barbara Hupner, reports that the number of those turning to the pantry has increased due to the Coronavirus pandemic. And the members of Holy Trinity are responding, even as some of the traditional sources of food - such as donations from individuals or local stores - have decreased.

In addition, there are concerns for the safety of both the volunteers who staff the pantry and those who come for food. Barbara reports, "Due to this crisis we have begun a drive-up pantry pick up for our families. Each family receives three bags of non-perishable foods along with a bag of frozen meats, vegetables, butter, fresh fruits and cheese. This has helped us to maintain social distancing as well as keep our volunteers safe."



The Food Pantry at Hope Lutheran Church and Hope's Table, Reading

Hope Lutheran Church in the northwest section of the City of Reading, and its partner ministry, Hope's Table, together host the largest pantry in the Helping Harvest (Berks and Schuylkill Counties) system. Typically, 200+ families are served in the biweekly distribution. Due to neighbors losing their work - and their income - during the pandemic, at the last pantry more than 350 families came for food.

To counter the empty shelves at local groceries stores, the volunteers at Hope's Pantry are committed to providing more items for those who turn to the pantry, rather than less. In addition to the food they receive from Helping Harvest, the congregation has developed partnerships with other congregations, local restaurants, bakeries, and farmers to provide healthy nutritional options for their



guests. They are also collecting other items, such as toilet paper, cleaning products, and soap that they distribute to families on each Thursday.

Meanwhile, the staff members of Café Esperanza, another ministry birthed by Hope, are offering drive-by or walk-by cooked meals to neighborhood residents two evenings a week - to supplement the prepared food assistance that is available to families through the Reading School system.

Delivery is available for those who can't come to the congregation's parking lot. Advertised only through word of mouth and a sign at the church, the response of the community has been notable - both in terms of the growing numbers of those coming for assistance and the growing numbers of those who want to support the ministry!



These two congregations - in different corners of the synod and in two very different contexts - are endeavoring to "be the church" by seeing the face of Jesus in their most vulnerable neighbors in this unprecedented time and responding in love. We know there are many other congregations conducting similar ministries that are also bringing to life Jesus' parable from Matthew 25:31-46, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you...." Please share your stories of how your congregation has been and is engaging in ministries of care in your communities by sending a brief summary to info@nepsynod.org.

[This article was written by the Rev. Dr. D. Michael Bennethum, Executive Associate of the Bishop.]

COVID-19 Resources

There are many resources for dealing with the challenges arising out of the coronavirus pandemic. The synod website lists many of these for you use on a page that is updated on a regular basis. You can view it at <http://nepsynod.org/virus-resources>. Above all, please have patience in this rapidly evolving situation. No one has all the answers, but everyone can lend a hand.

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[December 2021 LMD NL news will be due November 12, 2021.](#) E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

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.**

Basket & Gift Card Social – Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103, **Sat, October 23rd and Sun, October 24, 2021.** For more information or to have tickets held for you at the door, call the church office [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774). **Masks are required, we will be social distancing.**

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Lehigh Mission District Advent Christmas Ingathering - This year's Ingathering will be held at Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church 535 W. Emaus Ave Allentown, PA. 18103, Wednesday, December 1, 2021. We thank Trinity Memorial for sponsoring this year's Ingathering. Any questions please contact Penny Newhard, newhardp@ptd.net. **NOTE:** This will be a Covid safe event this year. It will be a **DROPPING OFF OF THE GIFTS ONLY** and **Limited Small Items**. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Homemade Thanksgiving Sides Sale - Looking to add some St. John's 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 are taking orders now until they are filled** – contact Carol Moyer [610-398-0569](tel:610-398-0569). **PICK UP: Saturday November 20th** from 9 AM to 12 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville).

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk: Share your CROP Hunger Walk photos and videos! Post them on social media and send them to karehad@gmail.com to include in our CROP follow-up emails to congregations and other CROP supporters!

Also, there's still time to give online at

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa>

Alternatively, **checks for "CWS/CROP"** may be given to congregation/team leaders for delivery during **October 2021** to Linda Held, Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103. **Thank you for your CROP efforts so others will have the resources they need to create better lives for themselves and their families.**

DON'T SPEND ANOTHER WINTER HOME ALONE! LUTHER CREST offers all you could ever want ... stunning accommodations | chef-prepared dining | convenient amenities exciting events—and new friends! Because Luther Crest is a Continuing Care Retirement Community, you will have peace of mind in the coming years. Don't miss out ... If you decide on this great deal now, you can move in later in the year. Come discover why our residents are fond of saying, "This is the Way to Live" * Entrance fee starting at \$99k on one-bedroom apartment. Limited Time offers. Please contact Mary Louise Drosdak at [610-391-8258](tel:610-391-8258) or Toll free [800-606-3424](tel:800-606-3424).

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!!

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 Bible, Jesus, and Critical Race Theory

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19

The current topic of conversation in our nation and around our local school districts is the claim that teachers are teaching critical race theory to elementary and high school students.

This has led activists to ban children's picture and story books from classrooms that have been written by Black, Latino, Jewish, Asian, and Native American writers. It should be noted that CRT is not taught in any school districts, nor does it form part of the school's curriculum. Many state departments of education set the academic standards for school districts and teachers to follow. Furthermore, any donated books to a school or its library does not imply an endorsement of said books, the person donating the book, or of the organization. Many school boards have this disclaimer in their policies and bylaws.

So, why are some angry Christians disrupting school board meetings to ban children's picture and story books? Is it because these books are written by people of color?

If so, what are we to do with the Bible written by people of color? What do these angry Christians do with a Jewish Savior? Jesus didn't speak English. He spoke Hebrew and Aramaic. Jesus dressed in his ethnic clothing. He ate his ethnic food. He worked as a carpenter; a profession mostly exercised by many immigrants today. He was an immigrant child whose father and mother sought safety for the family in Egypt. Jesus is not a white Lutheran man. Have these angry activists read the Bible? This Jewish Savior called Jesus would have had black hair and a cinnamon complexion.

The opening verse above from Matthew is known as the Great Commission. The word nations is the Greek word ethnos from which we get the word ethnic. Ethnos can be translated as nations, peoples, gentiles, or tribes.

In Jesus' time the disciples would have understood ethnos as nations. They would have recalled their history either in captivity or in exile in Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, Syria, and Lebanon. They would have also understood ethnos to mean gentiles since they lived within the gentile government of the Roman Empire. They would have also understood ethnos in relationship to their own Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Since the Greek word ethnos is in the Bible text, let's translate ethnos as ethnicities. "Go therefore and make disciples of all ethnicities." I believe using the word ethnicities is clear for our time. What comes to mind is walking through the grocery store with a shopping cart and encountering the aisle sign above that reads - ethnic foods. What do we do? God calls us not to turn our shopping cart around but to go right in and as one community in Christ be fed.

Today ethnicities are highlighted by some in society only to be regarded with discontent, biases, prejudices, and racism. In contrast, Jesus's Great Commission to the disciples is a call to embrace all ethnicities, tribes, gentiles, peoples, and nations. Jesus commands his disciples to welcome all ethnicities.

I think that's what makes Jesus's Commission to the Christian Church GREAT.

Jesus' disciples were commissioned to come out of their ethnic circle to proclaim to other ethnicities, nations, peoples, gentiles, and tribes the teachings of Christ.

Jesus's Great Commission is the teaching of acceptance of God's ethnic diversity in this world. The Great Commission is God's call of acceptance of one another and in the process being transformed into the beautiful community God intended. Christ tells his disciples that all ethnicities are welcomed to the waters of baptism. God accepts all ethnicities.

We need to step out of our ethnic circles and into another ethnic circle. In this approach, Jesus gave us His own example when Emmanuel became one of us. Jesus's Great Commission is a transformation. It is divine acceptance. It is a shower of love for all ethnicities to come together and celebrate.

Blessings,

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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

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