

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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Breinigsville, PA

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**NOVEMBER 2022**



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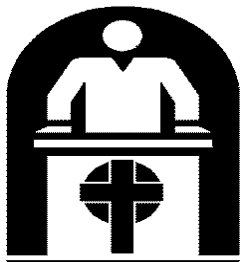
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Dear Members and Friends,

As of this writing the Phillies need 3 more wins to get to the World Series, the Eagles are 6-0 heading to the Super Bowl (maybe), the Flyers won 2-0 and the Sixers and Union are looking good. What a time to be a Philly sports fan! More fans of the Phillies and Eagles are starting to “believe” in them! What did Tug McGraw say?

“Ya gotta believe!” But that can change in a moment. If you’ve been a Philly fan you know the disappointment caused by some Philly teams in years past. So, we’ll see what the future brings.

But what does that have to do with our faith relationship with God? We believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But unlike the Philly teams, God is constant and continues to bless us and his Spirit works in us so we can serve him in all that we do. God will not let us down even though we imperfect human beings tend to mess things up once in a while. But the good news is God continues to forgive us and bless us.

Because of these blessings our response is to give back to God. One of the ways to give back is the giving of our treasure. We have just completed our stewardship emphasis at St. Paul’s. Many have made pledges, whether in written form or within our conscience. I urge you to keep up those pledges in faith for all the blessings you have received. May God continue to bless you and St. Paul’s in our life together in the days ahead.

Pastor Miller

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 a.m. service to adopt the budget and elect council members. A copy of the budget will be available in the narthex the previous two Sundays, November 6<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup>.

## SEAFARER'S PROJECT

The Prayer Shawl Group is working to finish up the Christmas at Sea Project – where we make wool-based hats and cowls for seafarers and sojourners. **For the makers of hats and cowls – please bring your completed items to church by Sunday, November 6.** They will be blessed at the 10:30AM worship service.

In addition, we committed to filling 12 Christmas at Sea satchels. See our display on the table in the narthex. We are looking for donations from the congregation of the items listed below. **Please bring items to church by Sunday, November 6.**

- Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or gym
- One Can of Nuts, Large Bar of Chocolate, or Health Snack Bar

## VETERANS' WREATHS

We are again remembering our veterans with a Christmas wreath placed on each St. Paul's Cemetery Vets' grave. The cost of one wreath (live) is \$15. If writing a check, please make it payable to **St. Paul's Cemetery Association** and in the memo line write WREATHS. If you would like to remember a specific veteran with a wreath, please enclose a paper with their name in the envelope. If a name is not provided, your wreath will help us honor all veterans.

To place an order:

- Place envelope in the collection plate during worship service
- Or
- Mail envelope to St. Paul's Cemetery Association,  
PO Box 560, Trexlertown, PA 18087.

Orders and payment are due by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: Please contact Bob Nickisher ([seebee70@ptd.net](mailto:seebee70@ptd.net)) or Gary Gehman ([gary.gehman40@gmail.com](mailto:gary.gehman40@gmail.com))

**Save the date: Saturday, November 19th at 10 am for wreath placement.**

# PARISH NURSING NOTES

“Influenza Vaccine”

November 2022

Peggy Saylor, RN

If you are anything like me, you are experiencing a little bit of “vaccination overload.” However, please do not let this prevent you from getting your influenza vaccine this year!

Influenza is a disease that spreads around the United States every year usually between October and May. It can affect anyone but is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, anyone over 65 years of age, pregnant women and anyone with certain health issues or a weakened immune system are more prone to the complications that can occur with the flu.

In an average year, thousands of people die from the flu and many more are hospitalized. The good news is that the influenza vaccine can prevent millions of illnesses and the flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

The vaccine is recommended for anyone over the age of 6 months. Pregnant? Not a problem! The influenza vaccine can be administered any time during pregnancy. It does take about two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination and it does NOT cause the flu (a common misconception.) If you are experiencing minor illnesses like a cold – not a problem! Anyone who is moderately or severely ill should wait until they recover to receive the vaccine. Please talk to your healthcare provider with any concerns.

The side effects that can occur after administration include soreness, redness and swelling at the injection site, fever, muscle aches and headache. However, compared with the symptoms of influenza – these side effects are minimal and very manageable! Remember to keep moving the arm which you received the vaccine afterwards and drink plenty of water to minimize soreness and side effects.

Bottom line – get vaccinated against influenza!!

## MONTHLY MADNESS FUNDRAISER



St. Paul's is once again participating in the Monthly Madness fundraiser in conjunction with Dan Schantz Greenhouse. The purchase of a card for \$25 will give the card holder a specific flower (or pumpkin) each month. St. Paul's will receive \$10 for each card sold. Redeeming your monthly gift is easy - simply present the card at the Dan Schantz Green-

house on Lehigh Street in Allentown any time during the month and pick up your gift. Note that you do not have to make a purchase when picking up your gift. And if you cannot get there during the month, the card does not expire! You can pick up the gift the following year!

We are taking orders for Madness cards beginning October 2 through November 20. We will have two pickup dates. Cards ordered by October 23 will be available for pickup on October 30. Cards ordered October 24 through November 20 will be available for pickup on November 27.

You can purchase cards before/after Sunday worship. Look for the display and fill out an envelope. Insert your check or cash into the designated box. Price is \$25. They make great gifts!

## PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

If you would like a prayer shawl, or know of someone who is struggling and could use a prayer shawl – please see Peggy Kern or Steph Wagaman.

# POINSETTIAS

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Anyone willing to sponsor a Poinsettia please fill out the form in the newsletter.



If you would like to make a donation towards the Poinsettias, please mark the line for donation.

Please return all forms by **NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**. If you are mailing in your order, please mail early. I have to place the order by **NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

Extra order forms can be found in the rack at the sanctuary door, or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

## BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2022. Bulletin sponsorships will be for both 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.

## **2022 LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING**

St. Paul's is once again participating in the Ingathering. Changes were made last year to accommodate COVID. Instead of a list of items to donate to 10-12 different agencies, each congregation has been assigned two agencies to focus their donations. St. Paul's will be collecting items for Topton Home Children's Services and Daybreak. Our WELCA group will be responsible to take our items directly to Daybreak rather than gathering at a site to sort and pack them. We will do the sorting of your donations right here at St. Paul's. Those of us that have been doing this project over the years really miss gathering with people from different congregations to do the sorting, attend a worship service dedicating the gifts and sharing a meal. Hopefully things will change back to the way they were next year. Let Sandi Wagaman know if you would like to volunteer to be a delivery person.

We will once again also be purchasing gifts for specific individuals for a variety of organizations: however, we have not received those lists at the time of this writing. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex sometime later in October. Watch for announcements in the bulletin or in an email as soon as we get the information. We will deliver the wrapped gifts to St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 between 9:00-10:30. We also need volunteers to deliver these items to St. John's.

Place all items for Topton Children's Services and Daybreak in the plastic bins marked Ingathering in the Narthex. Wrapped gifts should be placed on top of the coat rack. Please check off your name on the list when bringing the wrapped gifts.

Deadline to bring items for both of these parts of the mission will be Sunday November 27, 2022.

Contact Sandi Wagaman if you have any questions. 610-203-8085.

(See the insert for the list of items needed.)

# **WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICAS**

Our monthly meeting was on October 12<sup>th</sup> where we discussed:

- Thankoffering Sunday on November 20<sup>th</sup> and our participation in the service as greeters, ushers, readers and lay assistants. Bringing our personal offering and placing on baptismal font. Sandi Wagaman ordered Thankoffering envelopes which will be handed out for those that want to donate to this organization.
- Ingathering, the beginning of December. This year things have changed, and our parish will support Daybreak and Topton Children's Home. Sandi Wagaman will be obtaining the names of the gift recipients with suggestions of what the person would like. Sandi is completing a list of items for the ingathering and bringing in a bin for Ingathering items which will be placed under the coat rack. *See a separate article on Christmas Ingathering within the newsletter.*

Our monthly bible study was *Jesus and nature: Teachers of faith* Session two, by Sara Olson-Smith. By talking about dirt and manure we became a little more aware of how God works in the world and, hopefully, much more inspired to work together for the sake of this planet. We discussed creation of man; parable of the soils; and the fig tree.

Calling all women to join us on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for a business discussion and another interesting, lively Bible Study.

## **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.



## **ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

The St. Paul's Cemetery Association is comprised of six members; three from St. Paul's Lutheran Church and three from St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Board members are elected for three years and may serve no longer than six consecutive years. A former board member may return to the board after a year of absence after their expired term.

Bob Nickisher has completed his sixth year and we are now in need of another board member from our church.

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. approximately four times yearly; unless there are issues that need to be addressed immediately, we will meet more often.

Please see Bob Nickisher, Cal Fetherolf or Sharon Bortz if you have any questions and are interested in becoming a member of the board.

## **FROM SCARCITY TO ABUNDANCE**

Author Parker Palmer recounted being stuck on a storm-grounded airplane for hours. Though it was lunchtime, meals weren't available, and passengers grew irritable. One flight attendant apologized for the delay, expressing empathy for people's stress, and then passed around two breadbaskets, asking everyone to contribute something.

"Some of you brought snacks to tide you over, and some of you have a few LifeSavers or chewing gum," she said. "And if you don't have anything edible, you have a picture of your children or spouse ... or a bookmark or a business card." Then, she said, "we'll pass the baskets around again, and everyone can take out what they need."

Complaints soon ceased, Palmer recalled, as passengers searched for items and stopped focusing on themselves. The plane became a community of sharing as scarcity and deprivation transformed into abundance and joy.

# THANK YOU

Rev. Miller,

Thank you so much for your visits while I was in the hospital. Also, thanks to everybody at St. Paul's for their prayers. My kidney function is already up to 38% at this time.

Paul Trainor

## PET BLESSING 2022

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the Pet Blessing this year on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Whether you baked for the bake sale, grilled hot dogs, donated money, towels, and dog or cat items, volunteered for the event, or bought raffle tickets, food, or baked goods, we could **\*NOT\*** have done it without **YOU!** This year was our best yet, raising \$1,767, with every penny benefiting PA Caring Hearts rescue. PA Caring Hearts had cats up for adoption at our pet blessing and even donated four baskets to the pet blessing basket raffle. The rescue is busy renovating a farm to serve as their rescue location, and this donation will be put right to use! Thank you again to everyone!

Sincerely,

Diane & Angie Kropf

## GREETING CARD CLASS

Due to illness in the family, the Greeting Card Class is on hold for now.

Gretchen will inform the church when she is able to resume the class.



## **ST. PAUL'S U.C.C. EVENTS**

1249 Trexlertown Road, Trexlertown  
(corner of Church Lane and Trexlertown Road)  
610-395-4571

Email: [stpaulsucc@trexucc.org](mailto:stpaulsucc@trexucc.org)

### **VETERANS RECOGNITION BREAKFAST**

Saturday, November 5, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

St. Paul's is hosting a breakfast to honor and recognize the sacrifice and service of men and women that have served our country to protect our freedom.

This is a complimentary event for Veterans, current service men and women and their family.

A Reservation is Not Required but Suggested

### **CHURCH BAZAAR**

November 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chance to win a Hand-Made Quilt, Beautiful Hand Made Crafts, Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Flea Market and Lunch

### **BASKET SOCIAL**

Jordan Lutheran Church

5103 Snowdrift Road, Orefield

610-395-5912 or [jordanlutheran@ptd.net](mailto:jordanlutheran@ptd.net)

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Doors open at Noon

Lots of great baskets and gift cards – something for everyone!

\$5 for 25 chances / Drawing at 4:00 p.m.

BBQ's, Hot Dogs, chips, water, soda, coffee/tea. & baked goods available

Winners will be drawn at 4:00 p.m. and contacted by phone

## 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.



6 Judy Noll	19 Sommer Cope
7 Carl Seibert, Jr.	19 Ethan Eiswerth
9 Joshua Soldrich	19 Makenna Morgenstern
16 Jeffrey Strauss	25 Madison Mironov
18 Daisy Pearson	29 Katie Pisauro



14 Alan & Carlene Brumbach

## MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of  
Hughey Haughney from:

Rosemary Lehman

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George Keil from:

Rosemary Lehman

## A VETERAN'S SERVICE

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others."

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve."

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."

## A GOOD CONTAGION

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person — *Yehudah* — means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he’d overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.”

Unbeknown to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple’s life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

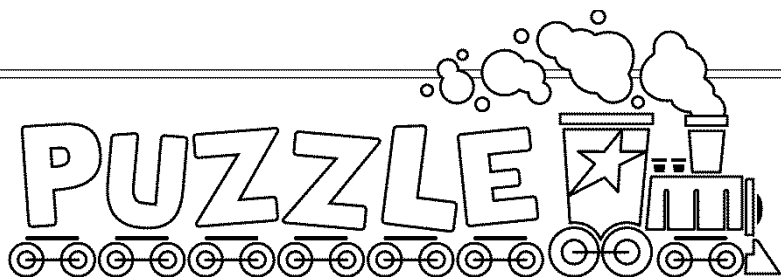
—Heidi Hyland Mann

## ADVENT OFFERING ENVELOPE



Enclosed in the newsletter is your Advent Offering Envelope. Extra envelopes are available in the rack at the sanctuary door.

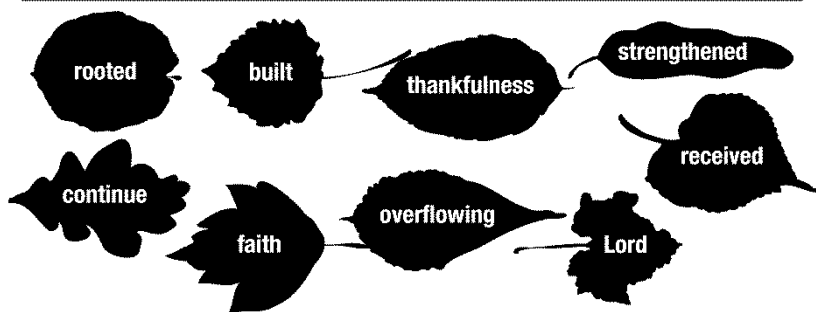




# ***Piles of praise***

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.  
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

*Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.*



So then, just as you \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ ,

\_\_\_\_\_ to live your lives in him, \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ up in him, \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ as you

were taught, and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness

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

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



**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Turn your clocks back Saturday night**

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**HOSPITAL CODE: #321**

**HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

**EMAIL: [office@stpaulsbbville.org](mailto:office@stpaulsbbville.org)**





**Website: [www.stpaulsbbville.org](http://www.stpaulsbbville.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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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

### November 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, November 6, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

**Reader:** Dick Steltz

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Cal Fetherolf, Madeline MacMechan

**Altar Guild:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Alice Bastian

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Cal Fetherolf

#### Sunday, November 20, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Melanie Dimovitz, Judy Walker

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Pamela Craig

**Communion Bread:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** Daisy Pearson

#### Sunday, November 13, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Communion Bread:** Bob Bruchak

**Lay Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Reader:** Lacey Edwards

#### Sunday, November 27, 2022

**9:00AM**

*(Masks Required)*

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

*(Masks Optional)*

David Craig, Pamela Craig

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Cal Fetherolf

**Communion Bread:** Lisa Newhard

**Lay Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Christmas, that heart warming time of the year and it is time to start thinking about ordering your Christmas poinsettias.

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Anyone willing to sponsor a Poinsettia, please fill out the form.

If you would like to make a donation towards the Poinsettias, please mark the line for donation.

This year's price will be \$10.00 per plant. Feel free to fill out this form and do one of the following:

1. mail it with your check (made out to St. Paul's, memo: Poinsettia) to the church;
2. place it in an envelope and put it in the offering plate; or
3. hand deliver to Janine Ritter.

**The Due date for orders is  
November 13, 2022**

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

As always, thank you for making our church a special place.

Janine Ritter  
610-417-0209  
Festival Committee

## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: \$10.00

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 13, 2022**

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

# OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: RED    PINK    WHITE    MARBLE  
(CIRCLE ONE)

ORDERED

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WILLING TO DONATE TOWARDS A PLANT \_\_\_\_\_

PICK UP AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATE TO SICK OR SHUT-IN: \_\_\_\_\_

## **TOPTON HOME**

Small “Sand Art” Bottles  
Colored Sand  
Jars of Bubbles  
Children’s Board Games  
Children’s Scissors  
Large Gift Bags (Non-Holiday)  
Stickers  
Colored Construction Paper  
Rolls of Large White Paper (to trace kids  
for prep lessons)  
Markers & Pens  
Gel Pens  
Large Sidewalk Chalk  
Glue Sticks  
Plain Popsicle Sticks  
Scotch Tape  
Scrapbooking Supplies  
Washable Paint  
Children’s Books (any theme)  
  
Tissues  
Hand Soap  
Hand Sanitizers  
Baby Wipes  
Clorox Wipes

## **DAYBREAK**

Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Shower Gel  
Body Wash (unisex)  
Shaving Cream  
Disposable Razors  
Hand Lotion

### **All clothing items must be NEW**

Hats, Gloves and Scarves  
Sweatpants and Sweatshirts (size XL-XXL)  
Women’s T-Shirts (Sizes L-3X)  
Men’s Underwear (Sizes L-XXXL)  
Women’s Underwear (Size L)  
Sweat Socks  
Men’s & Women’s Slippers  
  
Shower Curtains  
Pillows -Standard size (NEW)  
Pillowcases- Standard size (NEW)  
Sheets – Twin & Full (NEW)  
  
\$10 Gift Cards from WALMART





# Harvest Home

October 2, 2022







**Chef Bob**



*October 2, 2022*



**Winner**



**Winner**





# Covenant Brass Quintet



October 9, 2022

# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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## What's happening with Growing Young?

*Growing Young is an initiative lived out in the NEPSynod, congregations, and individuals' ministry. Growing Young was our synod assembly theme in 2021, but it is not a once-and-done theme. Growing Young is something we strive to accomplish together, continually.*

Congregations throughout our synod have been diving deep into the journey of Growing Young. Some are just beginning and exploring the concept whereas others are already incorporating it within their congregation and even helping beginners to gain the whole Growing Young experience. In case you are new to Growing Young, Growing Young is a movement in the NEPA Synod and throughout the greater ELCA and is based on a book of the same name. The book studied churches of all sizes, denominations, and locations throughout the country that are maintaining and engaging youth and young adults in their congregations. What does Growing Young really look like though?

Growing Young will look different for every congregation and the journey to get there will not be the same. Devoting time and commitment to the 6 core characteristics is the only way for your congregation to work towards a Growing Young outcome. These commitments orbit around a Jesus-centered community and help us truly become the church. Now is the time to pass down leadership and pastoral roles to those eager to assist and prioritize youth & young families everywhere. Now is the time to focus on warm relationships and empathize with today's youth. Now is the time to be the best neighbor and share Jesus' message seriously.

Is your congregation ready to Grow Young? Resources are available to help guide your community to the Growing Young mindset. For more information, visit [godslove.org/growingyoung](https://godslove.org/growingyoung) or by reaching out to the Growing Young coordinator, Stacey Burke at [stacey@nepsynod.org](mailto:stacey@nepsynod.org) or at 610-266-5101 ext. 10.

## Let's Grow Young together!

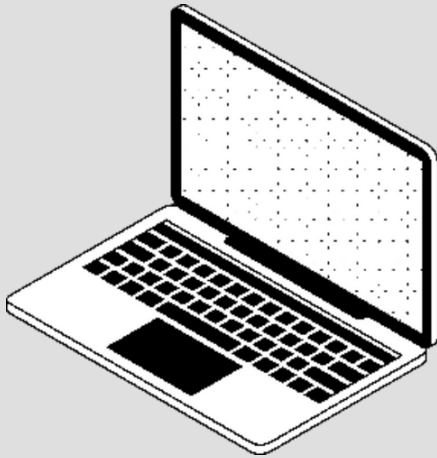


# COMING UP:

Nov. 5: WeLove

Nov. 12: Faith Formation Saturdays

Nov. 14-15: Bishop Conference



*Visit us:*

<http://www.Godslove.org/>

"GIVE THANKS TO  
THE LORD, FOR  
GOD IS GOOD;  
GOD'S LOVE  
ENDURES  
FOREVER."

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



*Faith in Action*

**Hope's Table**

A Synodically Authorized  
Worshipping Community in  
Reading, where the community  
comes together to eat, worship,  
and build relationships. A  
community fostered in the  
poorest neighborhood of the  
city. It all started as a small  
gathering but has grown into a  
comfortable place for people  
who wouldn't otherwise feel  
comfortable within the walls of  
a church.

Tuesdays 5:30PM  
601 N Front St  
Reading PA  
Pastor Mary Wolfe

JUNE  
1-3

SYNOD  
ASSEMBLY  
2023



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DATE

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**December 2022 LMD NL news will be due Nov. 11, 2022.** E-Mail any information to me at [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com).

**Basket & Gift Card Social:** Sat., Oct. 22, 2022 and Sun., Oct. 23, 2022 at – Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church, 535 W Emaus Ave, Allentown, PA 18103. Tickets are \$5 for a sheet of 25 chances. If you purchase tickets before Oct., 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5 sheets for \$20 ( a \$5 savings). For more information or to have tickets held for you at the door call the church office [610-797-4774](tel:610-797-4774). See flyer attached.

**Holiday Craft Bazaar:** – Sat., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 3:00 - Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church – 8269 Spring Creek Rd. Alburtis, PA. Crafts, Basket Raffle, Food & Flea Market. [610-395-1215](tel:610-395-1215)

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING:** Wed., Dec. 7, 2022. St. John's Lutheran Church, 501 Chestnut St, Emmaus, PA 18049. Thank you for all your support in making this Outreach Ministry possible.

**Muhlenberg College's Candlelight Carols Advent Service** will take place this year on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm and Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm and 7:30pm. We are currently taking reservations and community members can reserve up to 4 tickets on a first come, first serve basis. Please call [484-334-3121](tel:484-334-3121) for more information or visit <https://www.muhlenberg.edu/student-life/religiouslife/egnerchapel/candlelightcarolsinformation/> to reserve tickets online.

**Community Free Dinners – St. John's Lutheran Church, 1028 Church Street, Fogelsville.** 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. All are welcome.

**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!!

### Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk News

**Thank you** to all the faithful walkers, community leaders, and support crew who braved the elements for our Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk on Sun., Oct. 2! **See some of our photos, attached!**

**Congratulations** to all who received awards at the Oct. 2 CROP Opening Ceremony! And special thanks to Linda Held for making all of the awards!

**2019 Golden Sneaker**-First Presbyterian, Allentown  
**2019 Silver Sandal**-Luther Crest  
**2019 Bronze Booty**-Christ Lutheran, Allentown

**2020 Golden Sneaker**-Asbury Spirit  
**2020 Silver Sandal**-The Barn  
**2020 Bronze Booty**-Blank Slate Faith Community  
**2020 Red Racer**-Lara McQue, Calvary Baptist  
**2020 Blue Buggy**-Christine Connelly, First Presbyterian  
**2020 Blue Buggy**-Joanne Marchetto, The Barn

**2021 Golden Sneaker**-Blank Slate Faith Community  
**2021 Silver Sandal**-Calvary Baptist, Allentown  
**2021 Bronze Booty**-St. John's ELCA, Emmaus  
**2021 Red Racer**-Calvary Baptist, Allentown  
**2021 Blue Buggy**-St. John's UCC, Fogelsville

If your congregation or group walked at another time, please **share** your **CROP Hunger**

Walk **photos** and **videos!** **Post them** on social media and send them to [karehad@gmail.com](mailto:karehad@gmail.com) to include in our CROP follow-up emails to congregations and other CROP supporters!

Also, there's still time to give online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa>

Alternatively, **checks for "CWS/CROP"** may be given to congregation/group leaders for delivery **by Oct. 31, 2022**, to Linda Held, Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103.

**Compounded by COVID-19 and its variants, as well as the war in Ukraine, hunger and malnutrition are life-threatening problems in our community, nation, and world.**

**Thank you for making a difference and helping our neighbors in need!**

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

## RACISM IS A PROBLEM

The United States is not a racist country but our nation certainly has a racism problem, and so does our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

On October 27, 2018, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 11 Jewish Americans were killed at the synagogue Tree of Life Congregation during a Shabbat service. On June 17, 2018, in Charleston, South Carolina, 9 African Americans were killed at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church during a Bible Study. On March 16, 2021 in Atlanta, Georgia, 8 Asians Americans, the majority women, were killed at a spa.

These racist attacks on people of color were committed in the United States. If I included the killings of African Americans in the hands of police officers, I would need a page in the LMD Newsletter to write all of the victim's names.

These hate crime attacks on people of color and women were laced with Anti-semitic, white supremacy, and misogynistic sentiments by their perpetrators. The racist sentiments that are espoused by some people around us and in our congregations begs the question: Do these Christians know Jesus was a person of color? He was not born in Europe. The Gospels refer to him as Jesus of Nazareth or Jesus of Galilee. Rabbi Jesus was a Jewish Middle-Easterner.

One of the resolutions carried over to the Synod Council to vote on from the 2-day Online Synod Assembly that was held on June 10-11, 2022 was the Anti-Racism Education Emphasis resolution. On Saturday, July 23, 2022, the Synod Council met at the Lutheran Center in Allentown and adopted the Anti-Racism motion.

The resolution reads in part, "that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA establish a requirement for Racial Justice/Anti-Racism training for Rostered Ministers and Synod Authorized Lay Ministers at least every three years..."

To this end, in seeking further understanding on the problem of systemic and institutionalized racism, the Synod's Racial Justice Team set up interviews with clergy of color and training with prospective speakers. For more information click the link below: <https://nepasynod.org/racial-justice-team/>

As we continue to reflect on our life with Jesus The Son of All Humanity, it is my hope that we can come to see each other as a race of human beings and stop seeing each other in ethnic and gender construct terms.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

### **Dec. 8 2022 (Thurs) – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre – ELF THE MUSICAL**

– 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 10:00AM**

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

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### **2023 Trips are in the Works!**

