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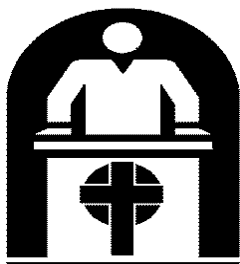
*"I will pour out my Spirit
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV



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Dear Members and Friends,

On June 5th we will celebrate Pentecost. On the day of Pentecost, a rushing wind blew into the place where the followers of Christ were in Jerusalem. Divided tongues as of fire rested on each of them, and people were talking to one another in many different languages about the Gospel of the Lord in the person of the crucified,

risen and ascended Jesus. While we may not experience the entry of the Holy Spirit as dramatically in our lives today, we do get glimpses of Pentecost in many ways.

Taking a walk on an especially windy day can give us insight into the power of the Holy Spirit to move us forward in a certain direction and push us away from those things that threaten to harm us. As the wind from a fan gives us comfort and relief so can relief and comfort come from the Spirit's flow of blessings that passes over us.

Sitting by a warm campfire or fireplace watching the flames flicker and dance is like that beauty of the life-giving force of the Holy Spirit that keeps us energized and inspired to be a warm and caring presence to our neighbor. The fire of God's love burns brightest in our acts of faithful service.

When I was in Europe in 2018, hearing people speak in different languages, was an enlightening experience. The different sounds and inflections used in various languages can provide us with a new response to scripture passages if read in the original language. Even using a different translation of the Bible in English can take us to a deeper place spiritually. May the Spirit continue to speak to you and inspire you to serve Christ in the months ahead.

Pastor Miller

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 19th 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.

ARE YOU READY FOR POT-LUCKS?!

Council decided to resume our pot-luck luncheons and Evangelism Committee has scheduled a luncheon! Our first pot-luck in two plus years is scheduled for June 12th after church services. It will be held outside at the pavilion. We will have volunteers to serve the food (for instance serving from crock pots or other containers) to reduce spread of germs. Grilled hot dogs will be provided. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex for people bringing food so that they can be contacted if the pot-luck is cancelled.

INFORMATION UPDATES

The church keeps a directory of our members' addresses, phone numbers, and emails. If any of that information has changed for you recently, please notify the office at 610-398-7000. We regularly send out emails containing the newsletter so, it is important that we have the correct information.

CONFIRMATION

On June 5th three of our students will experience another stage in their faith journey. Andrew Bruchak, Lacey Edwards, and Mari Eiswerth will affirm their baptism. They will affirm the vows their parents made when they were baptized. We commonly call it confirmation, but it is really an affirmation to continue the vows that were made at their baptism and continue to grow in faith. Congratulations to Andrew, Lacey, and Mari. God bless.

CONFIRMED IN THE FAITH



Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.

BASKET SOCIAL TICKETS

You have been hearing about our Basket Social for some time now. You can get a jump on the event by purchasing tickets ahead of time. We will have tickets available before and after worship at both 9:00am and 10:30am services. Tickets are \$5.00 per card (26 tickets) or \$20.00 for 5 cards if purchased on the day of the event (September 17th). Also, only on the day of the event: SPECIALS - \$5.00 for 6 tickets; GRAND PRIZE - \$1,000.00 Best Buy Gift Card – \$5.00 per ticket.

BASKET SOCIAL NEWS

A **BIG Thank You** to all who have made baskets thus far! At last count we have 37 baskets for our Basket Social event scheduled for September 17, 2022. Note that there are new basket themes on the table, in case you are looking for ideas. Simply pick up a basket theme ticket, and write your name on the sign-up sheet. When you turn in your completed basket, please write down the basket contents on the index card behind the ticket. And many thanks to those who brought in empty baskets for us. We are completely set with empty baskets – no more empties needed!

We are starting to focus on getting gift cards for the basket social. The gift cards will be bid on in the same way as the baskets – using the same tickets. So if you are not into building baskets and would prefer to donate a gift card instead – check out the gift card options on the table in the Narthex. Like the baskets, you can pick up a gift card “ticket” with the name of the organization on it. Don’t forget to write your name on the sign-up sheet. When you purchase the gift card, place the **gift card and the receipt** in the envelope affixed to the ticket, and hand it to a committee member. There are also efforts underway to reach out to organizations for donations of gift cards. If you would like to ask an organization to donate a gift card, see Pastor Miller for a letter about our tax-exempt status. If you get a donated gift card, please mark that on the ticket on the “Donated by” line.

We started selling advanced tickets for the Basket Social event. The tickets are \$5 per card - each card contains 26 tickets - which can be used for bidding on general baskets and gift cards. If purchased in advance, you can buy 5 cards for \$20. At the event, 5 cards will cost \$25. See any committee member for tickets.

Basket Social Committee Members:

Anita Eisenhard
Peggy Kern
Diane Kropf
Pastor Miller

Frank Szukics
Judy Szukics
Becky Theodore
Steph Wagaman

PARISH NURSING NOTES

“JUNE IS MEN’S HEALTH MONTH”

June 2022

Peggy Saylor, RN

June is Men’s Health Month making it a great time to raise awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of diseases. Research has revealed a significant difference between the health of men and women. While the differences are often associated with certain behaviors, it is important to pinpoint major issues so they can be addressed.

Here are some of the facts:

1. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the average life expectancy for a man is five years less than for a woman and over the years, the gap has increased.
2. The top three causes of death for a man continue to be heart disease, cancer and unintentional injuries.
3. Men are twice as likely to die from a heart attack than a woman and significantly more likely to die of cancers than women.
4. Men are less likely to be willing to be treated for mental health issues. The American Psychological Association reports that 30.6% of all men have suffered from depression in their life resulting in a four times likelihood of committing suicide.

While there does not seem to be one reason for the lifespan and health disparity, there are some contributing factors. The Cleveland Clinic reported that in a survey they conducted, only 3 out of 5 men get annual physicals and 40% of men only go to the doctor when they think they have a serious medical condition. An additional factor is that men tend to be employed in higher risk occupations such as firefighting, construction and mining.

This month, I encourage the men and boys in our congregation to follow some recommendations to help you stay healthy.

1. **Stay updated on your vaccinations!** This is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your primary care physician (PCP) can help to keep you on track of all vaccinations recommended for your age. If you do not have a PCP – please get one as soon as possible!!

2. **Do recommended screenings!** Your PCP can keep you on track with these. Screenings for diabetes, liver issues, cholesterol, prostate cancer are age related and your PCP will help you to arrange for these. Routine blood pressure checks and height/weight are part of annual exams.
3. **Lower your stress!** Statistics show that men have more difficulty handling stress than women. One of the reasons for this may be that women tend to have better social networks with a circle of friends in which they can confide. More than half of men say that their health is not something that they talk about. Take the time to identify sources of stress and focus on activities to relieve stress.
4. **Be aware of risky behaviors!** Limiting alcohol intake and not smoking lower the risk of liver disease, heart disease and a wide range of cancers. Be sure to always wear your seatbelts and wear a helmet if riding a motorcycle or bike.
5. **Watch what you eat!** The National Institute of Health (NIH) reports that more than 60% of adult American men are overweight or obese leading to heart disease, type 2 diabetes and breathing disorders. Try to limit your intake of salt and processed foods. Focus on lean meats, vegetables and fruit. Foods with high fat and carbohydrate content should be limited. Types of these foods are white bread, pasta, pizza, fried foods, processed meats, fast foods and sweets. To balance a healthy lifestyle, try to exercise for about 30 minutes three to four times a week.

The men in our lives are very important to us. Please consider the recommendations above for yourself and for the loved ones in your life!

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 or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

IRONPIGS GAME



Announcing the IronPigs game, Sunday, July 24, 2022. Game time is 5:35 p.m. Gates open at 4:15 p.m. We again will be in the PenTeleData 3rd 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 10th this year. They are currently looking for a venue for the event.

SUMMER MEETINGS

We will meet over the summer on the second Wednesday of the month.

June 8, July 13, August 10.

FOOD BANK

Someone volunteered to schedule our group to assist one day a month at the food bank.

Our Bible study on May 11th was actually a devotional on *Across the generations* One act of welcome can beget another. It was in 5 different acts.

Ketchup's Find by Sarah Carson – how her friend Nancy found a quiet place while rescuing the family cat they left behind while on vacation.

Hospitality in the Time of Covid-19 by Ralen Robinson – how she was received in her first congregation during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Spilled Tea by Violet Little – how a grandmother was made to feel at ease over spilling a pot of tea with her grandson.

The Beauty of Peace by Anna Madsen – how sharing of the peace at a Methodist church made her see God.

Unexpected Kindness by Helen Hollingsworth – how the pastor not showing for tea with visitors disappointed her; but the help she received to fix her flat tire in the parking lot by the assistant pastor made her feel like she did matter.

The Heart of My Inner 9-year-old by Denise Rector – how welcoming a future church leader can reach their inner 9-year-old.

One More Story About Nancy by Sarah Carson - when you share your life and love with others, it makes a lasting impression for years to come.

Please join us on June 8th at 9:30 a.m. for the latest updates on what the board is doing and another Bible study; Crafted in Christ....Session one... A summer of rest and renewal by Katie Hines-Shah.

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.

A STANDUP GUY

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used “dad jokes” to lift neighbors’ spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation. Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to “find happiness again” and share it. For Father’s Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I’ll let you know.

What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous \$1,453.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting ... or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.

Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you would like to find inspiring stories of the life-changing work your donations make possible, visit their website at lwr.org.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)

President and (CEO)

Lutheran World Relief

Greetings from Bear Creek Camp!

Thank you so much for your gift to Bear Creek Camp! Your contribution means every camper will have the opportunity to experience the faith, sun and community here at Bear Creek Camp.

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Lutheran Congregational Services

Your gift helps strengthen relationship and build capacity to serve the most vulnerable in our midst. Together we build the resiliency of the Gospel so that our congregations proclaim clearly that God is always bringing forth renewal and hope.

Gratefully Yours,

Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach

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 Matthew Bruchak
 3 Sharon Bortz
 5 Sandy Huegel
 6 Paul Trainor
 8 Heather Caricari
 9 Vanessa Eiswerth
 9 Sandi Wagaman
 12 Cathy Waltemyer
 14 Sandy Bennighoff
 16 Christine Nemeh

19 Baileigh Mount
 19 Keith Theodore
 21 Sydney Mesko
 24 Tracy Grammes
 25 Jerry Sedlak
 27 Shirley Binkley
 27 Emilia Whitt
 29 Becky Theodore
 30 Mari Eiswerth



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

FUNERAL

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Ginny Wingard on April 27.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

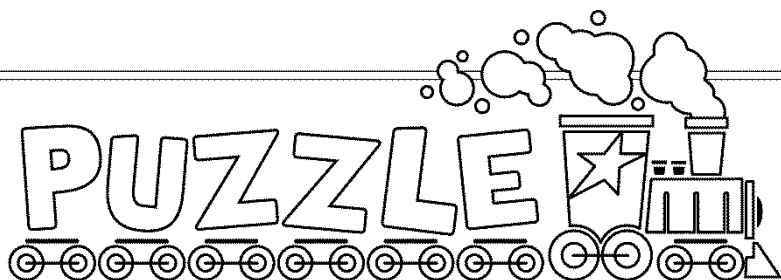
The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Ginny Wingard:

Rosemary Lehman



On Sunday, May 22, 2022 we received the following people as members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church:

Mary Cunningham, Irene Figner, George and Julie Sanchez, and Mark Strauss.



A **powerful** CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

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“But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____.”
 ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S BIRTHDAY



On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

GRATEFUL PEOPLE ARE JOYFUL PEOPLE

In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. "Think again," he says. "Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us feel "happy" and enjoy life again. Also, "joy" is perhaps a more fitting word than "happiness"; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we're sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, "Grateful people are joyful people."

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
JUNE 12, 2022**

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



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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

June 2022 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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| 5 The DAY of PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.-Worship 10:30 a.m.-Worship  | 6 9:30 a.m.-Bible Study 1:00 p.m. – Worship and Music Committee | 7 . | 8 9:30 a.m.-W-ELCA 7:00 p.m.-Council | 9 6:00 p.m.-Card Crafters | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 The HOLY TRINITY 9:00 a.m.-Morning Bells 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 10:30 a.m.-Worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 13 9:30 a.m.-Bible Study | 14  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2022 *(REVISED SCHEDULE)*

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Zac Dimovitz 484-560-4858

NAMES IN BOLD MEAN THEY ARE A SUBSTITUTE

Sunday, June 5, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Frank Bennighoff, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Lisa Newhard

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, June 19, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Melanie Dimovitz, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Lacey Edwards

Sunday, June 12, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf

Communion Bread: Madeline MacMechan

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, June 26, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Dick Hartley, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



Gaining Strength: Stronger Together

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...” [Isaiah 43:2] This is the promise God made to the people of Israel, in a time when the whole nation was suffering the consequences of their turning away from their primary mission: to love God and love neighbor – especially, neighbors with the least advantages, status and resources. For our time, our church, and our synod, one of our most troubling issues is the sin of racism. Isaiah goes on to say: “Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!” [Is. 43:8] This speaks to the first step to take into those troubled waters: opening our eyes and ears to see and listen – with minds and hearts willing to go beneath the smooth surface and stir up the stories and truths that, though troubling, will clear the way for God “to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” [Is. 43:19]

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

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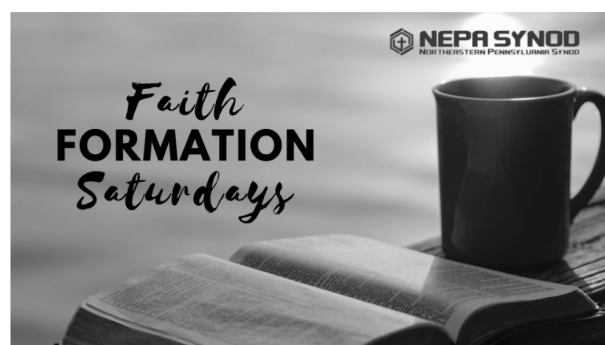
On May 22, 2021, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod hosted a virtual conference called “Trouble the Water,” an inaugural day of racial justice worship and workshops. The goal of this event was to help our congregations to be more welcoming to Black, indigenous, and people of color; and to focus on racial justice and reconciliation within our churches, communities, and synod.

Participants were welcomed with a brief introduction to what we hoped to accomplish, and a request for participants to join us in that troubled water – to be willing to experience the discomfort caused by the ripples, and to plan to ride the waves of change and progress that we hoped to create. The organizers started with a land acknowledgment, acknowledged our shared national history of racism and discrimination, and explained that such historical acknowledgment was not about blaming us as individuals today, but about understanding how we came to be where we are in order to understand how to move forward together.

Next, we all worshiped together with song, prayer, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Thomas on “The Sins of Racism.” Following worship, The Reverend CeCee Mills delivered an incredibly powerful keynote address, and after that two sets of concurrent workshops were offered. The first set of workshop options included Understanding Microaggressions, Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Engagement, Understanding Implicit Bias, and a presentation on the community organizing group POWER Northeast. The second set of workshops included Seeing and Disrupting Racism; Understanding White Privilege; and Church Together (led by ELCA Director of Racial Justice Jennifer De Leon).

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The “Trouble the Water” event provided important space for honest, difficult conversation: wrestling with systemic racism and naming our complicity in a broken, inequitable system. Your gifts cultivate a Synod culture that listens to the stories of all people and actively works towards reflecting the Kingdom of God. Our ELCA has a mission of encountering 1 million new, young, and diverse people with the Good News in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support. It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission. + Rev. Rachael Dietz



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

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 The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop

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July/August 2022 LMD NL news will be due June 15, 2022.

E-Mail any information to me at
lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Games on the Lawn – Saturday, **June 4, 2022, 1:00 p.m.** rain or shine. St Mark Lutheran Church, 201 E Juniata St, Allentown, PA 18103. ****See attached flyer****

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.**

Yard and Bake Sale – Saturday, **June 11, 2022, 8-1:00 p.m.** (rain date, Saturday June 18th). St Mark Lutheran Church, 201 E Juniata St, Allentown, PA 18103. ****See attached flyer****

LMD ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING - This year the Ingathering will be Wednesday, **December 7, 2022**. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. In Emmaus. Please mark your calendars - Thank you

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/>

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. Thank you to all who help contribute things!!

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.



Lehigh Mission District Annual Assembly Highlights

Dear Rostered Leaders and Lehigh Mission District,
On Sunday, May 1, 2022, the Lehigh Mission District Annual Spring Assembly was held online.

We welcomed Dr. Jon Pahl, our guest speaker. Dr. Pahl's presentation was "Fethullah Gülen and Martin Luther: Reformers across Contexts and Traditions, but a Shared Spirit." The Turkish Muslim preacher's importance can be attested from Dr. Pahl's title book, "Fethullah Gülen: A Life of Hizmet, Why a Muslim Scholar in Pennsylvania Matters To The World."

Gülen's importance was a topic of discussion during the Trump's administration trying to extradite the Muslim cleric back to Turkey. Dr. Pahl's book is a helpful resource to learn about this Turkish Muslim Reformer's life and what it means to Lutherans in Pennsylvania.

During the spring assembly meeting the following people were re-elected to the Lehigh Mission District Council:

Dean - Rev. Nelson Quiñones

Chairwoman - Elizabeth Leibenguth

Secretary - Catherine Mordosky

Treasurer - Leslie Talago

Synod Council Representative - Joshua Fink

Member at Large - Audra Berner

On behalf of the LMD Council, we want to express our gratitude for your confidence in re-electing us for a second term.

I value your attendance to the monthly ZOOM talks with guest speakers and your support and interest in the topics. Your presence has made it possible to continue our monthly meetings in the Lehigh Mission District.

While we continue to be vigilant in being safe during this pandemic, it is my hope that when we regroup we can begin to meet in person. To this end, our Rostered Leaders Meeting in the fall is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st, starting at 9:30 A.M. at the Lutheran Center, Allentown.

I look forward to seeing you in person at our September Rostered Leaders meeting.

Blessed Pentecost Season,

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean

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

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' 17TH 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