

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



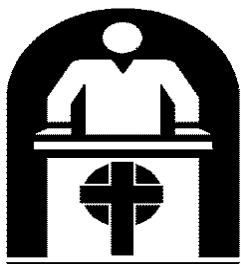
SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Members and Friends,

Can you believe it's Lent already! Ash Wednesday is March 2. Lent is a season of 40 days not including Sundays. Lent is a journey to the cross of Jesus Christ. I'm reminded of the two famous journeys in our bible. "The Lord God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was

in your heart" (Deut. 8:2). God set the Israelites free from slavery in Egypt and brought them through the parted waters of the Red Sea. He led them through the desert for 40 years, testing them and shaping them as his people. At the end of their journey, they stood ready to enter the Promised Land.

The second journey is Jesus' journey. "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil" (Luke 4:1-2). As he began his earthly ministry Jesus was baptized by John. Stepping from the waters of the Jordan River, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days, there to be tested by the devil. At the end of his journey, Jesus emerged triumphant over Satan's temptations, prepared to take up his road to the cross.

As Jesus takes this journey, we will follow him as he enters Jerusalem, celebrates the Passover with his disciples, prays in Gethsemane and suffers betrayal and arrest. We will see him condemned to death – for us. Lent is a season of repentance, as we acknowledge that it was our sins Jesus carried in his own body to the cross.

Lent is a 40-day journey of worship, prayer and study, a time to grow in faith as we consider the cost of our salvation. We meet together to praise our Savior, confess our sins and receive his forgiveness. We pray and study God's Word, encouraging and building up one another in faith.

At the end of 40 years in the desert, the people of Israel stood at the border of the Promised Land. At the end of 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus stood triumphant over Satan's temptations. At the end of these 40 days of Lent, after following Jesus' path to the cross, we will stand with joy before his empty tomb.

Come join us on this Lenten journey in worship and prayer.

Pastor Miller

SNOW/CANCELLATION INFORMATION



Winter advisory...Please be sure to check St. Paul's website, www.stpaulsbbv.org or WFMZ storm center to see if any church service or event is cancelled due to snow or ice.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Parking lot service: 9:45 a.m., Inside service: 7:00 p.m.

The season of Lent begins with ashes and ends with alleluias. It is a season of spiritual growth, beginning March 2 and ending six weeks later with the brilliant white of Easter. The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is named for the practice of imposing ashes. This year worshipers will have an opportunity to receive ashes. **Because of COVID-19, ashes will be imposed through the use of a Q-tip rather than the pastor using his thumb. The use of Q-tips will apply to both the outside service and the inside service.**

Ashes symbolize several aspects of our human experience. First, ashes remind us of God's condemnation of sin, as God said to Adam, "Dust you are and to dust you shall return." Second, ashes suggest clearing and renewal. Ashes were used anciently in the absence of soap, and on Ash Wednesday ashes are a penitential substitute for water as a reminder of our Baptism. Third, ashes remind us of the shortness of human life, for one day the words "We commit his/her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust" will be said over our bodies. Fourth, ashes are a symbol of repentance, as expressed in Luke 10:13 and the hymn "Savior, When in Dust to Thee," (#601 in our hymnals).

Parking lot service: 9:45 a.m., Inside service: 7:00 p.m.

PARKING LOT SERVICE



WE WILL NOT HAVE PARKING LOT WORSHIP SERVICES ON MARCH 6 AND 13.

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS SEAFARER'S PROJECT IN 2022?

As most of you know, the Prayer Shawl Group contributed 36 hat and cowl sets, plus 5 additional cowls to the Seafarer's Project. These hand-made items were greatly appreciated. We are thinking of making hats and cowls for them again this year, but want to check with our knitters and crocheters to gauge your interest. Please let us know your thoughts on this. Some people preferred to make cowls only, so if that's the case, Judy and I can team up with you to make matching hats. (Note that we always need prayer shawls and lap robes, so if you are not interested in making hats and cowls – shawls are always appreciated!)

If we move forward with this project, we are also considering putting together a set number of gift satchels for the seafarers. A complete gift satchel includes the following items:

- One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size M-L-XL)
- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym
- One T- Shirt (size M-L-XL)
- One Knitted Winter Cap (coordinating scarf/cowl optional)
- One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Health Snack Bar
- A Holiday or Christmas card from YOU!

We would ask the congregation for donation of smaller items, and possibly use Thrivent Action Team funding for the pricier item(s) – like the hooded sweatshirts. To start out, we would set a goal of **12 satchels**. We would plan to collect these items in September, before Ingathering donations begin.

So if you haven't done so already, please let us know your thoughts about this project.

Peggy Kern
Steph Wagaman

ST. PAUL'S FIRST ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL

The Worship and Music and Fellowship/Evangelism Committees have decided to hold a Basket Social on September 17, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For those who may not know, a basket social is a kind of silent auction. Numbered tickets are purchased and people drop their ticket in a can near their choice of a basket. A winning ticket is then drawn from each can at the end of the day of the event.

The committee established a **goal of 50 baskets**. The committee is seeking donations of gift baskets, and/or individual empty baskets, and items for the baskets from members of the congregation. New or nearly new items are preferred. For example, you can donate empty baskets, made up baskets, or items to put in a basket.

We are planning to have “special” baskets which will be bigger and more valuable than the regular baskets. We will also have a big-ticket item which will be a laptop computer. Another feature will be gift cards from local businesses and individuals. Another draw will be a large “basket” of paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, wipes, etc.). Everyone who brings a donated food item will receive a ticket towards winning the paper products.

Each month there will be suggestions of possible themed baskets you may want to donate. **For the month of February, we are suggesting donations of baskets (empty), hot beverage baskets, paper products and possible donation of Christmas gifts that people wish to “re-gift.”** While these are suggestions, all gift baskets, and donations will be accepted any time.

We are also planning to have food and beverages available and plan to have a bake sale for which we will need donations.

Anyone wishing to help with this major project is welcome. We need help.

Please spread the word, talk to your neighbors and friends. They're welcome to donate baskets or items, too. Let's make this a real success.

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 2022. 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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

Our Bible study on February 9th was *The Kingdom of God: Mysteries of the kingdom* Session two *Parables, banquets and children*. We looked at what Jesus calls the “secrets” or “mysteries” of the kingdom. One common theme or question was: For whom is the rule of God good news? Who benefits most when what God wants to happen takes place?

Please join us on March 9th for our next meeting. We will have news from the NEPA W-ELCA Board regarding upcoming events for the year and delve into another Bible study.

LEHIGH ZION CEMETERY SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

April 18, 2022 the Lehigh Zion Cemetery Association will have their annual shareholders meeting.

Anyone having a plot on the cemetery is a shareholder.
Officers are elected at this meeting.

APRIL 18, 2022, 7 P.M., ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,
BREINIGSVILLE, PA

Please see Sharon Bortz if you have any questions.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR RETURNS FOR ITS 11TH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE!

St. Luke's Synoptic Players and the JCS Band present musical selections from Jesus Christ Superstar. Performance is Palm Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 P.M. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 417 N. 7th Street Allentown. Admission is free. Doors open at 2:30 P.M. As of this writing, masks will be required. Free will offering will benefit St. Luke's Raise the Roof fund and church-wide mission. For information, please call 610-434-3943.



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.

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

MARY'S YES CALLS US TO LOVE

On March 25, we remember the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she is to bear the Son of God, and she says yes.

In *Wholehearted Faith*, Rachel Held Evans writes: "I am a Christian not because of anything I've done but because a teenage girl living in occupied Palestine at one of the most dangerous moments in history said yes — yes to God, yes to a wholehearted call she could not possibly understand ... yes to a vision for herself and her little boy of a mission that would bring down rulers and lift up the humble, that would turn away the rich and fill the hungry with good things, that would scatter the proud and gather the lowly, yes to a life that came with no guarantee of her safety or her son's. ... And through Mary's example, God invites us to take the risk of love."

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 Monica Parker
4 Kevin Clark
5 Aaron Parker
9 Dawn Wertz
10 Bruce Wagaman
11 Rita Miller
12 Ruth Berghold
12 Avie Cope
12 Susan Ferguson

12 Betty Moyer
17 Mitzi Younger
19 Maddox Rampen
20 Jennifer Schmoyer
20 Pamela Zahour
25 Matthew Morgenstern
27 Joyce Bastain
27 Liam Nemeh
28 Ellie Pisauro

31 Westley & Laurin Mironov



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Stanley Younger:

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Fenstermacher
Tom & June Kellogg
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Kemp
Marilyn Roznowski

Alethia N. Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Tamerler
Bruce & Sandi Wagaman

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

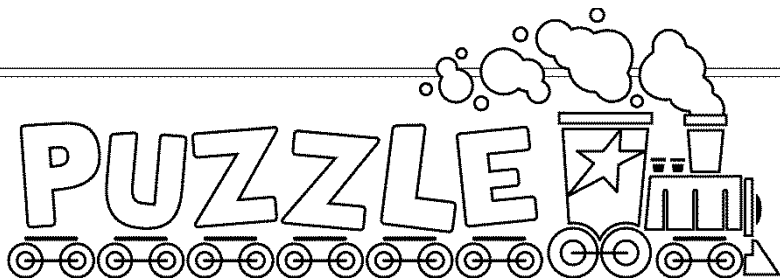
Guess what? It is time to place your order for Easter flowers. An order form is available in this newsletter. They will also be available on our website and on the table in the narthex. You can also call me in the office at 610-398-700 or send me an email at – office@stpaulsbbville.org.

The **DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 13th**.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES

Enclosed in the newsletter is a Lenten envelope. There are also more envelopes available on the table in the Narthex.





A wonderful washing

David's prayer of repentance reveals a desire to be cleansed of his sin.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the left. Then match them with the correct phrases from Psalm 51 (NIV) on the right.

ETRCAE _ _ _ _ _ _____ out my transgressions (v. 1)

HSAW _ _ _ _ _ _____ away all my iniquity (v. 2)

RSEEROT _ _ _ _ _ _____ me with hyssop, and I will be clean (v. 7)

WNERE _ _ _ _ _ _____ me, and I will be whiter than snow (v. 7)

TLBO _ _ _ _ _ _____ your face from my sins (v. 9)

DIHE _ _ _ _ _ _____ out all my iniquity (v. 9)

NATRG _ _ _ _ _ _____ in me a pure heart (v. 10)

LNSECAE _ _ _ _ _ _____ a steadfast spirit within me (v. 10)

LBTO _ _ _ _ _ _____ to me the joy of your salvation (v. 12)

WHTSA _ _ _ _ _ _____ me a willing spirit, to sustain me (v. 12)

Answer: blot, wash, cleanse, wash, hide, blot, create, renew, restore, grant

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
MARCH 13, 2022**

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



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HOSPITAL CODE: #321
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
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Website: www.stpaulsbbv.org

STAFF

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

March 2022 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 2022

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Bob Bruchak 484-357-2557

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Carl Seibert

7:00PM INDOOR

Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, March 13, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

CANCELLED

10:30AM INDOOR

Jennifer Bentsen, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Bob Nickisher

Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

CANCELLED

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz, Madeline MacMechan

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Sandi Wagaman

Sunday, March 20, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Bruce Wagaman, Sandi Wagaman

Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz
Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Reader: Lacey Edwards

Sunday, March 27, 2022

9:45AM PARKING

Bob Nickisher
Ken Ritter
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Cal Fetherolf



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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Beloved Members of our Synod,

At its January meeting, the Synod Council made the difficult decision to once again hold the Synod Assembly online instead of gathering in person. We know this decision may come as a disappointment to you, and I'd like to explain how the Council came to its decision.

First, please know the decision wasn't easy, nor was it unanimous; however, the decision to move online did pass with an overwhelming majority voting in favor. Initially, many council members, like you, very much wanted to hold the assembly in person and gather as planned in Reading. But in discussion, a few realities just could not be overcome: vaccines were still not available for our youngest children (ages 0-4), a new variant was ushering in extremely high transmission numbers, and our local hospitals were struggling to keep abreast of testing and available beds. Given the swift onset and spread of the Omicron variant, the council wondered at the possibility of a new variant emerging at the time of the Synod Assembly. Like you, we just simply can't see into the future.

The gravity of these unknowns increased when coupled with the fact that there was a significant down payment cost for the facility – a cost we could not recoup even if, for whatever reason, we needed to cancel or downsize the Assembly. Use it, or lose it. As long as I have been chairing Synod Council meetings, I have never witnessed the Council making spendthrift decisions. Each financial decision is taken on deliberately and with care, the council focusing on being good stewards always and in every way. It was, in the end, a financial risk too great to take.

So, once again, we will see you online on June 10th and 11th. But we hope you will find a way to see each other in person, gathering safely in smaller numbers as the situation allows, and enjoying each other's company as we get the business done and see what's happening around our Synod and throughout the ELCA.

Yours in Christ,
Kristen Edelman-Weiner
Vice-President, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod



50TH ANNIVERSARY PARAMENTS

Brenda Stauffer was the catalyst for the new altar and pulpit paraments that were dedicated for our 50th Anniversary. Brenda brought up the idea of creating quilted paraments at the brainstorming session that was held at Prince of Peace in January of 2021. A suggestion was made that the paraments be green so that they would be able to be used during the season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. This is the longest season of the church year and is represented by the color green.

The 50th Anniversary Task Force approved the designs for the paraments, Kim drew the designs out to scale and delivered them to Pam. Pam chose the fabrics and used an appliqué technique to create them. Brenda kept communicating with everyone to make sure the new paraments were completed on time for their dedication on January 16, 2022.

[VIEW FULL STORY HERE](#)

**BOOK STUDY:
WAKING UP WHITE**

The Racial Justice Team (a part of the Witness & Service Ministry Team) invites you to participate in a 5-part online Lenten book study, beginning Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm and continuing the next 4 Monday nights at 7 on Zoom. Contact Samantha Drennan for more information!

**STEWARDSHIP
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**JUNE 18, 2022
TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, LANSDALE
AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)**



Save the date **SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2022**
June 10-11
Virtual

The Rev. Nelson Quinones, Dean
The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop

610-653-5858
610-704-5133

Elizabeth Leibenguth, Mission District Chair
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor

484-550-0057
610-437-9927

April 2022 LMD NL news will be due March 17, 2022. 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.**

CROP Thank You

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise **\$27201.47** to help our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen will each receive over \$3400 for their vital ministries.

Please Save These Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk: Sun., Oct. 9, 2022,**
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. 28, 2022,
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://cwsglobal.org/>

Luther Crest is expanding, and adding 72 new one- and two-bedroom apartments!

Soon, more people will be able to enjoy senior living at its finest! Luther Crest has been the #1 choice for retirement living in the Lehigh Valley since 1983, offering seniors an active and thriving lifestyle and peace of mind knowing that additional health care services are offered right on the Luther Crest campus. Our new independent living building will be called Greenwood in celebration of our spectacular on-campus nationally accredited arboretum. Greenwood will feature 72 spacious, modern apartments ranging in size from 920 to 1900 square-feet. Floorplans include one- and two-bedroom options, all with an abundance of amenities and designer features. Call us today to find out more at 610-391-8229 or check out our web site at luthercrestseniorliving.org.

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:434-3943) for more information.

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

E C C L E S I A S T E S 3 : 2 0

March 2, 2022

**Dear Lehigh Mission District.
Renewal**

Perhaps you, like me, have gone through this experience: You are typing an article on the computer. Suddenly the computer screen freezes. That's when I shout: ¡Ay bendito! OMG! and other Spanish phrases.

To further complicate matters, the apps won't open, no email access, no music access. Nothing. Here's where I go full bilingual. The deadline for newsletter articles and reports is looming around the corner.

I try to figure out the problem. Was it a virus? No. Not a virus! That's all we need — another virus. Maybe it was that update warning but now it's too late for that update.

I anxiously click CTRL + ALT + DEL and hope I do not lose the work. I try again. This time I clicked ESC. Nada happens.

Now I know I have to restart the computer. I hope God hears my inner silent prayer. Did I hit save on my last entry before the screen froze? Oh well. Here we go. Restart.

We know things will not be the same. We may lose part or all of our work but what happens next depends on our frame of mind.

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect." Rom. 12.2

Paul's talk of renewing our mind is like a computer's restart.

Our past experiences cannot be completely deleted. We remember love and tragedy that has befallen us. When triggered, these experiences are rebooted in our mind to affect our treatment of ourselves and others.

Paul's reminder is that God's Spirit directs us to a renewing of our mind to look for God's will, to look for what is good, to look for what is acceptable, to look for what is perfect with the eyes of God.

As the Lenten Season begins, we have an opportunity through the discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to renew our mind.

In this journey we can set aside the mundane and live for the moment in God's Spirit and, in the process, live with one another.

Blessed Lenten Journey,

The Rev Nelson Quiñones,
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Mar 16, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – THE SOUND OF MUSIC

- The beloved musical that celebrates family, love, and perseverance?! The inspirational story follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain Von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire Von Trapp family must make a moral decision. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and the title number, The Sound of Music won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. Family Style luncheon at the Fulton Steamboat Inn.

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

Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Feb. 24, 2022

May 11, 2022 (Wed.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – A FEW GOOD MEN

- You can't you handle the truth? Who can forget that line from Jack Nicholson in the movie of the same name? From the creator of *The West Wing* and *The Newsroom*, comes *A Few Good Men*. One woman fighting for her place in a world of men, two teenage marines accused of murder, and a world in which lives and nations hang on the precision of orders followed. But if lives depend on following orders, where do you draw the line? See the hard-hitting drama that launched Aaron Sorkin's brilliant career. Lunch at Georgine's.

MENU CHOICES – PRIME RIB AU JUS, GRILLED NORWEGIAN SALMON, CHICKEN PARMESAN, BONELESS STUFFED CAPON

Please indicate your choice at the time of booking your trip.

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

Cost \$96 Payment Deadline: Thurs. April 14, 2022

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September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.)– CHICAGO 7 Days/6 nights