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Breinigsville, PA

JANUARY 2024

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

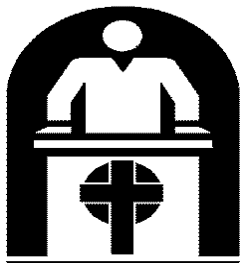


*May all kings
fall down
before him,
all nations
serve him!*

PSALM 72:11, ESV

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Dear Members and Friends,

As I was deciding what to write in this article, thinking about the new year ahead, I googled “religious thoughts on a new year.” I clicked on “Notable Christian Thoughts About Starting the New Year Right.”

There was a quote there from G. K. Chesterton – “The object of a new year is not that we should

have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.” The commentary that followed said that every new year is a chance to refresh our soul and renew our promises to God. It’s a great time to reflect on the thing we did well in the previous year, and how we can continue to be better disciples of Christ in the new year. Renewing promises to God is part of our baptism. We are reminded that we are children of God and are promised forgiveness of sin, life and salvation. Being reminded of that can help us face each day in the new year.

The point of the quote being made is that it’s important to rethink where our hearts and minds stand. January is the perfect time to pause and make this consideration. What needs to change in our lives? How can we renew ourselves for Christ?

For some, maybe there will be minor changes, for others there may be big changes. Sometimes it depends on the circumstances in which you find yourselves. I know my reflection on my being, my soul, will be a bit different in this new year than in previous years. Each of you will have your own thinking to do. Consider your circumstances and in prayer and contemplation think about how you can be a better child of God. May God bless you in the coming year as you ponder your discipleship.

Pastor Miller

SNOW/CANCELLATION INFORMATION



Winter advisory...Please be sure to check St. Paul’s website, www.stpaulsbbville.org or WFMZ storm center to see if any church service or event is cancelled due to snow or ice.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The end of 2023 is almost here. In order to make sure all your contributions are posted on your Year End Giving Statement, it is important to have your 2023 contributions received in the church no later than Sunday, December 31, 2023 or if mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31, 2023. **Any contributions that arrive after that, starting in January, will be posted on your 2024 giving statement.**

Sandi Wagaman

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be open, Tuesday, December 26th through Thursday, December 28th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You may use this time to drop off your yearend giving or pick up your poinsettia. You may call the office at 610-398-7000 to make sure I am still available. The office will also be closed January 2, 2024.

INGATHERING 2023



The Lehigh Mission District Ingathering took place on Wednesday, December 6th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus. Because of your generous contributions, St. Paul's was able to donate more than 250 small items to the Sixth Street Shelter and Bethany Christian Services for Refugee Resettlement and 16 wrapped gifts for Good Shepherd Home Raker and Topton Home Children's Services. The women from WELCA helped to sort all the items into categories and package them up for delivery to the various organizations. Many thanks to everyone that made this year's participation in the Ingathering possible.

THE HEART OF OUR FAITH

Christianity affirms that at the heart of reality is a Heart, a loving Father who works through history for the salvation of his children. Man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of all things and humanity is not God. Bound by the chains of his own sin and finiteness, man needs a Savior.



—Martin Luther King Jr.

PRICE INCREASE FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

We have received notice from the florist, starting January 1, 2024 the cost of the altar flowers will increase by \$2.00. The new price will be \$24.00 for one bouquet and \$48.00 for two bouquets. This is the first increase in their price in 5 years. Connie has tried to keep the cost down but has now found she has to bite the bullet and raise the price.

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.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2024. 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 \$24.00 or both vases are \$48.00. 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.

NEXT PLARN-MAKING SESSION ON JANUARY 16



Mark your calendar for a plarn-making session on **Tuesday, January 16, at 1:30PM** in Fellowship Hall. We can train you on making plarn – no previous experience necessary - and it is a great way to get rid of plastic bags! Hope to see you on the 16th!

Our hard work is paying off! As of 12/20, two completed mats were delivered to Caring D.A.M. Hearts in Slatington for their homeless ministry. And three more mats have been started.

Judy Noll
Steph Wagaman

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

Our monthly meeting was on December 13th where we discussed:

- Thankoffering Sunday giving amounted to \$495.00 that was sent to national.
- The NEPA WELCA Convention will be held on May 18, 2024, in Honesdale. More information to follow in the coming months.

Our Bible study was *Holy places*, Session three, *Pilgrimage*, by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Meghan is an ELCA missionary living and serving in what is often called the “Holy Land”. She meets Christians, Jews and Muslims who journey there from around the world to be physically present in a place that our three religions all recognize as holy ground.

Pilgrimage is not only about the destination, but also about the “Holy Place” of the journey itself. Through the risen Jesus, God meets us on the way. And also, pilgrimage is not always or only a journey to holy places marked on maps: pilgrimage is also a way of life.

Mark your calendar and please join us on January 10, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. for another time of fellowship, camaraderie, and bible study from The Gather magazine.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!!!!

Parish Nursing Notes
“It’s Wintertime Again”
Jan. 2024
Peggy Saylor, RN

As we enter the season of winter, it’s important that we treat the season and its accompanying weather conditions with the respect that they deserve. If you are not one of the “fortunate” individuals who are retired, not employed at the present time or can work from home, you need to be aware of some of the safety issues with travel during the winter season.

First and foremost, if the weather is bad, try NOT to travel unless absolutely necessary. Research the weather advisories that are issued by the National Weather Service and plan accordingly. If you must travel, here are some important points to remember:

- Let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive. Ask them to notify the authorities if you are late. Be sure to have your fully charged cell phone and a car charger with you.
- Check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your car before you leave.
- Never pour hot water on your windshield to remove ice or snow as shattering may occur.
- Don’t rely on a car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down.
- Always carry additional warm clothing appropriate for the winter conditions.

If you get stranded, staying in your vehicle is often the safest choice. These steps will increase your safety if stranded:

- Hang a brightly colored cloth out a crack in your window (or tie on your antenna if you have one) as a signal to rescuers.
- Move anything you need from the trunk to the passenger area.
- Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets or newspapers.
- Run the motor and heater for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let in air.
- Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe – this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warm.
- Do not eat snow, it will lower your body temperature.

LETTER FROM A MEMBER

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy Holidays! It's been a long time since we've heard or talked to a lot of you. We thought this might be a good way to hopefully catch up with some of you. We haven't gotten a chance to talk to lately.

It's been a crazy year. We had a lot going on. The company who owned our building was bought out and now we earn too much and have to move. Our new address will be effective Dec. 9. (Address, emails and phone #'s are available upon request). It's about 10 miles from where we are now. Everyone is always welcome.

I have a chronic cellulitis problem. While I was hooked up on IV's for the problem, Earl went to a different hospital for a weakened heart problem. They checked to see if he needed a stent or worse however, he got lucky. They are giving him 4 different medications to strengthen his heart.

We are very happy together. We spend as much time as we can together to talk over the fun times we've had with all of you. If you have time, drop us a line. We love to hear from you. Remind us of your favorite memories. May your holidays be filled with magic, surprises and new memories. Love you. Our doors always open!

Earl and Irene

THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donation to Bear Creek Camp! Your gift helps ensure every camper has the opportunity to create memories here at camp that will last a lifetime!

Clarissa

THANK YOU

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$50.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

In Christ,

Amanda White – Director, Congregational Generosity
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

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.

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

OUR SOURCE OF LIGHT

January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, when the wise men (who were Gentiles) came to worship Jesus and bring him gifts. During the church-year season of Epiphany, we remember that God's Son is the Light of the whole world.

Ponder the gifts of Epiphany with these two reflections, written centuries apart:

Your light, dear God, surpasses all other light, because all light comes from you. Your fire surpasses all fire, because your fire alone burns without destroying. The flames of your fire reach into the soul, consuming the sin and selfishness that lie there. But far from damaging the soul, your fire sets it ablaze with love. What moved you to enlighten me with your truth? The fire of your love was the reason. You loved me so much that you could not bear to see me confused and perplexed. Can I ever repay the burning love which you have given me? No, because I have nothing of my own to give. Yet you assure me that the love which you put into my soul is repayment enough. You desire only the joy of seeing me receiving your gift. What more perfect Father could there be!

—Catherine of Siena (c. 1347-1380)

Epiphany beckons us to come to the light of Jesus Christ. Epiphany calls us to stare into that light until our inner darkness is fully expunged. Epiphany then sends us out into a dark and weary world as women and men with shining faces, until we say with the apostle Paul, "It is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" [see 2 Corinthians 4:6].

—Jason Gaboury, campus minister in New York City



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10 Rosemary Lehman	24 Cheryl Wilburn
12 Joe Mutis	27 Mark Grammes
12 Robert Pearson	31 Mary Gade
14 Irene Wenz	



3 Joe & Allison Thompson

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contribution has been received in memory of Nancy Miller:

Bruce & Peggy Saylor

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you, on behalf of The Lehigh Conference of Churches, for your recent contribution of \$300.00 on 11/28, to support our neighbors in need.

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

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

Faithfully,
Pastor Genie Watson
Ecumenical Associate



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024						
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 The day before the first Friday _ _
 The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
 The day after the 20th _ _
 The day after 18th _ _
 The first day of the second weekend _
 The last Sunday _ _ _
 The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
JANUARY 14, 2024**

**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 SecretaryMrs. Cindy Krasnansky

January 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

January 2024

**If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or
the Council Person of the Month – Bruce Wagaman 610-504-7589**

Sunday, January 7, 2024

10:30AM

Ushers: Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Esther Seibert

Greeter: Zack Dimovitz

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Anita Eisenhard

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Dorothy O'Connors

Greeter: Lacey Edwards

Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter

Greeter: Carol Derr-Breinig

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: Tom Kellogg

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:30AM

Ushers: Rosie Gallagher, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz

Communion Bread: Helen Post

Greeter: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Rosemary Lehman

Nativity Displays

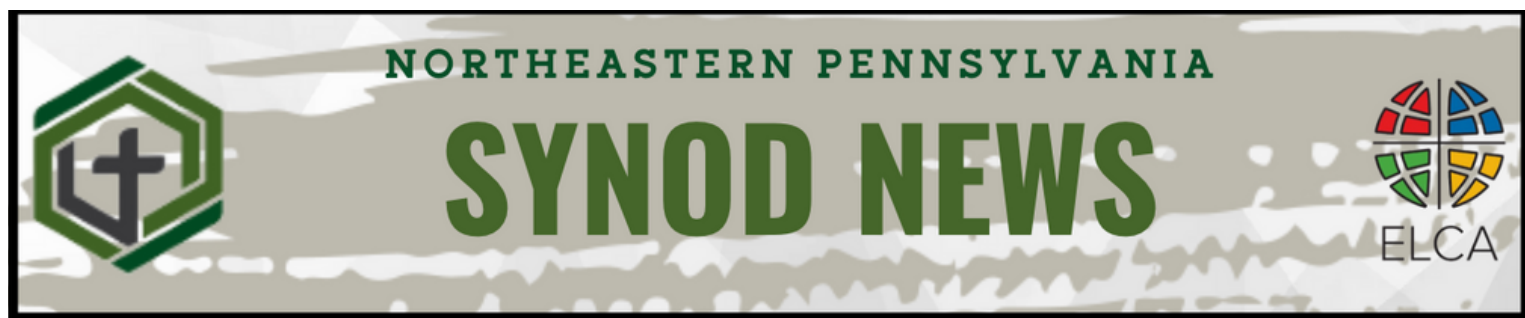


December 10, 2023



Christmas





Worship in Collaboration with Oglala Sioux Nation

On November 12, 2023, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Birdsboro, PA, held their annual Native American worship service in honor of November being Native American Heritage Month. I attended the worship service and wanted to share my experience with you.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church has a partnership with the Oglala Sioux Nation of Native Americans in Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, one of the poorest communities in the United States, and has been supporting them in many ways with their giving and their prayers.

In the worship service, the English translations used for the liturgy were:

Creator as the name used for God

Creator-Sets-Free as the name used for Jesus

The Chosen One as the name used for Christ

The Great Spirit as the name used for the Holy Spirit

The music for the worship service had a Native American vibe, words, and theme involving the sacredness of nature and life.

Copal incense from Central and Southwestern North America was used during the service as Native Americans used for sacred services.



Pr. Jim Farnsworth's message was dedicated to Native Americans and how the new immigrants treated them to America. He asked that we remember and honor those who have gone before us -- the original inhabitants of this land. He also asked that we have a right relationship with God and each other and that we have a responsibility to repair relations. We reconcile by learning the truth, loving each other, and breaking down barriers with others. He suggested that we learn the history of our area by looking through the eyes of our neighbors and that we are called to be good neighbors.

- Charlotte Gross, Co-Coordinator,
Mission Interpretation Ministry

UPCOMING *events*



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REMINDERS to the Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders

*Please keep the following
dates on your calendars:*

January 10, 2024 -
Legacy & Ministry
Deacon Travis Woodfield,
Director of Congregation
Legacy & Purpose

February 5-7, 2024 -
Bishop's Conference
"Finding Holy Focus in
Hungering Times"
at Shawnee Inn and Resort

March 13, 2024 -
Wholesome Attitudes
Toward Other Religions
The Rev. Dr. Roger Timm

April 10, 2024 - Collapse &
Restructuring of the ELCA
The Rev. Thomas Busted

May 5, 2024 - LMD Spring
Assembly 2024 at 4:00 P.M.
Lutheran Center, Allentown

June - Synod Assembly - TBD

July/August - off

*Event updates will be made
available at meetings and
here, in the LMD Newsletter.*



*February 2024 LMD NL news
will be due January 15, 2024.*

Please email any information to
lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

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The Holy Innocents

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

As the world comes together to celebrate the New Year this 2024, I have wondered how can we celebrate a new year when the issues from last year trail right behind us?

Many Christians around the world celebrated Christmas a couple of days ago. We celebrated the birth of the Christ child coming into the world. Now move over Christmas fiesta! It is New Year's Day!

But the church liturgical calendar does not allow us to jump over that one prickly church festival - The Martyrs of the Holy Innocents.

The story is about Joseph and Mary taking their child Jesus to Egypt for safety. Herod had "sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under." Matthew 2:16

The parent's shelter in Egypt served as a reminder of yet another massacre of innocent children under Pharaoh.

The death of one child is one too many. The Israel-Hamas War has caused the massacre of many holy innocent children.

According to Professor Geoffrey Claussen, "As a rabbi, Jewish ethicist, father, and human being, I am horrified by the continuation of attacks killing innocent children. While I understand responding to heinous crimes by attacking those who perpetrated them, I believe that all children deserve to live and thrive, whether they are Israeli or Palestinian. In the Jewish communities in which I travel, this view is widely shared."

The writer points out that "at least 7,000 Palestinian children have been killed by the Israeli military." ("In My Words: Killing children in the Israel-Hamas war is not justified" by Geoffrey Claussen.)

Happy New Year?

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean



UPCOMING NEPA SYNOD EVENTS:

details and registration on
<https://nepasynod.org/events/>

**Generosity Extravaganza
2024: Tools For Today**
January 20, 2024
8:30 AM to 3:45 PM
Trinity Lutheran Church
(1000 W. Main Street, Lansdale)

You will learn usable ideas and programs to help develop a culture of generosity in your congregation. Keynote speaker Grace Duddy Pomroy on creating Alternative Funding Methods for congregations.

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**Learning Ministries Day
Trusting God:
Doing a New Thing**
Saturday, January 27, 2024
(Snow date: February 3)
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Atonement Lutheran Church
(5 Wyomissing Blvd
Wyomissing, PA 19610)

Keynote Speaker: The Rev.
Maggie Wellert

Bishop's Conference 2024
February 6-7, 2024
Shawnee Inn and Resort
(100 Shawnee Inn Drive,
Shawnee on Delaware, PA)

Topic: Finding Holy Focus in
Hungering Times

Presenter: The Rev. Dr.
Nathan Swenson-Reinhold

Registration now open-
register by January 2nd

From LMD Christmas Ingathering:
Thank you to all who made this
ministry possible.

Christmas gifts and needed items were collected and distributed to many agencies. We want to thank St John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus for sponsoring the Ingathering. It is a blessing to see God's work in action by serving and helping others.

A Blessed Christmas and Healthy
New Year to you!



THANK YOU again to all the faithful walkers, community leaders, support crew, sponsors and other donors who participated in the Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, **Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk!**

If you or your congregation/group took any CROP Hunger Walk PHOTOS or VIDEOS, please POST THEM on social media and SEND THEM to karehad@gmail.com to include in our follow-up emails to congregations and other CROP supporters!

CONGRATULATIONS to all who received awards at the Opening Ceremony! And special thanks to Mark and Linda Held for making the awards!

2022 Golden Sneaker: Asbury Spirit, Allentown
2022 Silver Sandal: Calvary Moravian, Allentown
2022 Bronze Booty: Church of the Mediator, Allentown



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

**All the 2024 shows are currently
SOLD OUT!!!**

If you are still interested, we encourage you to put your name on a wait list as we invariably have cancellations, especially this far out.

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

Many Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!



BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY GIFT IDEA:
In honor of loved ones, give the gift of life!
DONATE to the CROP Hunger Walk at
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa>

The CROP Walk helps food-insecure neighbors locally through the LEHIGH CHURCHES' CONFERENCE KITCHEN and the ALLENTOWN AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK.

Our CROP Walk funds also supports CHURCH WORLD SERVICE and their life-saving disaster assistance, displacement assistance, and long-term development assistance with our neighbors in need throughout the United States and around the globe, including victims of floods, fires, droughts, earthquakes, wars, and other humanitarian crises.

THANK YOU for making a difference!

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OUR TRIPS FOR 2024 SOLD OUT WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER, HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE WAIT LIST OF ANY SHOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE. WE DO EXPERIENCE CANCELLATIONS ESPECIALLY THIS FAR OUT FROM THE ACTUAL TRAVEL DATES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OPERATION SUNSHINE.

WAIT LIST ONLY

Mar.21, 2024 (Thurs.) – Fulton Theatre – 9 TO 5

Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy – giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains “otherwise engaged,” the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. Hey, a girl can scheme, can't she? 9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the 1980's hit movie of the same name. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic. Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM – Return approx. 5:45 PM

Cost \$125 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Feb 15, 2024

WAIT LIST ONLY

April 4, 2024 (Thurs.) – Bristol Riverside Theatre – BIG, THE MUSICAL

12-year-old Josh Baskin knows one thing: being a scrawny 12 year-old boy stinks. But when a rusty arcade machine magically grants his wish to be grown up he discovers that, there's more to being an adult than he bargained for. Based on the 1988 smash-hit film starring Tom Hanks, **Big** is a fun-filled musical perfect for young and old! Lunch at Georgine's with entrée choices of:

PRIME RIB AU JUS

GRILLED NORWEGIAN SALMON FILET

CHICKEN PARMESAN

BONELESS CHICKEN STUFFED CAPON

Please notify the office of your entrée choice at time of booking.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10 AM – Return approx. 5:45 PM

Cost \$125 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Mar. 7

WAIT LIST ONLY

May 9, 2024 (Thurs) – Fulton Theatre – SOUTH PACIFIC

On a South Pacific island during World War II, Ensign Nellie Forbush, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with French planter Emile de Becque but she refuses Emile's proposal of marriage, unable to overcome the prejudices with which she was raised. Meanwhile, Lt. Joe Cable falls in love with a Tonkinese girl named Liat, but he too denies himself a future due to the same fears that haunt Nellie. When Emile accompanies Joe on a dangerous mission, Nellie chooses to embrace a future with Emile, thus conquering her prejudices. The show received ten Tony Awards (including Best Musical), a Grammy Award, and countless other accolades. Family Style lunch at the Fulton Steamboat Inn.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM – Return approx. 6:00 PM

Cost \$125 Payment Deadline: Thurs. Apr. 4

WAIT LIST ONLY

June 4, 2024 (Tues.) – Villa Roma – DOO WOP TRIBUTE

Get set for a great day of fun, food and entertainment –Upon arrival you have free time to enjoy one of Villa Roma's morning activities, use the game room or stroll the grounds. Then off to a fabulous 3-course meal with wine. After lunch enjoy more free time to explore the resort and its amenities or participate in a resort sponsored activity, like line dancing. But wait...there's more! At 1:45 PM head to the Forum Night Club for a Doo Wop review of all your favorite hits. After the show there is Bingo right there in the night club. After a full day, we depart for home. A great deal at a great price!

Entrée Choices:

ROAST LOIN OF PORK

CHICKEN PARMESAN OVER LINQUINI

FLOUNDER FRANCESE

Please notify the office of your entrée choice at time of booking.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 9:00 AM – Return approx. 6:30 PM

Cost \$120 Payment Deadline: Thurs. May 2

WAIT LIST ONLY

June 27, 2024 (Thurs.) – Paper Mill Theatre – BEAUTIFUL – THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

This Tony-nominated musical follows the early life and career of Carole King on her journey from teenage songwriter to chart-topping solo artist. King wrote for many of the biggest names in music, often alongside her husband, but it wasn't until she made the leap from the writer's room to the stage that she truly found her voice. This inspiring story of love, heartbreak, and empowerment features over two dozen hits, including “One Fine Day,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” and “Natural Woman.” The show will be preceded by a delicious luncheon buffet at The Stage House Restaurant.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM – Return approx. 5:30 PM

Cost \$130 Payment Deadline: Thurs., May 23

***NOTE: DANIEL AT SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE BOOKED FOR 2ND HALF OF 2024**