

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



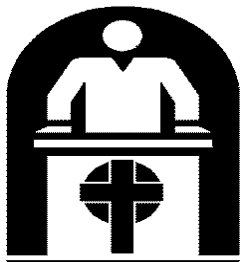
SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Members and Friends,

“According to an ancient story, there were four men walking through a woods when, suddenly, they came across a high wall. Intrigued, they built a ladder to see what was on the other side. When the first man climbed to the top, he cried in delight. The same thing happened with both the second and the third men. When the fourth

reached the top, he smiled at what he saw: lush, green gardens with fruit trees of every kind, streams teeming with fish, and animals, wild and tame. But he then thought of his family, friends, and neighbors and went back to share with them the good news he had discovered.” (From *Stories and Parables for Preachers and Teachers*, Paul J. Wharton)

This is a simple but timeless story. Isn't that the message of Easter? Go and tell. During this season of Pentecost, we read in scripture how Jesus is revealed to us and how the gospel has affected so many lives. We come to church to hear and experience God's Good News. As the story above illustrates, we then go and tell others of the Good News. Go and tell. That's our mission.

Pastor Miller

CHURCH OFFICE



The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of The Fourth of July.

VBS



We will not have Vacation Bible School this year at St. Paul's.

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS SEAFARER'S PROJECT IN 2022

Just an update on the Seafarer's Project. As you know, in addition to making hats/cowls, we are also planning to put together 12 Christmas satchels for the seafarers. A satchel will contain a sweatshirt, t-shirt, socks, and a snack item in addition to a wool hat and cowl. Judy Noll and I recently purchased 12 sweatshirts and 14 T-shirts for the satchels using the Thrivent grant money. In fall, we will ask the congregation for donations of socks and snack items.

Thank you to those of you who agreed to make hats and cowls again this year. So far I have the following people down for making hats and cowls: Patti Everett, Carole Fiori, Peggy Kern, Judy Noll, Daisy Pearson, Sandi Wagaman, Steph Wagaman, and Irene Wenz. If anyone else is interested, please let either Peggy or me know.

I included some pics of hats and cowls (so far) on our Thrivent Project Web page – check it out. [Seafarer's Christmas At Sea \(cotribute.co\)](https://cotribute.co)

We are hoping to have a working session one Sunday after church, maybe on a potluck Sunday. Stay tuned.

Steph Wagaman
Peggy Kern

YARD SALE



We will be having our annual Yard Sale on July 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. It will be inside if it rains. \$10.00 per space. First paid, first served. Refreshments available.

BASKETS ‘R’ US

Once again, a very **BIG Thank You** to all who have made baskets! At last count we have **60+ baskets** for the Basket Social event scheduled for September 17, 2022. The last of the basket theme suggestions



are on the table. If you picked up a basket ticket, please bring your basket to church by the due date on the ticket. Also, many thanks to those who brought in empty baskets for us. We are completely set with empty baskets – no more empties needed!

If you 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.” 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 provided, and hand it to a committee member. There are 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 are also looking for donations of **paper products**. At the event, everyone who brings a non-perishable food item will automatically have a chance to win the basket of paper products. Drop paper products (or any other items you wish to donate) in the box in the Narthex.

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.

Check out our [Basket Social](#) Web site and the event on [Facebook](#).

Basket Social Committee Members: Carol Derr-Breinig, Melanie Dimovitz, Anita Eisenhard, Peggy Kern, Diane Kropf, Pastor Miller, Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics, Becky Theodore, Steph Wagaman.

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.

ALLENTOWN ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK HAS MOVED

After a long pause, the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank is open once more. It has relocated from Alliance Hall at 6th and Chew Sts. to 417 N. 14th St. with off street parking. Clients actually shop with the help of a volunteer who guides them through the aisles. It actually resembles a mini-mart!

We are looking for 3 volunteers to help the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month from 8:45am to noon. If you are interested, contact Daisy Pearson. Questions can be directed to Alice Bastian or Daisy, who were the first volunteers to experience the new facility on June 9th.

Daisy Pearson
610-285-0144 (H)
610-509-4905 (C)
epearson@ptd.net

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 in advance. At the door, the price will be \$25.00 for 5 cards. 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.



Mark Strauss became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 22nd. The following is a bio sketch to get to know Mark a little better:

He grew up in the Greenawalds section of South Whitehall Township and graduated from Parkland High School in 1982. He is a retired electrician. Mark moved to West Virginia 10 years ago and recently returned to care for his aging parents and to be closer to his 2 children.

He has a son, Skylar, age 28 with a grandson, Greyson, age 3 and daughter, Kristen, age 30 with a granddaughter, Peyton, age 5.

We welcome Mark to the congregation.

THE MINISTRY OF QUILTING AND OF MENDING HEARTS

To sew is to pray. ... We mend ... turn things inside out and set things right. We salvage what we can of human garments and piece the rest into blankets. Sometimes our stitches stutter and slow. ... Other times the tension in the stitches might be too tight because of tears, but only we know what emotion went into the making.

—Louise Erdrich, *Four Souls*

PARISH NURSING NOTES

“Swimming Safety Tips”

July/August 2022

Peggy Saylor, RN

Now that the summer season is here, it is a suitable time to review some swimming safety tips. Latest news reports expressed concern regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on swimming safety. With the recent shutdowns, lifeguard training and recertifications were put on hold. Swimming lessons for children were cancelled. These two facts contribute to concerns over swimming safety over the summer. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the leading cause of accidental death in children ages 1 – 4 is drowning. It is also the second leading cause of accidental death in children ages 5 – 9 years of age.

Listed are some tips regarding swimming safety:

1. First, teach children how to swim. Lessons are available privately or at many community pools. Another important lesson is to teach kids on how to get out of the water. One drill that can be done is to have the child jump, turn, swim back to the wall and get out. This simulates the incident of falling into the water, identifying the closet wall which is usually behind the child and then how to climb out properly.
2. Always have a designated water watcher. This should be someone who is not distracted by conversations, reading materials or their phone. Do not assume in a large group that there is someone watching, always designate someone. It is suggested that after 15 minutes a different adult is designated to prevent “watcher burn-out.”
3. Never let your child swim alone regardless of their ability. As my grandmother used to say, “you can drown in a teacup full of water.”
4. Drowning does not always look like the preconceived vision of drowning. Drowning is often silent and can occur in less than five minutes. It is suggested that children not play games that involve holding their breath underwater for extended periods.
5. If someone is struggling in water, do not jump in the water to save them. Instead throw a life jacket or use something to reach them.
6. Instruct your children not to swim or play around pool drains or suction outlets.

7. Wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when participating in water activities or boating. Simply having the life jacket on board is not enough protection.
8. Always swim in designated areas where there is a lifeguard, especially at the ocean due to various depths of water and rip currents.

Have a wonderful safe summer and have fun!

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

For Christianity and democracy to work, both need responsible citizens. Consider what happens to a republic when its citizens won't run for public office, won't vote, won't work for the common good, duck paying taxes and mistreat others. Now consider what happens when Christians won't volunteer at the church, won't give, won't practice their faith, won't love their neighbors. Both our country and our faith need sincere practitioners. Nationally, we need a citizenry committed to making the ideals of liberty the practices of life in America. Christianity needs followers of Jesus committed to making the ideals of God's kingdom the practices of daily life.

This is not an either-or situation. Christians everywhere are citizens of two countries, one on earth and one in eternity. The kingdom of God is not yet fully come, but it's already in effect. Our two citizenships can neither be fully united nor fully separated. We cannot withdraw from the world and pretend we are somehow dwelling only in the kingdom of God now; nor can we simply embrace the world and assume earthly governments fulfill God's will. Those are extremes, and they are unbiblical.

—from a sermon by Stan Purdum

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD

Upcoming Events:

NEPA W-ELCA Convention – *SAVE THE DATE*

The board has booked a meeting site for our September 10, 2022 convention.

The Lutheran Center 2354 Grove Road Allentown, PA 18109-3044 (610) 266-5101.

SUMMER MEETINGS

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

FOOD BANK

Our group has volunteers to go to the food bank the second Thursday of the month. Please see Daisy Pearson if you would like to volunteer.

Our Bible study on May 8th was Crafted in Christ, Session one, A summer of rest and renewal by Katie Hines-Shah. This Bible study uses the concept of quilting to explore themes of community and sabbath. The quilting concepts and terms help us delve into the specifics of Christian life and community and reimagine what we may become for Christ.

Please join us on July 13th at 9:30 a.m. for the latest updates from the board and another Bible study; Crafted in Christ....by Katie Hines-Shah; and then again on August 10th.

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.

GOD AMONG THE RUBBLE

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you, on behalf of The Lehigh Conference of Churches, for your recent contribution of \$300 on 5/12/2022, to support our neighbors in need.

For over 65 years, we have brought together area faith organizations like yours to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable while building partnerships and fostering unity. With you, we can carry out the work of God well beyond our collective walls, providing housing, hope and healing to those who need it most. This most generous gift allows us to continue our work with more than 14,000 individuals and families in the Lehigh Valley living in poverty.

The Conference is most grateful for your support. I look forward to continuing and deepening our partnership in ministry.

Faithfully,

Pastor Genie Watson/Ecumenical Associate

NUPTIAL LOLS

When Outreach magazine asked pastors for their most embarrassing mistakes during wedding ceremonies, the responses took the cake. Hundreds of clergy 'fessed up about dropping rings, using the wrong names and even driving to the wrong venue. Have a laugh at these "I do" don'ts!

- I asked the groom if he promised to leave his wife and cleave to all others. Before I could correct it, he said, "I do."
- Due to a bulletin typo, the Bible reading from 1 John was listed as John 4:16-19. In those verses, Jesus tells the woman at the well, "...for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband."
- I accidentally read, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and money and be united to his wife."
- While praying, I meant to say, "Lord, please bless this marriage." The word *message* started to come out instead, and I tried to stop it. Unfortunately, the result was "Lord, please bless this mess."
- I asked the groom, "Do you take this wedded woman to be your wife?"

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.



5 John Kropf	25 Kim Bruchak
6 Dorothy O'Conors	25 Sienna Burley
10 Kathy Maslany	25 Kylee Maslany
14 Briana Mironov	28 Anita Eisenhard
15 Melody Pavlacka	28 John Thomas
15 Patrice Walters	28 Earl Wenz
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21 Ed Pearson	



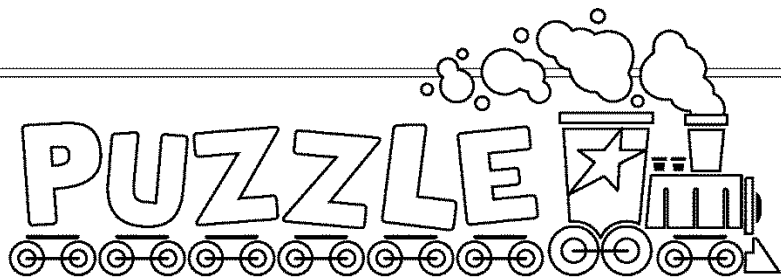
16 Bob & Kim Pearson
21 Mark & Kathy Maslany
22 Kim & Shawn Sicher
24 Jeremy & Jennifer Schmoyer
30 Bob & Donna Nickisher



4 Robert Bastian	12 Gloria Selig
4 Michele Rampen	15 Martha Lindenmuth
8 Kay Schlenker	22 William Heminitz
12 Joseph Mironov	25 Jeffrey Heminitz



6 Joe & Amy Mutis
10 Tom & June Kellogg
11 John & Diane Kropf
12 Michael & Kelly Morgenstern
16 Ginger & Bill Hallock
24 Bruce & Peggy Saylor



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P
Carrot	E	O
Tomato	Y	R
Grape	C	F
Eggplant	T	D
Celery	I	N
Banana	K	M
Cucumber	N	W

	Fruit	Vegetable
Pepper	O	U
Spinach	R	S
Watermelon	H	P
Broccoli	G	N
Pumpkin	T	Y
Pear	F	C
Asparagus	L	R

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j_ __, pea_e,
 pa_ie_ce, __ind_ess, go_dne_s,
 fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
AUGUST 14, 2022**

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



**Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.**

Psalm 66:1, KJV

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Website: www.stpaulsbyville.org

STAFF

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

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 2022

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Brooke Brumbach 484-553-7809

Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Frank Bennighoff, Madeline MacMechen

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf

Communion Bread: Madeline MacMechen

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, July 17, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Janine & Ken Ritter

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Peggy Kern

Sunday, July 10, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Lacey Edwards, Amy Williams

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Peggy Kern

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Lacey Edwards

Sunday, July 24, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Carl Seibert, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Sunday, July 31, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Melanie Dimovitz, Dick Hartley

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Daisy Pearson

Communion Bread: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Rosemary Lehman

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August 2022

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Sunday, August 7, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Bruce Wagaman, Sandi Wagaman

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf

Communion Bread: Emily Danner

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, August 21, 2022

9:00AM

(Masks Required)

No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Zack Dimovitz, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Melanie Dimovitz

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Sunday, August 14, 2022

9:00AM

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Anita Eisenhard, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: Peggy Kern

Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:00AM

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No Assistants

10:30AM

(Masks Optional)

Frank Szukics, Judy Szukics

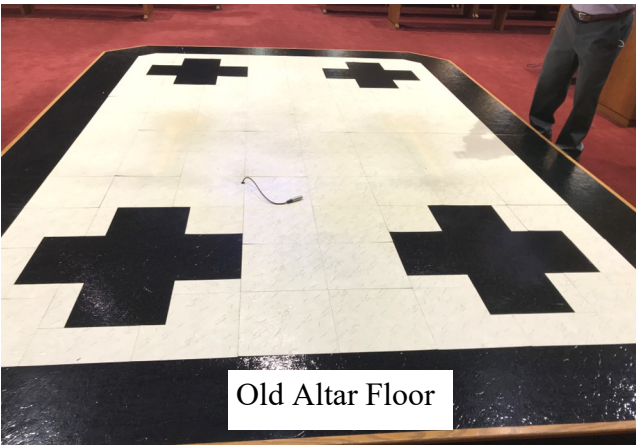
Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: Bob Nickisher



Old Altar Floor



Altar Floor Replacement

June 19, 20, 21, 2022



New Altar Floor

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Stronger Together

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me." (John 10:14)

"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." (Mark 2:11)

Jesus speaks: we hear his voice, and we follow. Even when we are made able to hear, by mechanical means. Even when we are blessed to move, using new and inspiring inventions. These are no less miracles than the healing of the one born blind (John 9), or the person on the mat who's unable to walk (Mark 2). Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a partner in ministry with us, bringing technology, compassion and faith together – by the work of the Holy Spirit – in ways that put life in motion and love in action, for God's children of all ages – especially youth. They truly make us: **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

+ Bishop Christopher deForest



Watching your child take his or her first steps is one of the most exciting moments in a parent's life. But what if your child has a disability and those steps don't come so easily, or at all? Through the years, parents faced with this dilemma have come to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network looking for help and finding it. One of the rehabilitation technology stars in Good Shepherd Pediatrics' toolbox is the Trexo Plus. This innovative, wearable robotic gait trainer helps children with spasticity and mobility challenges walk, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to our generous supporters, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Good Shepherd has acquired a total of six Trexo devices in small, medium, and large sizes for children as young as 1 through their teen years. This makes Good Shepherd the only pediatric rehabilitation provider in the U.S. to offer all three sizes for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings. Children who benefit from using the life-changing technology are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury, gait disorders, or other mobility problems.

The device's brightly colored legs allow children to walk hands-free safely, correctly, and consistently, all under the watchful eye of trained Good Shepherd staff. Trexo is one piece in an array of technology used by Good Shepherd Pediatrics and supported by the Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology Fund.

NEPA Synod can be proud of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Because of you, children will be given the opportunity to exercise their brains and muscles in a new way, gaining confidence along with mobility. Good Shepherd provides therapies and residential options unique in the US. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

For more information, visit GoodShepherdPediatrics.org.

Story Contributor: Kimberly Stolarik, Interim Administrative Director, Development
Helping Children Through Technology



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REWIND

WHAT HAPPENED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY?!?



The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission for the **ELCA** was the churchwide representative to our synod assembly. Rev. Vaughn enlivened the assembly with her words and brought greetings from the wider church. This representation reminds us that we are a church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and churchwide. These expressions work together to gather God's people and mobilize them to love and serve the world through mission and outreach.

This year's assembly was once again held virtually. We're getting "good" at holding virtual assemblies, but we simply cannot wait to gather in person. Next year, we'll be gathering at **Kalahari** in the Poconos, and we'll be wondering about how our synod and congregations are **going beyond death to life**. This is the "third lane" in our synod focus. Remember we've been talking about lane one, "**Growing young**" and lane two, this year's theme, "**Gaining Strength/Stronger Together**" These vital signs help us understand who we are as God's people and how we might best show up in our contexts.

This year some great **resolutions** were brought before the assembly. Some of these resolutions will be considered and acted upon by the **synod council**. The synod council is an important body within the synod. If you'd like to read the resolutions visit godslove.org/assembly in addition to resolutions you can view all the great videos from the assembly where churches and other groups showed their faith in action through ministries that highlighted our theme of being stronger together, growing young videos that look at fun scenarios to help individuals and congregations understand what it means to grow young, greetings from our ministry partners, and EVERY plenary is available for your viewing pleasure.

We had such an engaging time wondering what God was up to in our midst, especially in places where we're working together for the sake of God's Kingdom, here and now!

The Rev. Nelson Quinones, Dean
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September 2022 LMD NL news will be due August 18, 2022.

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

WOW 2022: Attached is a flyer with the dates for the Worship on Wednesday 2022. Everyone is invited. Please post and share with your congregations and friends. ****See attached flyer****

CROP/Church World Service News

Thank you for helping our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise **\$30720.48!**

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Soup Kitchen is each receiving over \$3800 for their vital ministries; and Church World Service is able to assist many more of our neighbors in need throughout the United States and around the globe, including victims of the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Please Save These CROP 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. Register, donate, or find more information about the life-saving work of Church World Service at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/event/allentownpa>

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

Updated information for the Christmas Ingathering:

ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

St. John's Lutheran Church Emmaus

DATE: **December 7, 2022**

This year we will hold the **PLANNING MEETING** at:

St. John's Lutheran Church Emmaus, 501 Chestnut St.

DATE: **September 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

Thank you for your support and St. John's for sponsoring this year's Ingathering.



Basket Social on Saturday, September 17, at St Paul's Lutheran Church Breinigsville:

A Basket Social fundraiser will be held from **9:00AM to 4:00PM**, with refreshments and bake sale. You do not have to be present to win. There will be over 50 baskets, several Specials, various gift cards, and a \$1,000 gift card grand prize. To bid on Baskets and Gift Cards - ticket price is \$5 per card (26 tickets on each card). If purchased in advance - \$20 for 5 cards; at door - \$25 for 5 cards. For Specials - ticket price is \$5 for 6 tickets. Our Grand Prize is \$1,000 Best Buy Gift Card - ticket price is \$5 per ticket. Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a large Paper Products Basket. To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484 221-0445 or email anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com. For more information, visit our Basket Social Web page at <http://www.stpaulsbville.org/basketsocial>.

The Clothes Closet is open. This past Thursday we had over 25 people in line to shop for clothes and accessories. Right now, we only have one person trying to help a lot of people at one time. ***Another person is needed to help people shop.*** The hours are **Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30**. 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.



Dear Lehigh Mission District,

"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator." Romans 1.25

As of June 16, 2022, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention there have been 1,007,964 people who have died from COVID-19 in the United States.

It is overwhelming that over 1 million people died from a small virus. You may know someone who died from COVID. You may have been infected by COVID. You may know someone who is still battling the side effects from the virus. The numbers of deaths and these experiences don't lie. Yet many people believe that COVID was a hoax.

It's been over 2 years that the world has been living with this pandemic. Regardless of the 1 million deaths from COVID-19 many people still continue to believe it is a lie.

It happened to Adam and Eve. They believed the serpent's lie instead of believing God. (Genesis 2-3) Adam and Eve believed the lie that brought death into their life.

We live in a world where death has been revealed. Some people die by natural causes, others from old age, others due to illness. And so, yes, many unnecessary deaths from accepting a lie.

This is the condition in our society today. The Morning Call newspaper title on the US Capital Riots read, "Jan. 6 panel sinks teeth into big lie" (Front Page, Tuesday, June 14, 2022). Here, too, people have accepted another lie.

Why? Some of our church siblings have been deceived by the craftiness of the lie presented to them. Others decided to double-down and accept the lie and to repeat the lies. Still others are embarrassed to admit that they have been deceived and hide from God like Adam and Eve.

Sadly, they would rather die and take their neighbors with them. That's the climate in our society and parts of the church that has followed the lie of the creature.

God asked Adam and Eve what they had done and were held accountable. The Apostle Paul's challenge to the Christian Church is: Are we going to exchange the truth of God for a lie of a creature?

The Christian Church is to trust and worship The Creator. The Church serves God and neighbors. The Church proclaims the life God has intended all along for all to live.

We can come out of hiding to face the truth of God. I think we can take our chances with the mercy of God.

Enjoy your summer,

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.

Aug.3, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre - JERSEY BOYS - A

regional premiere! How did four kids from Jersey become one of the greatest successes in pop music history? Jersey Boys takes you up the charts, across the USA and behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Experience electrifying performances of the golden greats that took these guys all the way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," "Dawn," "My Eyes Adored You," and more. Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord.

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

Cost \$120 Payment Deadline: Thurs. June 30

Oct. 26, 2022 (Wed.) Bucks County Playhouse – EVITA -

"Don't cry for me Argentina ..." Don't miss Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary musical as it is re-imagined in this all-new production. The life of the former First Lady of Argentina is revisited through the eyes of her supporters, who have gathered in a tango club ten years after her death to celebrate her life. The classic score features some of Webber and Tim Rice's biggest hits, including "Don't Cry for Me Argentina", "High Flying, Adored" and "Another Suitcase in Another Hall". Lunch at the Cock & Bull Restaurant.

MEAL CHOICES: HONEY GLAZED SALMON OR FRENCH CHICKEN AU JUS

Please indicate your meal choice at the time of booking.

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

Cost \$127 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Sept. 15

MULTI-DAY TRIP –

CHICAGO -7 Days/6 nights

September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.)

Call the office for information

