

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



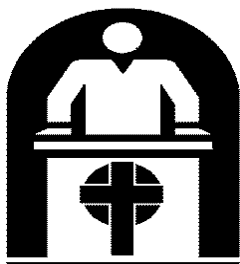
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Dear Members and Friends,

We will celebrate Easter at the end of the month. Come worship with us through this Lenten season and be here to hear “He is risen! He is risen indeed!” That’s the ancient greeting of the early Christians as they remembered and celebrated our Lords resurrection. We “celebrate Easter” one Sunday of the year but each Sunday is

really a celebration of the resurrection, a “little Easter” as Martin Luther said. Each Sunday we hear the Good News of God’s transforming power to bring new life to each of us. We hear the Good News in the preached Word and in the words of Scripture and song. We have the resurrected presence of Christ in the elements of bread and wine. God’s grace comes to us in Word and Sacrament.

But celebrating the resurrection doesn’t mean a whole lot if we don’t live it the rest of the week beyond Sunday. The question is: Now that God through Christ has granted us new life through Christ’s death and resurrection, what is our response to this great gift? God’s Spirit given to us in baptism enables us to share this good news in word and deed.

It may be as simple as greeting a neighbor, striking up a conversation, maybe even inviting others to worship with you. It may be marching for a cause, or contributing to a charity that relieves oppression or world hunger.

That’s what a response to God’s free gift of grace can look like. Let us celebrate the resurrection by coming to worship to receive this great gift and sharing it with others in all that we do.

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.

RESUMPTION OF 9:00AM SERVICE

The Music and Worship Committee has recommended to council and council approved resuming the 9:00am service. It was noted that there are some people who need to be socially distanced because of health reasons (and therefore need the 9:00am service) and others who prefer the 9:00am service because of work schedules. The 9:00am service will start the first Sunday in February.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday – March 24th, 9:00am and 10:30 am

We raise our branches and shout “Hosanna!” then hear the Passion of Our Lord.

Maunday Thursday – March 28th, 7:00pm

We receive individual absolution and Holy Communion and observe the stripping of the altar and the draping of it in black cloth.

Good Friday – March 29th, 10:30am

Good Friday marks Jesus’ trial, crucifixion, and death. Included in the service is the adoration of the cross.

The Resurrection of Our Lord – 9:00am and 10:30am

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Special music will be offered before the service.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Guess what? It is time to place your order for Easter flowers. Order forms are available on our website and on the table in the narthex. You can also call me in the office at 610-398-700 or send me an email at – office@stpaulsbville.org.

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd



PRAYER SHAWL NEWS

Chemo Hat Project

We've kicked off the chemo hats project using patterns and yarn requirements per [Knots of Love Web Site](#). There are folders containing crocheted hat patterns on the table in the Narthex. I've given out 3 folders of knitted patterns. If you would like the knitted hat patterns and didn't get a folder, please see Steph. We will be pursuing a Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase specific yarns for this project. If you want to purchase your own yarn, many of the suggested brands are common to Hobby Lobby, Michael's and JoAnne's craft stores.

Project Warm Up America (WUA)

We've also kicked off our [Project Warm Up America](#). We will be making crocheted or knitted rectangular pieces measuring 7" by 9". The Web site has some [pattern suggestions](#), but you can make rectangles in whatever patterns you like. It is a great way to use up partial skeins in your stash. If you would like a 7"x9" cardboard template to make it easy to get the correct size, please see Sandi.

Plarn/Project Working Sessions

Just a reminder that we will be having working sessions for making Plarn – or any of the above projects – on the third Tuesday of the month from 1:30 – 3:30PM. Feel free to join us making plarn, working on a sleeping mat, or knitting/crocheting hats or rectangles. Mark your calendar for **March 19 at 1:30PM** – and for the third Tuesday of the months following.

LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPES

Enclosed in the newsletter is a Lenten envelope. There are also more envelopes available on the table in the Narthex.



GAME TIME

We are having a time for games on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Come, bring a game (board games, card games, etc.) and share some good times. Bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

EASTER EGG HUNT



We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for the children (grandchildren) of the members of St. Paul's on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00am. We would appreciate if you would sign the sheet on the narthex tables as to how many we can expect.

ST. PAUL'S 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

The Basket Social Committee is planning a third Basket Social on September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Look for our display in March, when we will start our basket drive: seeking donations of gift baskets from members of the congregation. You can donate empty baskets, made up baskets, or items to put in a basket. New or nearly new items are preferred.

We will again have several “special” baskets (of higher value than regular baskets), gift cards for local restaurants/businesses, and a big-ticket grand prize. We also will have a paper products tower – where people bring food items do donate in exchange for tickets to win the paper products. The beneficiary is the Allentown Area Food Bank.

We will again have a 50/50 drawing to benefit a selected charity. As we have done the past two years, we will donate ten percent of the event proceeds to a charity.

Members of the 2024 Basket Social Committee are Carol Derr-Breinig, Melanie Dimovitz, Anita Eisenhard, Rosie, Gallagher, Amanda Mesko, Pastor Miller, Peggy Saylor, Becky Theodore, and Steph Wagaman. If you are interested we could use a few more people on the committee.

PARISH NURSING NOTES

“Type 2 Diabetes”

March 2024

Peggy Saylor, RN

According to recent statistics by the CDC, 38 million people in the United States have diabetes, which is 1 in 10 people. Of those, 90-95% or approximately 21 million people have type 2 diabetes, and that number is increasing.

Just recently I was asked a puzzling question: If I have type 2 diabetes and get my blood sugars down to an acceptable value, why would I still be considered to have type 2 diabetes?

I must admit that it was a very good question that I did not know the answer to. After searching several websites, I uncovered the answer - Type 2 diabetes cannot be cured but it can be managed effectively with lifestyle changes, diet control and medication if needed. Glucose levels can return to non-diabetic levels, but the underlying cause cannot be reversed.

The cause of type 2 diabetes is the result of two problems:

1. Cells in muscle, fat and the liver become resistant to insulin (which the pancreas secretes) causing the cells to not take in enough sugar.
2. The pancreas cannot make enough insulin to keep blood sugar levels within a healthy range.

The good news is that type 2 diabetes can be managed through different treatments. If you are overweight, shedding pounds to get your weight under control can have dramatic results. Increasing your physical activity and changing your diet can contribute to lowering your glucose levels as well. At times, medication may be needed as well.

Mayo Clinic has a wonderful website that offers an overview on type 2 diabetes and diet control that can be accessed at <https://www.mayoclinic.org/disease-conditions/type-2-diabetes>. Area health care systems have excellent education programs on using a diabetic

diet and can be accessed through your primary care provider.

Of course, the best method is prevention before it occurs. The Mayo Clinic offers the following suggestions for lifestyle choices to help prevent type 2 diabetes:

- Eat healthy foods. Choose foods lower in fat and calories and higher in fiber. Focus on fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- Get active. If possible, aim for 150 or more minutes a week of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity, such as a brisk walk, bicycling, running, or swimming.
- Losing weight. If you are overweight, losing a modest amount of weight can help. If you are pre-diabetic, losing 7-10% of your body weight may reduce the risk of diabetes.

BLESS YOU!

On March 17, when we remember the Christian missionary St. Patrick, Irish blessings abound. Here are two benedictions to share with friends in the faith:

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. Amen.

May there always be work for your hands to do;
May your purse always hold a coin or two;
May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
May the hand of a friend always be near you;
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Lehigh Conference of Churches, thank you for your \$300.00 contribution for the year 2023 to support our neighbors in need.

We are so thankful for your years of support no matter how long it's been. Your generous contributions and hours of your personal time in volunteering have helped feed, clothe, housed and change lives one neighbor at a time. Your partnership allowed us to touch the lives of individuals and families-more than 14,000 people throughout the Lehigh Valley.

We are looking forward to our continued partnership and deepening our relationship in this ministry work.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Genie Watson



4 Kevin Clark	12 Betty Moyer
9 Julie Sanchez	17 Mitzi Younger
9 Dawn Wertz	20 Pamela Zahour
10 Bruce Wagaman	25 Matthew Morgenstern
11 Rita Miller	27 Joyce Bastain
12 Ruth Berghold	27 Liam Nemeh
12 Avie Cope	28 Ellie Pisauro
12 Susan Ferguson	31 Bill Wilburn



31 Westley & Laurin Mironov

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Gloria Selig:

Kathleen Bonner & Michael Reimert	Rosemary Lehman
Daisy Pearson	Brian & Karen Selig
Raymond & Shelia Sloyer	Bruce & Sandi Wagaman

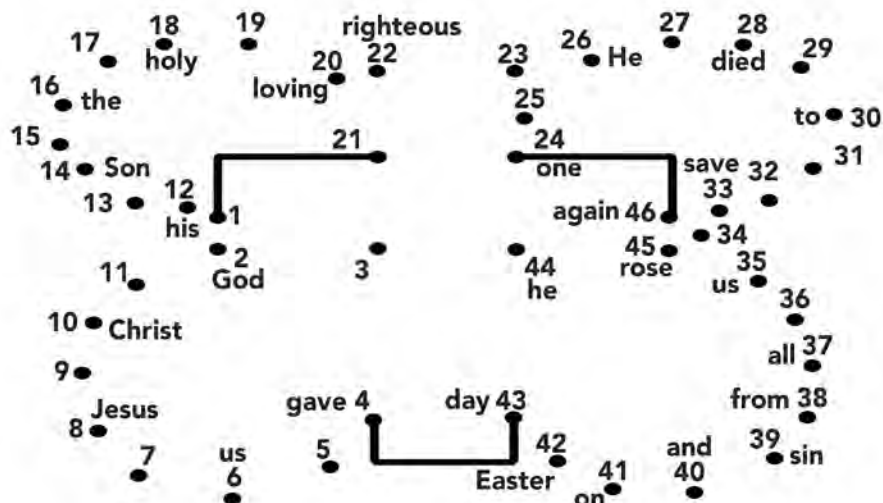
RESURRECTION RUMBLINGS

In *Easter Earthquake*, James A. Harnish explores the “earthshaking promise” of Jesus’ resurrection. Easter Sunday “shatters the power of fear,” he writes. “Because Christ is risen, we no longer allow fear to dominate, control or manipulate us. We don’t remain imprisoned in the tombs of our past failures or buried under the weight of present anxiety. In the risen Christ, old things pass away and everything becomes new.”

Easter, Harnish adds, is proof that God hasn’t forsaken us and is present among us. “The Resurrection contradicts the assumption that Christ resides on an ethereal cloud in a distant heaven. Rather, we find him on the dusty road that leads to the real stuff of our ordinary world.”

Jesus’ followers can find him everywhere, Harnish concludes. “The risen Christ will meet us along the confused, chaotic, fearful paths of our lives and speak the same words the women hear at the tomb, ‘Do not be afraid.’”

Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
MARCH 10, 2024**

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



**MARCH 10, 2024
WE SPRING AHEAD
DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT**

**CHURCH OFFICE: 610-398-7000
HOSPITAL CODE: #321
HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
EMAIL: office@stpaulsbbville.org
Website: www.stpaulsbbville.org**

STAFF

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

March 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

March 2024

**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 610-248-5385**

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Zack Dimovitz

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Communion Bread: Esther Seibert

Greeter: Vanessa Eiswerth

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Rosemary Lehman

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00 AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak

Greeter: Peggy Saylor

Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Anita Eisenhard, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter

Greeter: Dorothy O'Connors

Lay Asst: Bob Bruchak

Reader: Tom Kellogg

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00PM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Richard Hartley

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz

Communion Bread: Steph Wagaman

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: June Kellogg

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

10:30AM

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: Sandi Wagaman

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Bruce Wagaman

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman

Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz

Communion Bread: Esther Seibert

Greeter: Bruce Wagaman

Lay Asst: Dick Steltz

Reader: Sharon Bortz

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:00 AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Carl Seibert, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard

Greeter: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

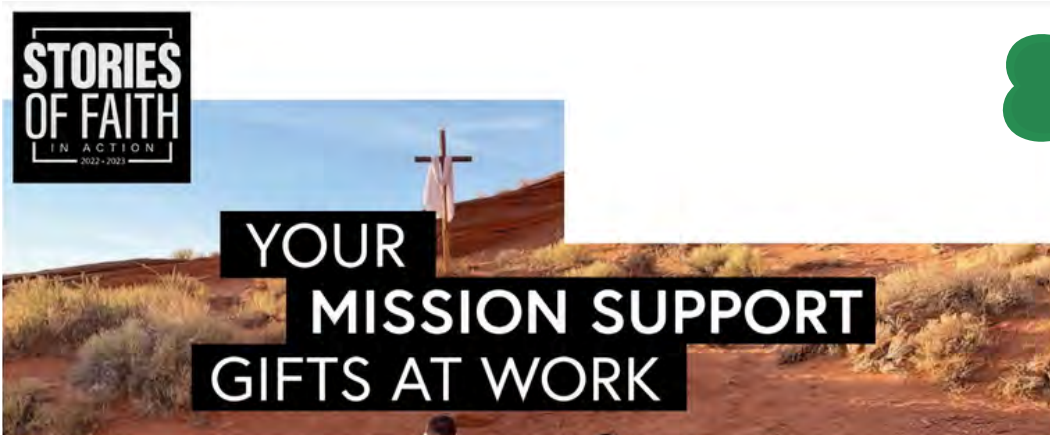


Cultivating Generosity

Throughout the fall our congregations are often focused on stewardship and gratitude for the generosity of members. Folks provide stewardship talks, members complete commitment cards, and sermons are proclaimed to encourage generosity of time, talent and finances. But did you know that our ELCA Congregation and Synod Support Team offers training and recommendations on cultivating generosity?

This past fall, in partnership with the Lake Institute on Faith and Giving, stewardship leaders from eight congregations, representing four ELCA synods, came together for a training series called “Cultivating Generous Congregations” (CGC). Over seven weeks leaders from these eight congregations gathered online as a cohort with the Lake Institute’s trained faculty and each other. Cultivating Generous Congregations maps the new landscape of religious giving and provides congregational teams with tools to build a culture of generosity unique to each congregation’s needs, challenges, and opportunities. CGC explores theology, the role of adaptive leadership, fiscal transparency, and the importance of giver care, with action steps to impact the exploration of generosity and energize congregational generosity to take the significant and necessary steps to creating lasting cultural change.

Following the final session, the eight congregations received a year of access to the Lake Institute’s numerous stewardship resources, as well as optional coaching to assist in the implementation of these practices. Mission Support funds the opportunity for congregations and leaders to learn from stewardship experts and one another and to grow together so that their local mission, and how God is growing generosity, can be told in more effective ways in today’s culture.





Atonement Lutheran Church
5 Wyomissing Blvd.,
Wyomissing, PA 19610



Northeastern Pennsylvania SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2024

“HUNGRY FOR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST”

Saturday, June 8, 8:30am-4:30pm

TWO ATTENDANCE OPTIONS FOR VOTING MEMBERS:
In-person and online (Zoom)

Registration: \$130 (same for both attendance options)

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 16

Watch for email that day, with detailed info and registration link

Info also posted that day on our synod website: www.godslove.org

Questions? Contact: Laurie Christman laurie@nepsynod.org



REMINDERS to the Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders

*Please keep the following
dates on your calendars:*

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 PM
Lutheran Center, Allentown

June 8, 2024 - Synod
Assembly 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
"Hungry for Life Together in
Christ" at Atonement Lutheran
Church, Wyomissing

July/August – off

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

NEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

"Hungry for Life Together in Christ"

June 8, 2024 - 8:30 AM to 4:30
PM at Atonement Lutheran
Church, Wyomissing

Two attendance options for
voting members: in-person
and online (Zoom).

Registration opened on
February 16th - cost: \$130

Watch for email info. Also
posted on www.godslove.org



*April 2024 LMD NL news
will be due March 15, 2024.*

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

A Carpenter on the Cross

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

"Isn't this the carpenter?" *Mark 6:3 NIV*

Jesus would have worked right alongside his father Joseph. Jesus would have been familiar with his father's carpentry trade. He would have known about the mallets, saws, nails, axes, chisels, squares, and rule sticks that form part of a carpenter's tools.

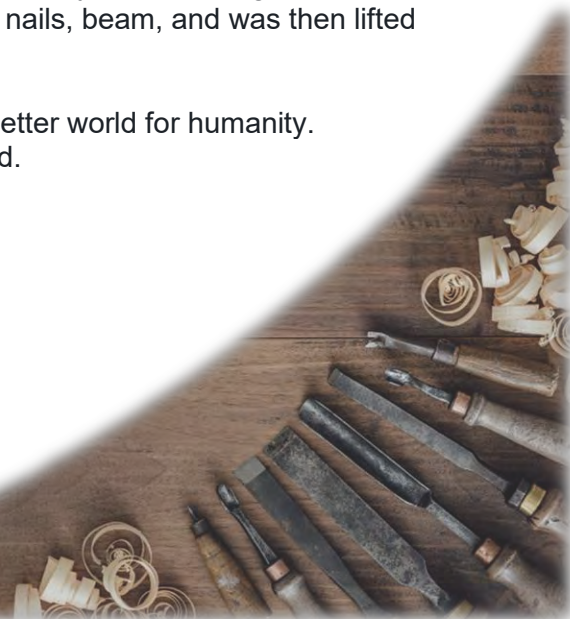
As a carpenter's son Jesus understood the building process - beams, gates, doors, windows, roofs, and cornerstones. In public Jesus would have easily been identified as a carpenter. The question, "Isn't this the carpenter?" formed part of his identity.

It's ironic that this carpenter would be sentenced to death by crucifixion under the Roman government because the carpentry tools Jesus grew up knowing were being used to crucify him.

Crucifixion was the capital punishment used by the Roman government for execution. Jesus witnessed the mallets, nails, beam, and was then lifted on a wooden cross.

Jesus died because he was building a better world for humanity.
A world Jesus called the kingdom of God.

Blessed Lenten Journey,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean



SUMMER INGATHERING 2024

Join us this summer in helping out a local church in their endeavors to help and support children in their community.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua runs a summer program for children in their community park. They provide a free lunch along with a connection to the local children.

We would like to collect these items to help support them with their outreach program.

The items included are:

- Individual salty snack bags
- 16 oz water bottles
- Wal-Mart gift cards in \$10.00 increments

We will be collecting these items through the end of May 2024.

Please contact Pam Page at 610-360-0226 or ppage619@gmail.com if you would like to participate or if you have any questions.



**Thank you in advance
for your support of this
ministry!!!**



OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-435-9155

Open: Mon 11-3 and Wed. 11-3

Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Website: 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.*

**All trips for 2024 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.

Dear Travelers,

Operation Sunshine is proud to announce our 2024 Multi-Day trip to the GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF TENNESSEE. The trip is 6 Days - 5 Nights and includes TONS of activities and LOADS of fun. *Please see the attached brochure for a complete rundown of the itinerary.*

Pricing for this trip is:

\$1050 PP based on double occupancy

\$1400 for a single occupancy

To join us on this fantastic trip, just send a \$100 deposit along with a registration form (*also attached*). Periodic payments can be made until the Final Payment Date of July 10, 2024.

We do recommend Travel Insurance for this trip and have attached an informational form to this e-mail as well. Keep in mind that trip insurance must be purchased within two weeks of your deposit.

For any questions, please call the office. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

We look forward to traveling with you!

Paula & Dick



CROP Thank You:

Thank you for helping our 2023 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise over \$30,000 (as of 1/31/24) to help our neighbors in need locally and around the globe!

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Kitchen will each receive over \$3800 for their vital ministries.

And our food insecure neighbors who have survived floods, drought, war, and other disasters are receiving life-giving assistance.

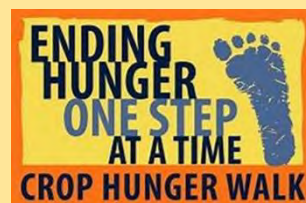
Thank you for your generosity that offers life-giving help to so many of our neighbors!

Please Save These CROP Dates!

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.,
with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m.
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 140 S. Ott St.,
Allentown, PA 18104

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CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:
Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
(to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for
yourself and your congregation)
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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

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**



SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF TENNESSEE

FEATURING 4 SPECTACULAR SHOWS

6 DAYS - 5 NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 15 - 20, 2024

\$ per person *double occupancy*



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 5 Nights lodging, including overnights in Virginia
- * 5 Breakfasts
- * 1 Lunch
- * 4 Dinners, including Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show
- * 3 Additional Shows at:
Country Tonite Theatre
Paula Deen's Lumberjack Feud
Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show
- * Titanic Museum
- * Smoky Mountain Tour
- * Tour & tasting at the Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine
- * Free time at The Island
- * Free time in Downtown Gatlinburg
- * Bush Best Visitor Center in Dandridge, TN
- * Birthplace of Country Music Museum
- * Sunspot Studios in Stanton, VA
- * Souvenir gift
- * Luggage handling in Pigeon Forge
- * Taxes and meal gratuities
- * Motorcoach transportation



Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

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The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the one your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1 - Depart from Allentown, PA and travel to Roanoke, VA, where a boxed **lunch** will be provided on route, for overnight lodging (*pack an overnight bag*). **Dinner** is included at the **Golden Corral** this evening, followed by a relaxing evening.
- Day 2 - Following breakfast, check out and travel to Dandridge, TN to visit **Bush's Best Visitor Center** to learn about the company's history and about beans. After your visit, continue traveling to Pigeon Forge. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and freshen up before departing for **dinner** in the area. After dinner, you will arrive at **Paula Deen's Lumberjack Feud Show** to enjoy competitive lumberjack events featuring world-class lumberjacks.
- Day 3 - Start your day with breakfast at the hotel, then depart for the Country Tonite Theatre for the **Charlie Bob Smith Morning Variety Show** (*based on availability.*) Afterwards, enjoy lunch on your own and free time at **The Island**. This afternoon enjoy, meet your guide at the **RMS Titanic Museum** attraction for a tour. Each guest entering the museum will receive a boarding pass of an actual passenger or crew member and experience what it was like on the ship. Walk the hallways, parlors, cabins, and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. Through interactive exhibits, learn what it was like on the RMS Titanic. Discover your passenger's or crew's fate in the Titanic Memorial Room where 2,208 names line the historic wall. Return to your hotel to freshen up before this evening's activities. This evening, the group will depart for **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner Show** which is filled with friendly North and South competitions, thrilling horse riding stunts, spectacular special effects, and phenomenal musical productions.
- Day 4 - Following breakfast at your hotel, meet your guide for a **tour of the majestic Smoky Mountains**, located between North Carolina and Tennessee. America's most visited national park is world renowned for its diversity of plant and animal life, the beauty of its mountains and Southern Appalachian Mountain culture. After the tour, depart for a tour of the **Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine** where you will learn the history of moonshine and taste a sample. Enjoy free time in **Downtown Gatlinburg**. Later, you will return to your hotel to relax and freshen up before departing for **dinner**. After dinner, depart for the entertaining show at the **Country Tonite Theatre** which features a high-energy variety show with dynamic singing and dancing, side-splitting comedy, powerful gospel, and American patriotism.
- Day 5 - After breakfast, check out and travel to Bristol, VA to visit the **Birthplace of Country Music Museum**, which celebrates the historic 1927 Bristol Sessions, the influential recordings which recorded some of the earliest country music in America and introduced country music to the main stream. The Museum honors the legendary recordings through immersive experiences. After your tour and visit, enjoy lunch on your own in Downtown Bristol. In the afternoon you will depart for overnight lodging Roanoke, VA (*pack an overnight bag*). Dinner is on your own at the Downtown Roanoke Center.
- Day 6 - Following breakfast, check out and travel to Stanton, VA to visit **Sunspot Studios** where you can experience the magic of hot glass by viewing a glassblowing demonstration. You will also have the opportunity to shop for unique pieces of glass art. Later, continue traveling home with fond memories of your trip to the Smoky Mountains.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*