

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Breinigsville, PA

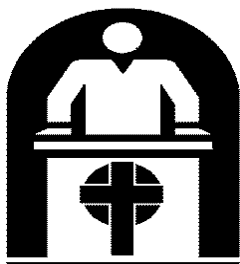
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Dear Members and Friends,

After Jesus returned to heaven, he and the Archangel Gabriel were talking. Even in heaven Jesus bore the marks of the crucifixion. Gabriel said, “Master, you must have suffered horribly! Do people know and appreciate how you love them and what you did for them?”

Jesus replied, “Oh, no; not yet. Right now, only a few people in Palestine know.”

Gabriel was perplexed: “Then what have you done to let everyone know about your love?”

Jesus answered, “I have asked Peter, Andrew, James, John, and a few more friends to tell others about me. Those who are told will tell others about me, and yet others will tell until the last man and the last woman in the farthest corners of the earth will have heard the story of how I gave my life for them because I love them so much.”

Gabriel frowned and looked rather skeptical. “Yes, but what if Peter and the others grow weary? What if the people who come after them forget? Surely you have made other plans?”

Said Jesus, “Gabriel, I haven’t made any other plans. I’m counting on them.”

*(from Stories and Parables for Preachers and Teachers, Paul Wharton, Paulist Press, 1968)*

September is usually a time when things in the church “start up again.” Things are gearing up here at St. Paul’s. We’ve already had a Brunch Potluck and the Evangelism/Fellowship Committee is planning more events like our next event in our concert series: The Covenant Brass Quintet on October 9<sup>th</sup>, our Trunk or Treat, and the Tree Decorating potluck. We’re counting on you to share in the fellowship of these events.

Our Basket Social Committee has planned their Basket Social for September 17<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank all who have used their talents to put together the over 100 baskets we have to date. The committee has worked very hard and I thank them for their efforts.

We count on a lot of people for the church to do its ministry. The people on the Church Council, the Property Committee, the Worship and Music Committee, the Altar Guild, the Prayer Chain people, the Stewardship Committee, Back to Worship, Cemetery, Christian Education, Endowment, Finance, Personnel, and Mutual Ministry. So

many people and so much work. We count on so many people to do the ministry of the church. But most of all we count on you, the members of the congregation to worship with us and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ “so that the next generation may know Christ” as our mission statement says. As we “start up again” I invite you to simply come and worship with us. We’re counting on you.

Pastor Miller

## CHURCH OFFICE



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Well, Summer is coming to an end so that means Sunday School will be starting. RALLY DAY will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. If you know any children age 3 or older invite them to come. This year we will be using the curriculum called, “Kids Own Worship”. I am really excited about it and I hope the kids will be too.



We will still be doing a one room schoolhouse set up. The children moving up to the Bible Background class with Tom Kellogg will be getting more information in the mail soon.

If you would like to volunteer to teach a class (no experience necessary) let me know. Any help is always welcome. Looking forward to a great year!

Anita Eisenhard  
Sunday School Superintendent

## BASKET SOCIAL NEWS

We are on a countdown for our first Basket Social event to be held on September 17. We have over **100 baskets**, a variety of gift cards, some impressive Specials, and of course – our Grand Prize of \$1,000 Best Buy gift card. One of our Specials is a Yeti cooler; another one is an Eagles merchandise basket that includes a signed Eagles football helmet. Check out our [Basket Social](#) Web site at and the event on [Facebook](#).

We are still looking for help in several areas. Since we have so many baskets, consider contributing a gift card. There are gift card ideas on the table. 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.

You can help by supplying baked goods for the bake sale, or by preparing a dish for the event. And we need kitchen help! Please sign-up using the Baked Goods, Food, or Volunteer sign-up sheets on the table.

We are 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. Tickets for Specials (\$5 for 6 tickets) and for the Grand Prize (\$5 per ticket) will be sold at the event only.

The Basket Social Committee would like to thank everyone for the many baskets that have been donated to St. Paul's Basket Social event. We would also like to gratefully acknowledge these local organizations who have donated baskets and/or gift cards, or food/beverages:

Applebee's	Nestle
Auto Zone	Niagara
Barnes and Noble	Premise Maid
Bimbo's	Red Robin
Car Wash on Broadway	Dan Schantz
Cozy Home Originals	Schmoyer Funeral Home
Herr's	Texas Road House

Hometown Diner	Tractor Supply
Ice Cream World	Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church
Keystone Foods	

### **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

## **PET BLESSING**



St. Paul's will hold its Annual Pet Blessing on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. with the blessing to be held at 1:00 p.m. – rain or shine. Available food: hot dogs, chicken BBQ, water, and baked goods. Raffle tickets will be available for cat baskets, dog baskets, and gift cards for Target, Giant, and Amazon. Tickets are \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10.00, or arm's length for \$20.00.

## **CONCERT SERIES**

St. Paul's is resuming its concert series on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm when the Covenant Brass Quintet will entertain us in the sanctuary. Come and enjoy!

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> and Chew Sts. to 417 N. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**



Pastor Miller will have the Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 18 at the 10:30 am worship service. Children who wish to have their backpacks blessed should bring them to the service on that day.

# PARISH NURSING NOTES

“COVID-19, Monkeypox and Polio - Oh My!”

September 2022

Peggy Saylor, RN

Just when we thought the “virus scene” was starting to cool down, several new threats have emerged. Let’s start with the good news:

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) revised several recommendations in dealing with COVID-19.

1. The policy for quarantining after close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) if you were not vaccinated or vaccinated but not boosted was loosened to just wearing a high-quality mask for 10 days and testing after 5 days regardless of your vaccination status. If symptoms would begin, the testing should be done as soon as possible, and you should quarantine until the results are known. The exception to this recommendation would be for individuals in a hospital setting or high-risk group-living situations.
2. Less emphasis on social distancing while continuing careful risk assessment of settings with higher community levels of COVID-19 and the importance of good ventilation.

The CDC continues to emphasize the importance of being up to date with vaccinations to protect against serious illness, hospitalization and death. Please stay updated when new vaccines are being offered.

Now the bad news. Monkeypox has reared its ugly head. It is a rare disease that was discovered in 1958 but is now being detected in some areas. Monkeypox is in the same family as the virus that causes smallpox but is not related to chickenpox. It is spread through close physical contact, usually skin-to-skin but can also be spread through touching objects that have been used by someone with Monkeypox. Symptoms include a rash that may be located on or near the genital area, anus or other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face or mouth. Other symptoms can include fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, fatigue, muscle aches or respiratory symptoms such as sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough. Symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure and can last 2 – 4 weeks. The disease can be transmitted from the time that the symptoms start until the rash has healed, all the scabs have fallen off and a fresh layer of skin has formed.

Finally, polio cases have been identified in several states including New York. Public health officials are concerned that the recent delays in children getting vaccinated during the pandemic as well as antivaccination sentiments will lead to more cases. Polio is totally preventable with administration of the polio vaccine but there is no cure once the disease has occurred. Officials are stressing the importance of getting vaccinated to prevent this crippling disease.

These were the current updates as of mid-August. Time will tell what the future holds!

## PURSUING PEACE

The 2021 book *Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety* explores the dangers of extremism, both religious and political. Author Bill Tammeus, whose nephew died on 9/11, suggests three ways to be peacemakers. First, we can become more religiously literate, because “our human tendency is to fear what we don’t know or understand.” Second, we can deepen our knowledge of history, because “shock waves” from past events often spark modern-day unrest.

Finally, we can spend time with people who are facing profound grief. “This is the emotional equivalent of walking a mile in someone else’s shoes,” Tammeus writes. “It can open our eyes to the countless ways that death — particularly unexpected, violent death — can affect almost every aspect of the lives of survivors. ... At the very least, go to funerals of people whose families you know, even of people who died of old age or of some illness late in life. Be present. Hear their stories.”

—adapted from *The Wired Word*



## 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.

# **WOMEN OF THE ELCA NORTHEAST PA SYNOD**

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **NEPA W-ELCA Convention**

September 10, 2022 at The Lutheran Center 2354 Grove Road  
Allentown, PA 18109-3044 (610) 266-5101.

The convention starts at 9:00 a.m.; registration 8:00 a.m.; voting member orientation at 8:30 a.m.

Cost for the event is \$35, includes lunch from Dicky's Bar-b-que.

Convention ends at 3:30 p.m.

### **SUMMER MEETINGS**

We met over the summer and had 2 very interesting Bible studies.

Please join us on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for updates from the convention and another interesting Bible Study.

**NOTE:** September meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in September since 3 members of our group are unable to attend the meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **LABOR DAY LAUGHS**

Take a break and enjoy this work-related humor!

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

## GREETING CARD CLASS

The Card Crafters class is held at St. Paul's on the second Thursday of October and December. 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.

## ALWAYS ROOM IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Jesus told a parable about a man who invited his friends and neighbors to a banquet, but they declined. So he told his servants to go find anyone who was hungry or lonely or in need. Still there was room. "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in," the host said, "so that my house will be full" (Luke 14:23, NIV).

In *Searching for Sunday*, Rachel Held Evans retells this story and writes: "This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said *yes*. And there's always room for more." We're all "outcasts and oddballs" in one way or another! May we know that God warmly invites us to his banquet — for no reason but that we're hungry.

# THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the altar platform replacement project in June. Council members helped with the selection of tiles to use. Other members of the congregation were there to help move the altar pieces off the old platform and six days later to return them to the new platform. Your contributions of time and talent were very much appreciated.

Bruce Wagaman

Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your thoughtful gift to the Allentown Food Bank and for making a profound difference in the lives of neighbors in our community. Your generous donation of \$20, check number 9948 given on 5/12/22 will be put to use to ensure that we continue to provide food to children, families and adults who are food insecure in the Allentown area.

Your financial support enables us to provide food assistance to 1,00+ low-income households in the Allentown area every month. Your donation helps us provide vital food resources throughout the year. Last year alone the Food Bank served over 28,000 people. In Pennsylvania, 1 in 9 people, and 1 in 7 children, face food insecurity.

We have all experienced a lot of change in the past year and a half. However, two things have not changed:

1. Many people in the area still struggle to feed themselves and their families.
2. We continue to receive generous support from our community, perfectly exemplified by your donation – **thank you!**

We will continue to work hard to live up to your expectations; to maximize the impact of your donations and provide an abundance of quantity and variety of healthy, nutritious foods to those in need.

Stay well and thank you for sharing our belief that no one should go hungry.

Gratefully,  
Julie Ludrof Scott  
Executive Board Member

## 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 Madelynn Walters  
2 Nicholas Theodore  
4 Kathy Conrad  
5 Laurin Mironov  
11 Steph Wagaman  
16 Judy Szukics  
18 Jim Eisenhard, Sr.  
20 Lisa Newhard  
21 Emily Danner

21 Calise Eiswerth  
23 Madeline MacMechan  
23 Hazel Pisauro  
25 Luca Caricari  
26 Carlene Brumbach  
26 Steve Mesko  
27 Jennifer Bentsen  
27 Sharon Heminitz  
28 Paula Smith



5 Skip & Anita Eisenhard  
20 Earl & Irene Wenz

## IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



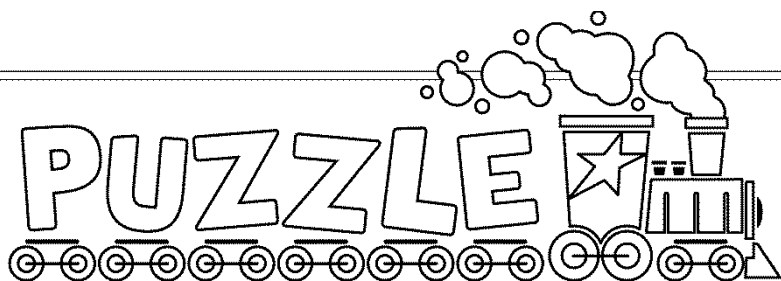
## THE BEAUTY OF LEARNING



There is divine beauty in learning. ... To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps.

The books I have read were composed by generations of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, teachers and disciples. I am the sum total of their experiences, their quests. And so are you.

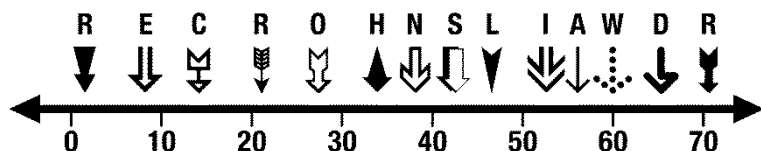
—Elie Wiesel



# A full Quiver

Our heavenly Father loves families and has a special purpose for each generation.

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born in one's youth. Blessed is the  
 man whose quiver is full of them.

PSALM 127:4-5, NIV

Answer: arrows, children

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

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



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**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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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### September 2022

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000  
or the Council Person of the Month - Jennifer Bentsen 484-226-5227

#### Sunday, September 4, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

**Altar Guild:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Asst:** Peggy Saylor

**Communion Bread:** Judy Szukics

**Lay Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Reader:** Nancy Miller

#### Sunday, September 18, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Bruce & Sandi Wagaman

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** Sharon Bortz

#### Sunday, September 11, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Melanie Dimovitz, Richard Hartley

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Cal Fetherolf

**Communion Bread:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Lay Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Reader:** Cal Fetherolf

#### Sunday, September 25, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Zack Dimovitz, Judy Walker

**Altar Guild:** Amy Williams

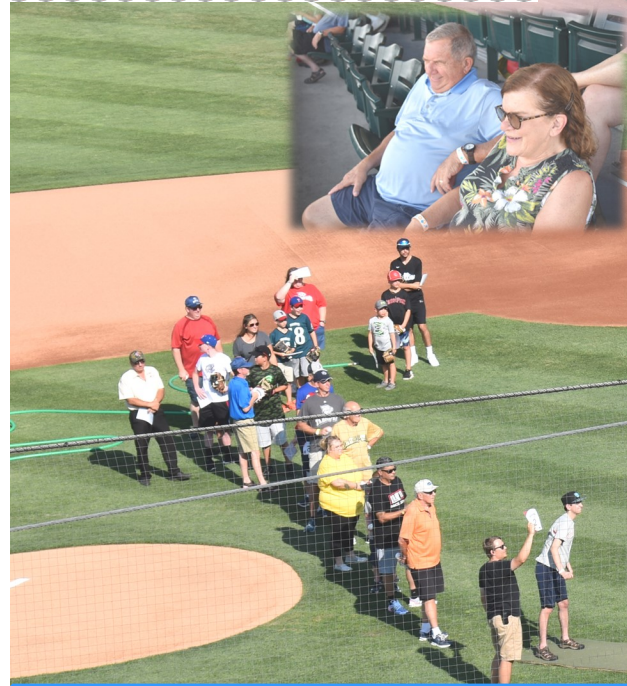
**Communion Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Communion Bread:** Dorothy O'Connors

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Lacey Edwards





July 24, 2022



# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



# STRONGER Together

*So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.... God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."*

*(Genesis 8:18-19; 9:12-13)*

Following the flood – a disaster horrific in scope and cause – God brought forth a time and a place, where healing and renewal could begin. Camp Noah is a ministry, carrying on in God's covenantal promises of care and life, especially for families and especially for children whose loved ones may no longer be there to protect and nurture them. The "ark" that gets built, comes in the form of congregations and volunteers, along with professionals in counseling and in faith, who create a safe and supportive environment – where, for a day or a week, children can gather to run and play, draw and paint, sing and listen, pray and build new connections of love and care, new trust that God loves them and that the future can be better, brighter and bolder than the past. Christ is the rainbow and the rock, that provides new colors to paint and safe waters to drink and to splash in, without fear of drowning in grief and despair. As the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, we are honored and grateful to take part in this life-giving ministry, offering our resources, our time and our spaces, to make a bright new day for these kids, these families, and "for all future generations."

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

Have you ever felt overwhelmed and unable to cope with a situation? There have been times during covid that many have felt that way—worry about those who were sick—concerned for families who had lost someone. It was hard enough for adults—but what about children? Camp Noah is a Lutheran camping organization run out of Minnesota that provides weeklong camp experiences for children who have experienced traumatizing natural disasters like tornados, floods, hurricanes—and covid. This past summer, just such a camp was held in Oley, PA. Camp Noah provided a week of fun and engaging experiences through books, crafts, music, art, and games that allowed kids to express their feelings and concerns regarding covid. One young camper said, “this camp has been a blessing.” And it was! Everyone involved—including adult volunteers—felt the healing presence of God among them! Thank you to the many congregations whose Mission Support dollars to the Northeast Pennsylvania Synod provided grant money to help fund Camp Noah. It really was a blessing to all!

+ Pastor Julie Osterhout,  
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**October 2022 LMD NL news will be due Sept. 16, 2022.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**Concerts at St. John's Lutheran**, 37 S 5<sup>th</sup> St, Allentown  
[www.sjat.org/arts](http://www.sjat.org/arts). **Sun 8/28 4 pm** – Organized Rhythm (Clive Driskill-Smith, organ & Joseph Gramley, percussion).  
**Sun 9/18 3 pm** – Matthew Graybil, piano.

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING: Planning Meeting:**  
Wednesday, **September 14, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St, Emmaus, Pa. 18049.  
**Christmas Ingathering:** Wednesday, **December 7, 2022**.  
Thank you for all your support in making this Outreach Ministry possible.

**Basket Social** – St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville) preview night on Friday, **October 7<sup>th</sup> (6-8 PM)**, event on Saturday, **October 8<sup>th</sup> (10 AM to 2 PM)**. Take-out food items will be available to purchase on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Ticket pricing: 1 sheet = 25 tickets; 1 sheet/\$10, 2 sheets/\$20, 3 sheets/\$25. Winners will be drawn at the end of the event and contacted by phone. Email the office at [stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net](mailto:stjohns.lutheran@verizon.net) with any questions.

**Community Free Dinners** – Dinners will continue on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, every other month** (except November, when it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday) from 5-7 PM. Dinners are served "to-go", while supplies last. **The next date is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome.

**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](mailto:anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com). For more information, visit our Basket Social Web page at <http://www.stpaulsbville.org/basketsocial>.

**\*\*RSVP for CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off (Sun., Aug. 28, 2022)!**

**\*\*NEW CROP Walk DATE (Sun., Oct. 2, 2022)!**

**\*\*NEW CROP Walk FLYERS & QR CODE (attached)!**

**CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off:** Sun, Aug. 28, 2022, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (to receive NEW INFORMATION, materials, ideas, and inspiration for you and your congregation/group/organization), at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104. **RSVP** by Thurs., **Aug. 25** to Linda Held ([jucc3441@ptd.net](mailto:jucc3441@ptd.net) or 484-553-8922).  
**\*\*\*NEW DATE!!!\*\*\*** Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk:** **Sun, Oct. 2, 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:  
[www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa).

**Check out the new Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page,**  
designed by Lara McQue of Calvary Baptist Church, Allentown: [facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk](https://facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk) Like it! Share it!  
Sign up to walk on Sunday, October 2, 2022, 1:30 p.m.!  
Donate! Let's help **END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME!**  
The CROP Hunger Walk is a great **intergenerational fellowship and service event** for families, youth groups, adult groups, and congregations. **Two routes** from which walkers may choose: a **10K route** (with refreshments available at the Allentown Ecumenical Food Bank and the Lehigh Conference of Churches) and a **"Golden Mile"** route (through the Hamilton Park neighborhood). Through our Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk, we help food-insecure neighbors **locally** through the [Conference Kitchen](#) and the [Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank](#). Our CROP Walk funds also support Church World Service's life-saving disaster assistance and long-term development assistance with our neighbors in need **throughout the United States and around the globe**, including victims of the **humanitarian crisis in Ukraine**.

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

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

**We Now Return to Our Regularly Scheduled Programs.**

As our congregations return to our regularly scheduled programs with Rally Day, the start of Sunday school, and Catechetical Classes in September, the Synod Council of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod has been busy during the summer addressing resolutions to memorials.

On Saturday, July 23, 2022, the Synod Council held its regular meeting at the Lutheran Center in Allentown. The in-person meeting was to vote on resolutions taken up from the 2-day Online Synod Assembly that was held on June 10-11, 2022.

Deliberated at that ZOOM Synod Assembly were the resolutions: Roe v. Wade and the Environment Memorials. These memorials were forwarded for further deliberation and action to the 2022 Churchwide Assembly for a vote.

Consideration of the Reference and Counsel Resolutions for action by the Synod Council were as follows:

**-Whole Body** - Motion carried

The concern was to encourage all congregations to participate within their mission districts, ELCA, and NEPA Synod as the body of Christ.

**-Anti-Racism** - Motion adopted

Addressed the need to provide an annual Racial Justice/Anti-Racism for clergy.

**-COVID** - Motion adopted

COVID mitigation procedures within the synod and encourage congregations to have proper protocols.

**-Gun Control** - Motion referred to the Committee of Deans for action.

Resolved: Each mission district Dean write a letter on behalf of his/her mission district membership to the senator representing them requesting senators cooperate on bipartisan talks on gun control regulation.

(The CWA was held in Columbus Ohio in August. As of the writing of this newsletter I had just returned as a voting delegate from the Churchwide Assembly. Highlights of the CWA will be published on our October LMD Newsletter.)

*Back to our regularly scheduled programs.*

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

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**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**

**Nov. 16, 2022 (Wed) – American Music Theatre – CHRISTMAS SHOW – “HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS”**

– Inspired by the warm, cherished memories of family Christmases spent together with loved ones, *Home for the Holidays* opens on the joyous gathering of family and friends who celebrate with a rich tapestry of song, dance, and holiday traditions. Next, we take you to Santa's Candy Factory where you'll be transported to a dream world of bright colors and Candy Elves! Finally, you'll join us at a "midnight" candlelight service for some songs of worship, traditional carols, and the powerful, harmony-filled rendition of "O Holy Night." Smorgasbord Lunch at Hershey Farm.

**Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:30 AM**

**Cost \$115 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Oct. 6, 2022**

**Dec. 8, 2022 (Thurs) – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre – ELF THE MUSIC**

– Based on the 2003 hit movie, *Elf* introduces us to a young orphan named Buddy, who mistakenly crawled into Santa's bag of gifts and was transported to the North Pole. Raised by elves his entire life, Buddy doesn't know he is actually a human. When his enormous size and poor toy making ability cause him to face the truth, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf as Buddy wins over his new family and helps New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. After all, the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

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

**Cost \$110 Payment Deadline: Thurs., Nov. 10, 2022**