

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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Breinigsville, PA

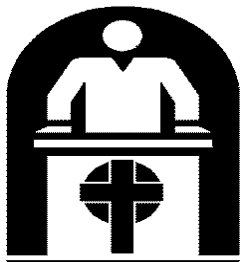
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Dear Members and Friends,

I want to share with you a poem written in the dark ages of 1963 by a priest named Michael Quoist. It was printed in a book titled Prayers (© Sheed and Word, 1963). It is a book of poems (or writings). The poem I want to share is titled “The Telephone.” Yes, I know, , that’s the fossilized communication device that is now obsolete but the

message of the poem is as relevant today as when it was written. It is as follows:

I have just hung up; why did he telephone?  
I don’t know . . . Oh! I get it . . .

I talked a lot and listened very little.

Forgive me, Lord; it was monologue and not a dialogue.  
I explained my idea and did not get his;  
Since I didn’t listen, I learned nothing,  
Since I didn’t listen, I didn’t help,  
Since I didn’t listen, we didn’t commune.

Forgive me, Lord, for we were connected,  
And now we are cut off.

Don’t we find ourselves in a similar situation today? So often we see people in conversation trying to push their point of view without listening to the other person. I think it is most evident in our political dialogue (if you can call it dialogue). Not only is it characterized by pushing a point of view and not listening, but insulting and degrading the other person. In these days of social media, I think our conversations are short, abrupt, and not well thought out. We try to get the most “bang” with the least amount of “characters.” Therefore “we didn’t commune” as Quoist says. “I learned nothing,” “I didn’t help” – because we don’t often listen. I find my conversations online are not like my conversations in person. When in person, I observe the other person’s body language, facial expressions, inflections, and mood. That helps determine my response.

It’s also true that person to person conversations can be one-sided. I just think more on-line conversations can be one-sided. Quoist says at the end of the poem, “Forgive me Lord, for we were connected, but now are

cut off.” Think about our conversations with God. Is it a one way conversation? Do we listen for God to speak? Or are we cut off? God continues to seek us. God wants to restore a broken relationship, one that is “cut off.” He wants one that is characterized by communion. Receive God’s invitation to commune whether that is in prayer or receiving his body and blood. Come and commune with God and neighbor.

Pastor Miller

## COMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL’S MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### BREAKFAST POT-LUCK

A breakfast pot-luck will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-10:15am between the worship services. We are asking you to bring breakfast items – hot or cold. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex as the time approached.

### POT-LUCK LUNCHEON – SEPTEMBER

A pot-luck luncheon will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Please fill out the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex as the time approaches.

### HARVEST SUNDAY



We will be celebrating a Harvest Sunday at St. Paul’s on October 1, 2023 to commemorate the gathering in of harvest. For this special service, the church will be decorated with fall décor and harvest items. We will sing hymns of celebration and give thanks for our bounty.

As part of this celebration, we are calling for **non-perishable** food donations. You can bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to church Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup> and place items in the box in Narthex marked “Harvest Home”. All food items will be donated to the food bank.

Help us to celebrate Harvest Sunday on October 1<sup>st</sup> and bring food donations for those in need.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – Trunk or Treat – October 29<sup>th</sup>, **3:00pm** in St. Paul’s parking lot.

## 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.

## SILK FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

Because there are many Sundays when no one sponsors the flowers in the flower stands in church (and because it is an expense of \$44.00 for two flower arrangements) we have decided to use an arrangement of silk flowers to adorn our church when there are no sponsors. There will be at least two silk flower arrangements available (possibly more to come at a later date) to put in the flower stands.

When there are two flower arrangements that are sponsored, the flowers will appear as usual in the flower stands. When there is only one flower arrangement sponsored, it will be placed on the organ or piano and the two silk arrangements will be placed in the flower stands. When there are no flowers sponsored, the two silk flower arrangements will be placed in the flower stands.

## SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2023. Bulletin sponsorships will be for both 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.



## PLARN-MAKING SESSION – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



We scheduled another Plarn-making session for **Tuesday, July 11, at 10:00AM** in Fellowship Hall. The Plarn is made out of plastic bags, which are cut into loops and knotted together to make one long strip of plastic material. The plastic material is then used for crocheting sleeping mats – to be donated to the homeless. We can train you on folding and

cutting bags – no previous experience necessary - and it is a great way to get rid of plastic bags! Hope to see you on July 11 – the more, the merrier!

We'd like to thank all those who have helped on this project thus far - Kathy Conrad, Carol Derr-Breinig, Melanie Dimovitz, Evelyn Guzman, Peggy Kern, Rosemary Lehman, Judy Noll, Dorothy O'Connors, Daisy Pearson, Evelyn Randall, Laura Stoneback, Bruce & Sandi Wagaman, and Steph Wagaman.

Judy Noll  
Steph Wagaman

## PRAYER SHAWL NEWS – TWIDDLE SLEEVE PROJECT



Just a reminder – if you are working on Twiddle Sleeves - we are planning to have a Twiddle Sleeve decorating session at the beginning of November, so plan to wrap up your twiddle sleeves by the end of October.

Peggy Kern  
Steph Wagaman

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having the Blessing of the Backpacks for the 2023-2024 school years.



# PARISH NURSING NOTES

UV Awareness  
July/August 2023  
Cathy Waltemyer, RN

While researching what to discuss in this issue of St Paul's Parish News I discovered that July is UV Awareness Month. Now that summer is upon us most of us are spending more time outside. Maybe you are doing a lot of gardening, or spending time at the pool or the beach, or even just relaxing outside—sounds like fun right? What isn't fun is the skin and eye damage caused by excessive exposure to the sun's U.V. (ultraviolet) rays.

Here are some suggestions to help you stay safe in the sun:

1. **Lightweight and long-sleeved shirts and pants.** It's important to cover up as much of your skin as possible when spending time outdoors. When selecting clothing, avoid fabrics with a loose or open weave, such as lace. In addition, dark colors offer more protection than light colors. For example, a long-sleeved denim shirt provides an SPF of about 1,700, while a white t-shirt provides an SPF of about 7. In addition, if you're at the beach or pool, keep in mind that dry clothing offers more sun protection than wet clothing. For more effective sun protection, select clothing with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) number on the label.
2. **Sunglasses with UV protection.** Sunglasses are an important part of your sun-protective wardrobe. When purchasing sunglasses, always look for lenses that offer UV protection. Lenses that appear dark do not necessarily offer UV protection, so make sure to read the label before purchasing. In addition, large-framed or wraparound sunglasses offer more sun protection than aviators, for example, so be sure to consider that when selecting your sunglasses.
3. **A wide-brimmed hat.** A hat is a simple and effective way to cover up your face and neck. When selecting a hat, choose one that has a wide brim, which will protect your ears, as well as your head and neck. Avoid baseball hats or straw hats with holes, as these are not as effective in protecting you outdoors.

- 4. Shoes that cover your feet.** However, if you're wearing sandals or flip-flops or going barefoot, be sure to apply sunscreen to all exposed skin.

### **Choosing a sunscreen.**

There are 2 types of sunscreen; chemical sunscreen and physical sunscreen. Chemical sunscreens protect you by absorbing the sun's rays. They may contain one or more ingredients, including oxybenzone or avobenzone. Physical sunscreens protect you by deflecting the sun's rays. They contain active ingredients titanium dioxide and/or zinc oxide.

Physical sunscreens are good for people with sensitive skin and for children. They have the added benefit of being reef-safe, meaning the ingredients will not harm the oceans coral reefs.

### **What is SPF?**

**FDA meaning:** How well a sunscreen protects you from sunburn. To simplify things, you may want to think of the sun protection factor (SPF) as the "**sunburn** protection factor."

### **About SPF numbers**

Another confusing thing about SPF is the number that follows it. This number tells you how much UVB light (the burning rays) a sunscreen can filter out.

Here's what the science tells us about how much UVB light different SPF's can filter out:

- SPF 15: 93% of the sun's UVB rays
- SPF 30: 97% of the sun's UVB rays

The AAD recommends using an SPF 30 or higher.

It's important to know that no sunscreen can filter out 100% of the sun's UVB rays. That's why it's important to also seek shade and wear sun-protective clothing — such as a lightweight and long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses with UV protection. For more effective protection, look for clothing with an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) label.

## **How Often Should I Apply Sunscreen?**

Once applied, sunscreen only lasts so long on our skin. The sun's rays break down some sunscreens. Others clump and lose their effectiveness. To continue protecting our skin from the sun when outdoors, we must reapply sunscreen:

- Every 2 hours
- After toweling off
- When sweating\*
- After being in water\*

\*When using water resistant sunscreen, you'll need to reapply every 40 to 80 minutes.

Protecting yourself from the harmful rays of the sun year round will decrease your risk of developing skin cancer.

If you haven't had a skin examination, please call one of the many dermatology practices in the area and schedule an exam. It's painless!!

Information in this article taken from:

**<https://www.aad.org/member/advocacy/promote/uv-awareness>**

## **BASKET SOCIAL NEWS**

The Basket Social Committee has been busy working with the baskets and planning the event for September 23. There are 104 baskets so far! Thank you to all who have contributed a basket, items, or gift cards.

If you're not a basket person and would like to contribute – we are in need of gift cards! There are ideas for gift cards on the table in the narthex at church, or pick up one from your favorite store or restaurant.

Our grand prize this year is a \$1,000 (Visa or Mastercard) gift card, so it will not be tied to a specific store.

And we have six **Specials** this year. Specials are items that are more valuable than the regular baskets. Our Specials include:



A Coach Bag with matching Coach Wallet



Pioneer Woman Collection of casserole dishes and other cookware items



A Cornhole set



A GE Revere antique mantle clock with Westminster chimes



A Hand-Made Quilt measuring 65" x 75"

A Philadelphia Eagles Merchandise basket (coming soon)

We are now selling tickets! Tickets are \$5 per card (each card contains 26 tickets). If purchased in advance, you can get 5 cards for \$20. If purchased at the door, 5 cards will cost \$25. See Anita or anyone on the Basket Social Committee for tickets.

For updates on the Social, visit our [Basket Social Web page](#).

Basket Social Committee Members: Carol Derr-Breinig

Melanie Dimovitz

Anita Eisenhard

Rosie Gallagher

Peggy Kern

Amanda Mesko

Pastor Miller

Peggy Saylor

Becky Theodore

Steph Wagaman

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Our monthly meeting was on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

NEPA W-ELCA Convention, June 24, 2023

Registration – 8 a.m., Worship begins at 9 a.m.

Since St. Paul's is the host church, our church is not only providing a place for the meeting, but our ladies are also providing a continental breakfast and lunch for the event. We received the registration numbers and finalized the preparations for the convention.

A decision was made to meet over the summer as we did in 2022.

Our bible study this month was *Salvation now Session one Promised salvation now: Jesus brings wellness* by Anna Madsen. The bible study dealt with the word *now* as the gospel writer John uses it, has different meanings that convey opposite truths. In daily life, we tend to use the word "now" as a filler, but the word "now" mostly does some heavier semantic and theological lifting in the Gospel of John.

Mark your calendar and please join us on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. for another time of fellowship, camaraderie and bible study from The Gather magazine which will be Session two on *Salvation now* and a discussion on outcomes from or 33<sup>rd</sup> convention.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!!!

## THY WILL BE DONE

Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor.



"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you."

## 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. We will send a card signed from the congregation.





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
16 Sarabeth Mesko	28 Earl Wenz
21 Ed Pearson	29 Kayla Nemeh
25 Kim Bruchak	



16 Bob & Kim Pearson  
 21 Mark & Kathy Maslany  
 22 Kim & Shawn Sicher  
 30 Bob & Donna Nickisher



3 Maria Evans	12 Gloria Selig
4 Robert Bastian	15 Martha Lindenmuth
8 Kay Schlenker	22 William Heminitz
12 Joseph Mironov	25 Jeffrey Heminitz



6 Joe & Amy Mutis  
 7 Bill & Cheryl Wilburn  
 10 Tom & June Kellogg  
 12 Michael & Kelly Morgenstern  
 16 Ginger & Bill Hallock  
 24 Bruce & Peggy Saylor





## GOD'S GOT YOU

In Roman 4 Paul writes: “If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace” (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God’s grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don’t trust, can’t believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: “I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit* has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and *kept me in the true faith*” (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don’t even know how to pray, the “Spirit himself intercedes for us” (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God’s got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## LIVING AS POETRY OF GOD

For Christians, the Scriptures are our first source of guidance for how to live, and within them, Jesus is primary. But God speaks through nonbiblical voices too: preachers and teachers not found in the Bible, and even literature that isn’t directly Christian. God, who used King Cyrus of Persia to free the exiled Israelites, can use *anyone* to call us to right living. Take, for example, Walt Whitman’s description of life as poetry when we live certain ways, and God as “the greatest poet”:

“This is what you shall do: Love the earth and sun and the animals, despise riches, give alms to every one that asks, stand up for the [vulnerable], devote your income and labor to others, hate tyrants, argue not concerning God, have patience and indulgence toward the people, ... and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency. ... The known universe has one complete lover and that is the greatest poet. ... His love above all love has leisure and expanse.” (From the preface to *Leaves of Grass*, 1855)

## AN ABUNDANCE OF GIFTS

In 2022, people set some amazing Guinness World Records. A Nebraska man paddled more than 37 miles in a hollowed-out pumpkin boat. A Vermont teen wearing 4-inch heels walked more than 600 feet across a tightrope. And an Oregon man found and alphabetized all 26 letters in a can of alphabet soup in 2 minutes and 8.6 seconds. (The toughest part, he says, is distinguishing subtle differences between letters such as M and W.)

Your talents might not earn you any world records, but they certainly can grow faith and change lives. Whether you're good at teaching, singing, writing, cooking or accounting, the church can put those skills to productive use. Romans 12 lists many more qualities you may not realize are spiritual gifts: graciousness, serving, generosity, acts of mercy, loving and honoring others, extending hospitality, rejoicing and weeping with people, making peace.

You might not be able to outperform the alphabet soup record. But God abundantly blesses each of us to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Romans 12:10, ESV) and in sharing his love.

—Stephanie Martin

## DAILY REASONS TO CELEBRATE

Poor August, the only month without holidays! Still, there's lots to celebrate these final weeks of summer. Enjoy some summer flavors: August 1 is National Raspberry Cream Pie Day; August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day; August 3, National Watermelon Day; August 10, National S'mores Day (have a bonfire!); and August 24 is National Peach Day.

If you share life with young kids, have a water balloon fight on — you guessed it — National Water Balloon Day, August 6! Head out for a final (National) Beach Day on August 30. Or head out for an intergenerational hike on National Trail Mix Day, August 31.

And don't forget to celebrate God's precious gifts of friends — National Friendship Day is the first Sunday in August; creation — Global Sleep Under the Stars Night is August 8 (prime time for meteor showers!); laughter — National Tell a Joke Day is August 16; and the opportunity to put God's love into action by serving others — on August 22, National Be an Angel Day, or August 28, National Thoughtful Day, and, for that matter, every day of the year — holiday or not.



# SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.  
What does God do for people who fear him?

*Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.*

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	as do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS  
AUGUST 13, 2023**

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



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

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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 2023

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000  
or the Council Person of the Month - Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320

## Sunday, July 2, 2023

### 9:00AM

No Assistants

### 10:30AM

Cal Fetherolf, Ken Ritter

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Ken & Janine Ritter

**Greeter:** Zack Dimovitz

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** Sharon Bortz

## Sunday, July 16, 2023

### 9:00AM

No Assistants

### 10:30AM

Rosie Gallagher, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Peggy Saylor

**Communion Bread:** Bob Nickisher

**Greeter:** Bruce Wagaman

**Lay Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Reader:** Bob Nickisher

## Sunday, July 9, 2023

### 9:00AM

No Assistants

### 10:30AM

Frank Bennighoff, Judy Walker

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Bread:** Dorothy O'Connors

**Greeter:** Dick Hartley

**Lay Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen

## Sunday, July 23, 2023

### 9:00AM

No Assistants

### 10:30AM

Melanie Dimovitz, Richard Hartley

**Altar Guild:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Communion Bread:** Melanie Dimovitz

**Greeter:** Cal Fetherolf

**Lay Asst:** Dick Steltz

**Reader:** Cal Fetherolf

## Sunday, July 30, 2023

### 9:00AM

No Assistants

### 10:30AM

Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

**Altar Guild:** Amy Williams

**Communion Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Communion Bread:** Pat Spencer

**Greeter:** Lacey Edwards

**Lay Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Reader:** Lacey Edwards

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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**August 2023**

**If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000  
or the Council Person of the Month - Sharon Bortz 610-398-0320**

## **Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**9:00AM**

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

Daisy Pearson, Peggy Saylor

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Lisa Newhard

**Greeter:** Peggy Saylor

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Daisy Pearson

## **Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**9:00AM**

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

Melanie Dimovitz, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Communion Bread:** Peggy Kern

**Greeter:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Lay Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Reader:** Peggy Kern

## **Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**9:00AM**

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

Frank Bennighoff, Rosie Gallagher

**Altar Guild:** Steph Wagaman

**Communion Asst:** Peggy Saylor

**Communion Bread:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Greeter:** Mary Schneider

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen

## **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**9:00AM**

No Assistants

**10:30AM**

Bruce Wagaman, Sandi Wagaman

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Communion Bread:** Alice Bastian

**Greeter:** Amy Williams

**Lay Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Reader:** Lacey Edwards



# Iron Pigs Baseball Game



June 18, 2023







NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

# SYNOD NEWS



## OF NORTHERN STITCHES, CONTAINER SHIPS, PORT CHAPLAINS AND SEAFARERS: A JOURNEY OF HOPE THRU SIH

BY PASTOR SUSAN TJORNEHOJ, SIH BOARD MEMBER AND SUSTAINER, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEMIDJI, MN


It is a Thursday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. Canada is just 107 miles away. The winter morning is brisk, 7 degrees, with a stiff breeze out of the north. This means it feels like way too many degrees below zero. For the 8 to 10 women who are here, cold temps, icy winds, even blowing snow can't keep them home. The call to serve others through the art and craft of quilting is too compelling. Colors surround them, blues and greens, browns and oranges, reds, yellows, floral and stripe, squares and scraps, piecing together discarded fabric into warmth which becomes shawls and tents, blankets, a wedding dress, maybe even a death wrap for those fleeing war or the ravages of climate change. But here in the north, it is simply the joy of community and service.

Today I imagine the journey the quilts will take, from the cold north to a warehouse, into a container bound for a need somewhere in the world. Ukraine or Lebanon? Mali or Burkina Faso? I imagine them loaded onto a train or truck on its way to a port, part of the *Seafarers International House (SIH)* network. Baltimore? Newark? *Seafarers International House (SIH)*, the ELCA seafarers' ministry, has been that intersection where quilters from Bemidji, connect to a port chaplain, a seafarer, a dock worker loading up a container ship bound for somewhere across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, to places known and unknown.



For 150 years, hospitality and the welcome of strangers, support for seafarers and newcomers and refugees and immigrants, asylum seekers, this ministry has been a tapestry, a quilt, a piecing together of connection, support and a wayside rest. Perhaps some of the ancestors of these quilting women were assisted by SIH as they disembarked at Battery Park or Ellis Island, bound for a new home in a new land.



This is what interests me on a cold Thursday morning, how the stitches of these women, intersect with a dock worker, a seafarer, a port chaplain, an asylum seeker. This is why I continue to financially support this ministry and serve on its board with great joy, imagining and underwriting the hope, the intersections of strangers around the globe, all uniquely made possible through SIH. 



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod met in assembly from June 1-3, 2023 at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. We gathered around Word and Sacrament, Song, Service, friendship, and food. We prayed together, worshipped together, and conducted the business of Christ's church for the first time, in-person, in three years!

In our time together we adopted changes to our constitution from the ELCA, elected a new Secretary, Rev. Ken Melber Jr, elected a new Vice President, Nancy Reichelt, and we adopted three new resolutions concerning money management in congregations, chaplaincy at Diakon home, and land acknowledgment concerning first peoples'. These can be found on the Synod website at [www.godslove.org/assembly23](http://www.godslove.org/assembly23)





## 2023 Synod Assembly Announcements:

### CONGRATULATIONS to the New Synod Officers:

- ♦ Nancy Reichelt elected as new Vice President to Synod Council
- ♦ The Rev. Kenneth Melber Jr. elected as new Secretary to the Synod Council

### GODSPEED

We bid Godspeed to Synod Council Officers V.P. Kristen Edelman-Weiner and Secretary Carl Shankweiler. Thank you for a job well done!

The adopted resolutions, recordings, and other resources can be found on the NEPA Synod website at <https://nepasynod.org/assembly23/>



The logo for this year's synod assembly features a phoenix. The phoenix is a mythical creature that burns up, dies, and resurrects to new life, over and over again. This synod encapsulated our theme of going beyond death to life. We are a people of resurrection, resilience, and perseverance.



*September 2023 LMD NL news will be due August 14, 2023.*

Please email any information to [lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com](mailto:lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com)

← Photo taken from NEPA Synod Facebook post

## 2023 Synod Assembly Highlights

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

After three years, the 36th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in person at Kalahari Resorts in the Poconos with over 400 voting delegates present.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Assembly:

### RESPONSIBLE MONEY MANAGEMENT IN CONGREGATIONS

Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in assembly recommends to all of its congregations that

1. There be a complete disclosure to the members of those congregations the assets and liabilities of the congregations so that there is transparency concerning what the congregations own and what the congregations owe;
2. There be safeguards in the way money is handled in the congregations so that, for one example, at least two unrelated persons count all incoming money;
3. There be safeguards in the way money is spent, such as requiring two signatures on every check with those signatures being added after the checks have been prepared;  
*(There are an additional 4 more points under this resolution. Due to space in this newsletter this author invites readers to read the remaining points found on the synod website.)*

### CHAPLAINCY AT DIAKON FACILITIES

Resolved, that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in Assembly urge that Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries Agency of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America commit to providing full time Chaplaincy in each of its Senior Living & Housing facilities.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Resolved, that this statement be placed on display prominent location at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod office, on the Synod website, and in appropriate Synod publication, as well as read at the beginning of Synod-wide gathering; and be further

Resolved that all congregation camps, institutions of learning, and other partner organizations affiliated with Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod be encouraged to likewise adopt and use this or a similar statement; and be it further

Resolved that this assembly commits itself and strongly advises all those within this church body to become aware of and involved with the ELCA Truth and Healing Movement, and to use these opportunities to learn the true history and ongoing realities of indigenous people.

~The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean



## 2023 Worship on Wednesdays

7:00 PM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)  
*at the pavilion or inside during inclement weather*

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FRIENDS OLD AND NEW  
It is always a JOY to worship together!

Music begins at 6:45 PM:

July 5- Valley Collective

July 12- The Dulcimer Boys

July 19- River of Grace Gospel Group

July 26- The Blend, The Barn Faith Community, Allentown

August 2- Union Praise Band, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

August 9- The Cedar Routes, Orchard Hills Church, Breinigsville

August 16- Grace Notes Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley

August 23- St. Timothy Lutheran Church **ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL** (6-7:30 PM)

EACH WEEK A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE GIVEN TO A CHOSEN ORGANIZATION.  
The first 5 are supporting community organizations engaged in senior citizen assistance matters; the second 5 are supporting community organizations engaged in environmental concerns.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD MUSIC, THE WORD & FELLOWSHIP!!!

*See flyer for details.*



### Community Free Dinners St. John's Lutheran Church (1028 Church Street, Fogelsville)

Dinners will continue 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.  
Next meal: July 21<sup>st</sup>. Free dinners are served "to-go", while supplies last.  
All are welcome.

### ADVENT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>



St. John's Lutheran Church  
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)



Thank you for your support with this ministry!



### THE CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
(417 N. 7th Street, Allentown)

Offers free clothing to those in need in our community, every Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am. Help is always needed.  
For more information, please contact the church at 610-434-3943.

Thank you to all who help or donate!!



### OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109  
Phone: 610-435-9155

Open: Monday 11-3 and Wednesday 11-3  
Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Website: [www.LMDopsunshine.com](http://www.LMDopsunshine.com)

Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators  
*Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.*

Aug. 4 (Fri.): Shawnee Playhouse –  
**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**  
*The biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colors comes alive in the musical retelling.*

September 17 to September 23, 2023  
CHICAGO WITH 2 OVERNIGHTS IN CLEVELAND  
*Please think about joining us for a fun trip to the Windy City and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Call the office to receive a full itinerary and pricing. Final payment is due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.*

Oct. 17 (Tues.): The Waterfront at Silver Birches – **GERMANFEST!**

*What could be more German than a Strudel making demonstration, a 3-hour included Open Bar of Wine, Draft Beer and soda, a buffet of all your favorite German delicacies like Mushroom Soup, Beet Salad, Chicken Schnitzel with warm Potato Salad, Braised Bratwurst with red cabbage and more!*

**See website or attached newsletter for more details.**

### GREATER ALLENTOWN CROP HUNGER WALK:

\*\*\*Sunday, October 22, 2023,\*\*\*

1:30 pm., with registration beginning at 1:00 pm.  
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)

Register, donate, or find more information about the life-saving work of Church World Service:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa)

Please REGISTER your CROP Hunger Walk TEAM A.S.A.P.



Thanks to the 9 teams that have already registered!

### CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kick-off:

Sun., Aug. 27, 2023, 1:30-2:30 pm  
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,  
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)

Receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation!

RSVP by Thurs., Aug. 24 to Linda Held  
([jucc3441@ptd.net](mailto:jucc3441@ptd.net) or 484-553-8922)



Like our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk/>

**Distribute our Walker/Donor and Sponsorship BROCHURES (see attached)!**