

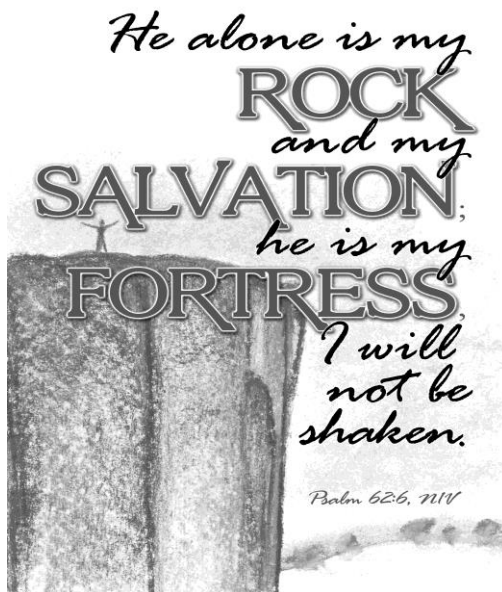
# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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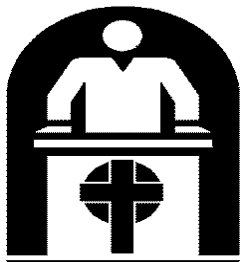
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Dear Members and Friends,

There once was a wise and beloved king who cared greatly for his people. Periodically, he would disguise himself and wander through the streets, trying to see life from their perspective.

One day he disguised himself as a poor villager and went to visit the public baths. Many people were enjoying the baths. The water for the baths

was heated by a furnace in the cellar, where one man was responsible for maintaining the comfort level of the water. The king made his way to the basement to visit with the man who tirelessly tended the fire.

The two men shared a meal together, and the king befriended this lonely man. Day after day, week in and week out, the king went to visit the fire tender. The man in the cellar soon became close to his strange visitor because he came down to the basement where he was. No one else ever had showed that much caring or concern.

One day the king revealed his true identity to his friend. It was a risky move, for he feared that the man might ask him for special favors or a gift. Instead, the king's friend looked into his eyes and said, "You left your comfortable palace to sit with me in this hot and dingy cellar. You ate my meager food and genuinely showed you cared about what happens to me. On other people you might bestow rich gifts, but to me you have given the greatest gift of all. You gave me the gift of yourself."

Is that not the message of Easter? God, the one who rules in our lives, gave himself to us in the person Jesus as a gift, the gift of forgiveness, life, and salvation. He comes to us in the Word of the gospel and in the sacrament of Holy Communion. He is the resurrected Jesus given to us in love that has no bounds.

Hallelujah! Enjoy the Easter blessings!

Pastor Miller

# LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – UKRAINE

**To date (April 19<sup>th</sup>) you have contributed \$1,453.00 to this effort.** Two churches in Wisconsin put up \$422,000 to be matched for Ukraine. It was matched within weeks from contributions from Lutheran churches around the country, totaling \$844,000, plus whatever was contributed over that amount through Easter. Thank you for your generous help. Your continued love will get cash directly into the hands of refugees and support the incredible partners, **including other Lutheran congregations near Ukraine** that are welcoming neighbors with loving arms.

**There are 3.6+ million people from Ukraine fleeing to other countries** (2.1 million to Poland, 317,000 to Moldova, 324,000 to Hungary, 555,000 to Romania, 257,000 to Slovakia). Lutheran World Relief is committing \$4 million to respond to this crisis and are on the ground working with partners in and around Ukraine to rapidly develop programming plans based on short- and long-term goals. They are providing emergency funds to Ukrainian families in Poland. Cash is distributed through Lutheran churches in South Poland. Personal Care kits and quilts were air-lifted from a warehouse in Dubai. With help from other similar partners, they are supporting critical health needs through the provision of medical supplies or support for emergency medical services such as:

- Providing food, shelter, and other critically needed items
- Distributing emergency funds to refugees

## AFFIRMATION OF MARRIAGE



Many couples affirm their marriage vows on significant anniversaries. We are giving couples an opportunity to do that here at St. Paul's. The brief order for "Affirmation of Marriage" will take place during the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. regular worship service on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> of this year. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary or any wedding anniversary and would like to participate, please let Pastor Miller know.

## BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2022. Bulletin sponsorships will be for both 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 \$22.00 or both vases are \$44.00. 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.

## USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For the 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](mailto:stepbillwagaman@rcn.com) or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

## IRONPIGS GAME



Announcing the IronPigs game, Sunday, July 24, 2021. Game time is 5:35 p.m. Gates open at 4:15 p.m. We again will be in the PenTeleData 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Party Porch. We have a limit of 30 tickets and the price is \$37.00. Mark your calendars. A signup sheet will be on the table in the Narthex or you can call the church office at 610-398-7000.

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

## Upcoming Events:

### NEPA W-ELCA Convention

The board is moving the convention to September 10<sup>th</sup> this year. They are currently looking for a venue for the event.

### FALL FUN AND SERVICE PROJECT

If there is an event, it will be in October.

Our Bible study on April 13<sup>th</sup> was the fourth of the series by author Mark Allan Powell entitled *The Kingdom of God: Looking into the future. Living forever with God.*

We discussed what our idea of the realm beyond death would be like; what a perfect world would be like; would it just be a matter of time before we or others caused the perfect world to be broken; would we know our loved ones in a different way; and that there will be a happy ending in our future kingdom of God's perfect world.

Please join us on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for the latest updates on what the board is doing and another Bible study.

## 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](mailto:ggaliardo@aol.com) for any more information.

## BASKET SOCIAL NEWS

Thanks to all who have made baskets thus far! At last count we have 20 baskets for our Basket Social event scheduled for September 17, 2022. If you picked up a basket theme ticket – check the due date. Our first round of basket tickets have a due date **April 24**, and the second round of basket tickets have a due date of **May 29**.

If you are interested in putting together a basket, below is a list of suggestions for basket themes. If you are currently coming to inside worship, check out the table in Narthex where you can pick up a ticket for making one of our themed baskets; don't forget to put your name on the sign-up sheet. If you are not currently coming inside church and would like to make a basket, let a committee member know what you plan to make.

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Baby Girl        | Holiday-Themed Paper Products |
| Bar-B-Q          | Home Décor                    |
| Build-A-Sundae   | House-Warming                 |
| Candles          | Jewelry                       |
| Candy Lovers     | Lottery Tickets               |
| Car Wash         | Music                         |
| Chef/Kitchen     | Mystery                       |
| Chocolate Lovers | Outdoor Games                 |
| Cook Books       | Rainy Day                     |
| Date Night       | Spa/Bath and Body             |
| Fidget           | Sports Team                   |
| Fitness          | Taco Night                    |
| Game Night       | Tools                         |
| Halloween        |                               |

In addition, we are planning to have “special” baskets which will be bigger and more valuable than the regular baskets. Our special basket themes are **1) Crockpot, 2) Eagles Merchandise, 3) Fire Pit, and 4) Yeti Cooler**. We also plan to have a big-ticket item which will be a laptop computer, as well as gift cards from local businesses and individuals.

If you would rather not make a basket, we are accepting donation of items - new or nearly new items are preferred. **And we are especially in need of baskets themselves. So if you have a stash of empty baskets that you can spare, please bring them to church - we will put them to good use.** We are also accepting cash donations to offset expenses – there is a donations jar on the table in the Narthex.

**Basket Social Committee Members:**

Sharon Bortz  
Anita Eisenhard  
Peggy Kern  
Diane Kropf  
Pastor Miller

Frank Szukics  
Judy Szukics  
Becky Theodore  
Steph Wagaman

## **WE REMEMBER**

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



## THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your food donation of 194 pounds of canned and other much needed items given on 4/12/22. Your donation allows us to keep our shelves stocked with items that we know our clients appreciate. It also allows our budget for purchasing food to be stretched a little further.

Your support enables us to provide food assistance to 800+ low-income households in the Allentown area every month. Your donation helps us provide vital food resources throughout the year and especially during these critical months of the COVID-19 crisis. Last year alone the Food Bank served over 28,000 people. A recent Penn State University study reports 'over 12% of PA households were experiencing hunger at the end of 2020'.

Our Food Bank serves over 24,000 people each year. Each visit provides our clients with enough groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for a short period. It is with the generous donations, such as yours, that allow us to continue to serve those who are food insecure in our community.

There is no way to aptly express our gratitude for your support. The staff and over 150 volunteers at the Food Bank are continually in awe of our community support and generosity as demonstrated through your donation. YOU are helping us make a difference!

With sincere gratitude,  
Jennifer Kelley  
AAEFB Volunteer

## OUR FUN-LOVING GOD

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall



## 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.



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| 1 Sue Bellucci     | 13 Kelly Whitt         |
| 6 Helen Post       | 17 Peggy Apgar         |
| 7 Carol Weiser     | 17 Carole Beck         |
| 8 Bob Bruchak      | 18 Kyana Maslany       |
| 8 Dave Feierstein  | 18 Kelly Morgenstern   |
| 11 Aubrie Pavlacka | 22 Sophia Mesko        |
| 11 Peggy Saylor    | 25 Michael Morgenstern |
| 11 Jeff Waltemyer  | 25 Joe Thompson        |



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| 1 Susan & Al Ferguson          |
| 8 Ken & Janine Ritter          |
| 9 Nick & Sue Bellucci          |
| 14 Ryan & Monica Parker        |
| 18 Margaret & Ray Stoudt       |
| 21 Anthony & Katie Pisauo      |
| 23 John & Heather Caricari     |
| 24 Rosalie & Timothy Gallagher |
| 24 Amy & Joe Williams          |
| 27 Ethan & Vanessa Eiswerth    |
| 27 Rob & Kelly Whitt           |
| 29 David & Patrice Walters     |

## **JESUS LEADS US INTO HEAVEN**

On Thursday after the sixth Sunday of Easter — May 26 in 2022 — the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. John Donne (1571-1631) wrote the poem “Ascension,” which contains an important reminder: When Jesus returned to his Father, it was the culmination of all he had done to prepare the path to heaven for us.

... Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son ...

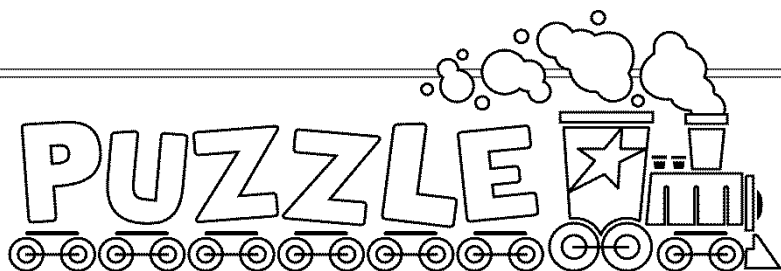
He first enters the way.

O strong Ram, which hast batter’d heaven for me!

Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark’d the path!

Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see! ...

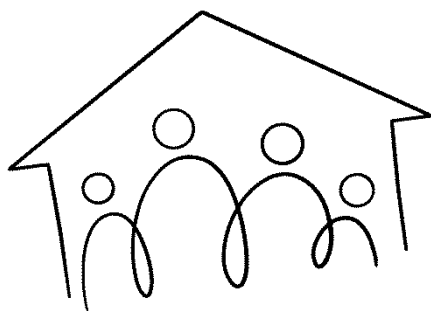
May we follow our strong-yet-mild, brightly shining Savior into God’s eternal presence.



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



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|----------|--------|--------|
| son      | mother | father |
| daughter | honor  | home   |
| respect  | family | obey   |
|          | love   |        |

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the L \_ RD \_ \_ ou \_ God i \_ givi \_ g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS  
MAY 15, 2022**

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





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Organist/Choir Director ..... Ms. Judy Noll  
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

# May 2022 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                              | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
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| <b>15 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                                                       | <b>16</b><br>9:30 a.m.-Bible Study                                                                                                                             | <b>17</b><br><b>ELECTION DAY</b> | <b>18</b>                                                                                         | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>9:00 a.m.-NEPA WELCA<br>Meeting<br><br><b>Armed Forces Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
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| <b>29 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship                                                                                     | <b>30</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b><br><br><b>MEMORIAL<br/>DAY</b> | <b>31</b>                        |                                                                                                   |           |           | <div> <div>June 2022</div> <table> <tr> <td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr> <td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr> <td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr> <td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |
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# **PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

## **May 2022**

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month – Bruce Wagaman 610-504-7589

### **Sunday, May 1, 2022**

#### **9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

#### **10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Frank Bennighoff, Cal Fetherolf

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Peggy Saylor

**Communion Bread:** Pat Spencer

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Sandi Wagaman

### **Sunday, May 15, 2022**

#### **9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

#### **10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

**Altar Guild:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Communion Bread:** Bob Bruchak

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** Peggy Kern

### **Sunday, May 8, 2022**

#### **9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

#### **10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Anita Eisenhard, Ken Ritter

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Communion Bread:** Ken & Janine Ritter

**Lay Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen

### **Sunday, May 22, 2022**

#### **9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

#### **10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Lacey Edwards, Amy Williams

**Altar Guild:** Amy Williams

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Melanie Dimovitz

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Lacey Edwards

### **Sunday, May 29, 2022**

#### **9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

#### **10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Madeline MacMechan, Carl Seibert

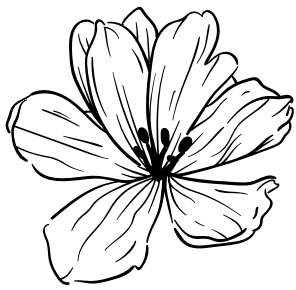
**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Cal Fetherolf

**Communion Bread:** Madeline MacMechan

**Lay Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Reader:** Bob Nickisher



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD NEWS

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## What's it like to be a Pastoral Intern in NEPA?

By Melissa Hrdlicka

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It is hard to believe I have been on internship with Common Ground Recovery Community for nine months already! My time with Common Ground has been a deep blessing to me and to my education. I have witnessed the presence of God in the open vulnerable sharing during our Wednesday worship, in the heartfelt reverent “thank you’s” when serving communion and meals in downtown Reading and in our study of the scriptures and 12-steps. Common Ground truly is a place of radical love and where God’s grace embraces our brokenness.

As part of my internship project, I invited our worshiping communities and ministry partners to reflect on these three questions: What does Common Ground mean to you? What does community mean to you? And where do you see God here and in the world? They then drew on white cotton squares that will be sewn together to make an altar cloth to fit all of our communion tables. The responses were profound and beautiful!

There are drawings of stick figures holding hands around the globe, animals peacefully living together, a place of refuge in the storm and in the desert, flowers, hearts, and crosses. There are phrases like, “Freedom, break the chains”, “God is love”, “We are better together”, “Never give up hope because there is hope in everything”, and so much more on these 33 squares!

As these squares are knit together to make one, we are reminded that God weaves all of us together in a tapestry of love to bring warmth, comfort, grace, and peace to a weary world! May we live out this good news and may it spill over into thanksgiving! (Colossians 2:2-7)



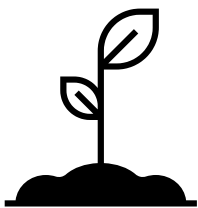
## TOGETHER

Our 2022 Assembly will be held online on June 10-11. Each congregation is entitled to bring two voting members.

Register on the synod website today!

[Godslove.org](http://Godslove.org)

## STEWARDSHIP EXTRAVAGANZA



**JUNE 18, 2022**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN  
CHURCH, LANSDALE**

**AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE  
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS  
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)**

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NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

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**FORMATION**  
*Saturdays*

Join us on the 2nd  
**Saturday of every month!**  
(more information on our website)



**APRIL 23 & 24, 2022, 1PM-4PM**

RAIN OR SHINE, BAREBONES EVENT, BRING  
YOUR OWN KNIFE, CUTTING BOARD, DRINKS,  
AND SNACKS. WE'LL BE CUTTING THE SEED  
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June 2022 LMD NL news will be due May 13, 2022. E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**ZOOM Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly (2 Delegates) Sunday, May 1, starting at 4:00 P.M.** - Our guest speaker this year is Dr. John Paul with his presentation on: **Fethullah Gulen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit**. Jon Paul is the Peter Paul and Elizabeth Hagan Professor of the History of Christianity at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg/Philadelphia. He has also taught at Valparaiso, Temple, and Princeton Universities. Jon received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago Divinity School, and is the author or editor of seven books, including the first critical biography in English of the controversial Muslim preacher Fethullah Gulen, entitled *Fethullah Gulen: A Life of Hizmet--Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters to the World*. Jon teaches mostly on-line these days, and lives on a lake in Clintonville, Wisconsin with his wife of 39 years, Lisa, where he enjoys gardening, spending time with extended family and friends, and sitting in on the sax with jazz bands and gospel choirs.

**ZOOM Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly (2 Delegates) - Friday, June 10, starting at 1:00 P.M. - Saturday June 11, ending at 3:00 P.M.**

The **Clothes Closet** is open. 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](mailto:LETalago@StLukesLuth.org). Thank you to all who help contribute things!!



### **CROP Thank You**

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise over **\$30,000** (\$30053.81 as of 2/7/22!) to help Church World Service assist our neighbors in need locally and around the globe, including victims of the **humanitarian crisis in Ukraine**.

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen will each receive over \$3700 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](http://luthercrestseniorliving.org).



Lehigh Mission District Spring Assembly -  
Online  
Sunday, May 1, starting at 4:00 P.M.

Fethullah Gülen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit. Fethullah Gülen, the Turkish Muslim preacher who has inspired the global Hizmet (service) movement, is clearly a reformer of Islam. How does he compare to the greatest (and most notorious) reformer in the history of Christianity, the sixteenth-century German Martin Luther? In this talk, Jon Pahl will draw from his long-familiarity with Luther's life and work, and from his recent biography of Fethullah Gülen, to draw some perhaps surprising parallels between the two theologians, across contexts and traditions. Gülen and Luther share emphases on education, vernacular languages, women's equality before God, and advocacy for the oppressed. Both have reputations for passionate and powerful preaching, a penchant for paradox, and were oppressed by state-religious power. In their own lifetimes, Fethullah Gülen and Martin Luther were vilified, but they leave behind remarkable legacies as creative, faithful, and transformative interpreters of deep tradition, and unmistakable contributions to a more just and free world.

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If you are interested in attending the Spring Mission District Assembly via Zoom, please email Pastor Nelson (nlsqns@gmail.com). The link will automatically be sent to the rostered leaders in the Lehigh Mission District to share with their delegates.

35th Annual Synod Assembly – Online  
June 10-11, 2022

The 35th Annual Assembly of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod will be held online on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11. **REGISTER ONLINE** at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org). Congregations may register all rostered ministers and voting members at one time. The cost for online registration is \$99 per person. *Online registration will be open until midnight, Sunday, May 8.* **REGISTRATION MATERIAL** for the 2022 Synod Assembly will be online ONLY. If you do not have access to the internet you will need to duplicate the registration form and register by mail. Complete one form per person and mail with a check (made payable to Northeastern PA Synod) to 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA, 18109-3044. It must be received at the synod office by Monday, May 9. The cost to register by mail is \$109.00.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS MAY 9.** NO registrations will be accepted in the synod office or by mail after Monday, May 9.

Blessings,  
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,  
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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**June 8, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – MAN OF LA MANCHA**

Man of La Mancha is one of the world's most popular and adventurous musicals. Inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' 17<sup>th</sup> century masterwork *Don Quixote* and set during the Spanish Inquisition, the original 1965 production won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical. Cervantes is in prison awaiting trial during the Spanish Inquisition. He and his fellow prisoners perform a play-within-a-play, telling the story of the elderly Alonso Quijana, who renames himself "Don Quixote". This mad knight goes on a quest to right all wrongs in the world. The rousing, Spanish inflected score includes the classic number "The Impossible Dream. Lunch at the Eden Resort.

**MENU CHOICES – CHICKEN PICCATA, SIRLOIN OF BEEF, PASTA PRIMAVERA**

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

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

**Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Thurs. May 19, 2022**

**June 30, 2022 (Thurs) – DOOLAN'S SHORE CLUB – FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

It's a USO inspired show featuring the comedy and music of Americana from Broadway to San Francisco, from Texas to the Heartland's – including an official flag salute to the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Marines. Enjoy a one-hour open bar Happy Hour before lunch and you don't have to worry about driving home!

**MENU CHOICES – POT ROAST, TURKEY WITH STUFFING OR HERBAL SALMON**

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

**Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:15 AM**

**Cost \$100 Payment Deadline – Thurs., June 16, 2022**

**MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.**

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