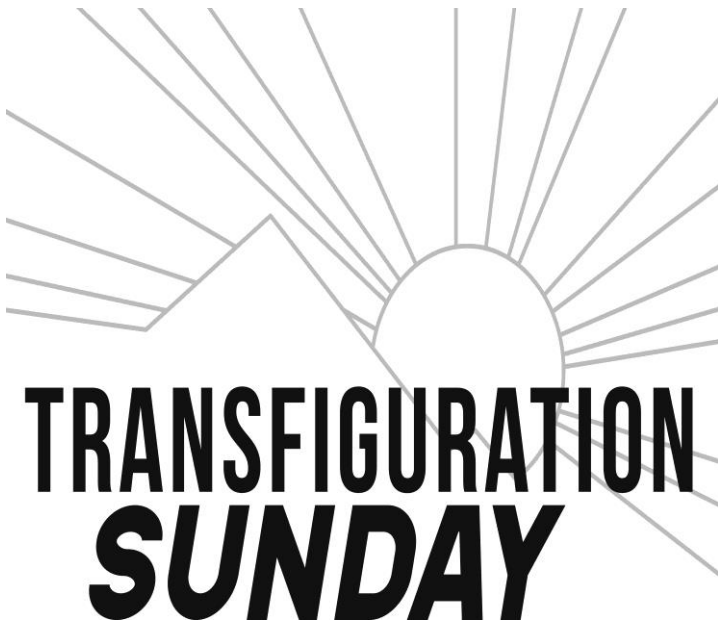


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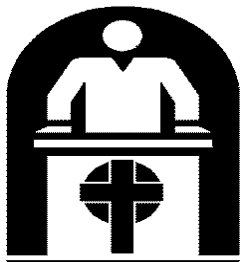
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Dear Members and Friends,

A tourist came too close to the edge of the Grand Canyon, lost his footing and plunged over the side, clawing and scratching to save himself. Somehow, he was able to grab hold of a small, shrubby bush. Filled with terror, he called out, “Is there anyone up there? Can anyone help me?” He heard a reassuring voice say, “I’m here: the Lord

your God.”

The man said, “I am so glad you came along. I can’t hold on much longer.” The Lord said, “Before I help you, I want to know if you believe in me.” The man answered, “Lord, I certainly believe in you. I go to church every Sunday, sometimes even on Wednesdays. I read my Bible, pray every day, and even put a few dollars in the collection plate.”

The Lord replied, “But do you really believe in me?” The man was getting more desperate. Lord, you can’t believe how much I believe in you. I believe!”

The Lord said, “Good. Now let go of the branch.”

The man stammered, “But, Lord . . .”

And the voice of the Lord came back, “If you believe in me, let go of the branch.”

The man was silent for a minute and then yelled, “Is there anyone else up there?”

Faith sometimes means “letting go.” In this society of rampant individualism, we want to control everything around us and not look beyond ourselves. Sometimes we have this idea that faith is what we get from studying the bible, believing the right doctrines, and doing good works. This man “believed” because he went to church, sometimes twice a week, and even put a few dollars in the “collection place.” But maybe faith is letting go and trusting that God is in control; that we are not in control. That is something worth pondering as we live out our daily life.

Blessings,

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.

ST. PAUL'S FIRST ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL

The Worship and Music and Fellowship/Evangelism Committees have decided to hold a Basket Social on September 17, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For those who may not know, a basket social is a kind of silent auction. Numbered tickets are purchased and people drop their ticket in a can near their choice of a basket. A winning ticket is then drawn from each can at the end of the day of the event.

The committee established a **goal of 50 baskets**. The committee is seeking donations of gift baskets, and/or individual empty baskets, and items for the baskets from members of the congregation. New or nearly new items are preferred. For example, you can donate empty baskets, made up baskets, or items to put in a basket.

We are planning to have "special" baskets which will be bigger and more valuable than the regular baskets. We will also have a big-ticket item which will be a laptop computer. Another feature will be gift cards from local businesses and individuals. Another draw will be a large "basket" of paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, wipes, etc.). Everyone who brings a donated food item will receive a ticket towards winning the paper products.

Each month there will be suggestions of possible themed baskets you may want to donate. **For the month of February, we are suggesting donations of baskets (empty), hot beverage baskets, paper products and possible donation of Christmas gifts that people wish to "re-gift."** While these are suggestions, all gift baskets, and donations will be accepted any time.

We are also planning to have food and beverages available and plan to have a bake sale for which we will need donations.

Anyone wishing to help with this major project is welcome. We need help.

Please spread the word, talk to your neighbors and friends. They're welcome to donate baskets or items, too. Let's make this a real success.

ASSISTANT SCHEDULES

The assistant schedules are still being done one month at a time. With the two services, fewer volunteers, conflicts in schedules, it is not easy for Steph to coordinate the schedules, and she has to unfortunately schedule you more than once a month and maybe for more than one thing a Sunday. Please look the schedules over and let me know of any changes needed.

Cindy

USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with either the parking lot service or the inside worship service, or both. For the parking lot you will be walking up to the cars and handing out bulletins, communion packets, and collecting the offering. For the inside 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.

BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2022. Bulletin sponsorships will be for both the parking lot and inside services. The price is \$20.00. Call the church office to pick a date to sponsor or check the bulletin board for available dates. Fill out the white slip with your name, date you are sponsoring and the wording and place it in the folder under the signup sheet.

Altar Flower Sponsorships are: one vase is \$22 or both vases are \$44. 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.

PARISH NURSING NOTES

“Heart Health Awareness Month”

Go Red Day February 4 2022

Cathy Waltemyer BSN RN

Taking a break from all things COVID I want to share a bit of heart trivia before moving on to the meat of this article.

- 1200+ B.C.E. Ancient Heart Disease— Egyptian mummies, some more than 3,500 years old, show signs of cardiovascular disease, proving that heart disease isn't an entirely modern phenomenon. Researchers speculate that the high-fat diet and sedentary lifestyle of upper-class Egyptians may have contributed to their poor health, but other pre-modern factors could also be at play.
- 1924—American Heart Association Created— Several heart disease research groups combine to form the AHA, hoping to coordinate and promote efforts to understand and treat heart disease.
- 1950's—Diet Becomes Important—In the 1950s, doctors begin to understand cholesterol and the role of a low-fat diet in cardiovascular health.
- May 1967—First Bypass Surgery Performed—Argentinian surgeon Rene Favaloro from the Cleveland Clinic performs the first bypass surgery, changing heart treatment forever. Today, coronary artery bypass grafting is the most common cardiac surgery in the world.

In 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson declared February as “Heart Health Awareness Month”. You might ask why we observe American Heart month every February.

Every year more that 600,000 Americans die from heart disease. Heart disease affects all ages, genders and ethnicities. Risk factors of heart disease include high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, diabetes, and excessive alcohol use and of course genetics may also play a role.

To observe Heart Health Month here are a few suggestions:

Take up a heart-healthy habit:

Staying active, eating healthy, and watching our weight are all important parts of maintaining a healthy cardiovascular system. Pick a new heart-

healthy habit like jogging or substituting sodas with water and try to stick to it for a whole month.

Educate yourself:

Learn about the risk factors for heart disease, the ways you can prevent them, and the lifestyle choices that can help you stay healthy.

Get your cholesterol and lipid levels tested:

your doctor can order this simple blood test for you.

Did you know

- One in 5 heart attacks happen without the person even knowing.
- Women may experience different symptoms than men. These include pain in the back, arm, neck, or shoulder; nausea, vomiting; fatigue and shortness of breath.
- Women under the age of 50 are twice as likely to die of a heart attack as men in the same age group
- Heart attacks are more likely to occur on Monday mornings than other days of the week. This is due to changes in sleep behaviors on the weekend.
- If you drink one or more diet sodas a day, your chances of having a heart attack are 43% higher than those who drink regular soda or none at all.

Show your support for Heart Health Month by Wearing Red on Friday, February 4.

From: <https://nationaltoday.com/american-heart-month>

GREETING CARD CLASS

St. Paul's is pleased to announce a new class being held at the church on the second Thursday of each month. The class is all about making greeting cards from paper, ink and die cutting. Many techniques are taught and hands on learning with the stamping and die cutting is a must. This class runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the cost is \$35.00 which includes everything you need, and you leave with 8 different cards suitable for all occasions



The 3 hours are fun filled and relaxing and will bring out you creativity and imagination. Bring a friend for a fun time.

Reservations are required because supplies may be limited. If you are interested please contact Gretchen Galiardo at ggaliardo@aol.com for any more information.

GOD OF LOVE — FOR, WITH AND IN US

An ancient heresy — that the God of the Old Testament was a God of judgment and wrath, while the God of the New Testament is a God of grace and love — still persists a bit. Yet God is the same God, with the same characteristics, throughout time. Way back in Genesis 3, God graciously sewed garments to clothe humans, although they had disobeyed him. And even in the Gospels, God's anger was evident through Jesus' response to temple moneychangers cheating the poor.

God always works for life and goodness in all things. Sometimes people misunderstand God's ways; sometimes God, like a human parent, uses "tough love." Mick Brooks writes: "The Old Testament is God for us, the time of Christ is God with us, and the age of the Holy Spirit is God in us" (*Every Day With Jesus*, Sept/Oct 2020). That may be a bit simplistic, but it's a good reminder that while God's ways of interacting with us vary, he — the God of Love — does not.

THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Sandi and Friends,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your recent donation of toiletries and personal care items, baby wipes, and other items for our clients as well as gift cards valued at \$570 to Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, Inc. Your donation shows our clients that our community genuinely cares. Thank you for supporting survivors by providing them with the everyday essentials they need in order to move forward in their lives.

Over the last year and a half, we've learned how to adapt and expand our services to respond to the needs of survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse during a pandemic. As we continue to respond to ever-changing circumstances while prioritizing the safety of survivors, being adaptable comes at a cost. While we have found creative ways to offset some of these extra expenses, the truth is that we can't close the gap alone. Your contribution is critical to responding to this crisis. Your support means we can close the funding gap and make sure our 24/7 helpline, emergency shelter, empowerment counseling, and more remain at no cost to survivors and their families.

Your partnership is truly valued. Through your continued support, countless survivors can find peace and hope for a better future. I highly recommend visiting our newly updated Ways to Give page on our website (turningpointlv.org/home). We have many new and exciting events and fundraisers on the horizon, including our Second Annual Virtual Spring Auction on March 6-13, 2022. We are currently in search of auction sponsors and donations for our silent auction. To donate or get involved with our upcoming auction, please contact leaht@turningpointlv.org.

In peace,
Lori Sywensky
Executive Director

(The previous letter is in response to the items collected for the Christmas Ingathering.)

PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at #610-351-6040 or cell #610-573-7117. She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer; a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.



We have opened the church, and we will still be sending cards to the members of the congregation. If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized, please let the office know. Judy Szukics will be contacted and she will send a card signed from the congregation.



5 Dick Steltz
5 Nolan Parker
8 Zack Dimovitz
9 Rosalie Gallagher
9 Avery Thompson
10 Tom Kellogg
10 Carey Miller
12 Lacey Edwards
12 Lillian Sicher

14 Mary Schneider
15 Amanda Mesko
17 Cindy Mount
18 Denise Trainor
21 Skip Eisenhard
21 Cindy Krasnansky
24 Mark Maslany
28 Charlton Whitt
29 Alan Brumbach



22 Hughey & Claudia Haughney

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Joyce Eisenhard:

Carole Beck	Kay Schlenker
Rosemary Lehman	St. Paul's Women of the ELCA
Ed & Daisy Pearson	Bruce & Sandy Wagaman

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION

The following Endowment Fund contribution has been received in memory of Joyce Eisenhard:

Keith & Becky Theodore

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Stanley Younger:

Rosemary Lehman
Frank & Judy Szukics
Jane Ann Spohn

THANK YOU!!!

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted in preparation for Christmas Eve services by assembling the hand-held candles and refilling the wall candles. It is greatly appreciated.

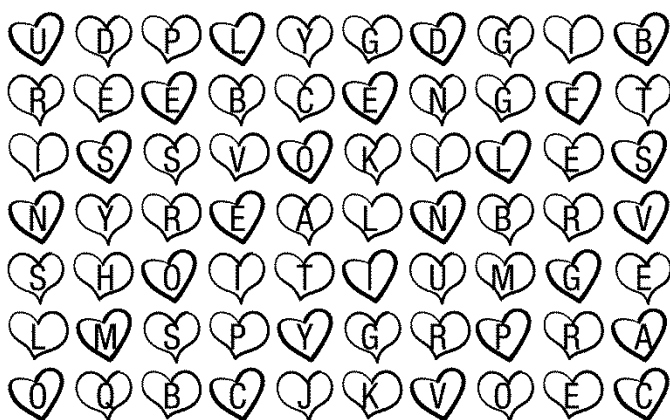
Sharon Bortz for Worship and Music Committee



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



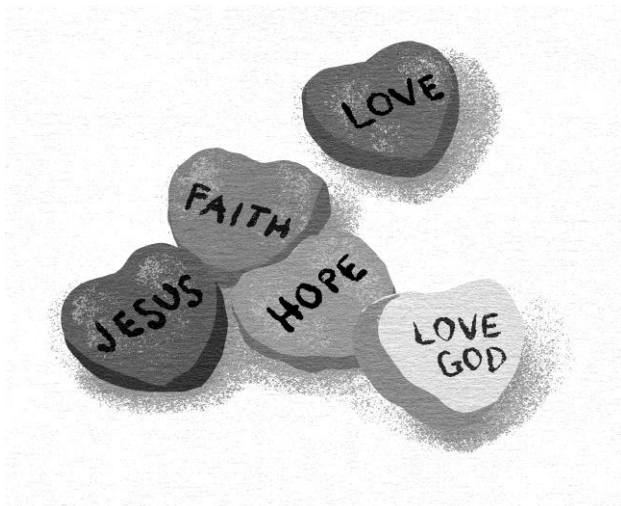
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↑ ↓ stewards of God's ← ↓ → ↓ ← in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

Answer: deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

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

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








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STAFF

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Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

February 2022 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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PARKING LOT AND INDOOR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

February 2022

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000
or the Council Person of the Month – Anita Eisenhard - 484-221-0445

Sunday, February 6, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Zack Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, February 20, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Jennifer Bentsen, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Cal Fetherolf
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, February 13, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

Bob Nickisher
Sean Thompson

10:30AM INDOOR

Madeline MacMechan, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Sandi Wagaman

Sunday, February 27, 2022

9:45AM PARKING LOT

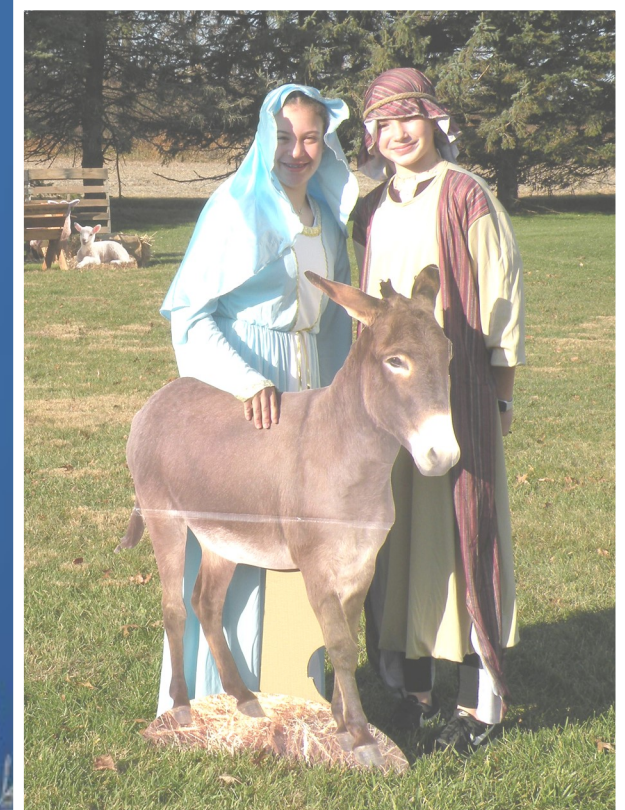
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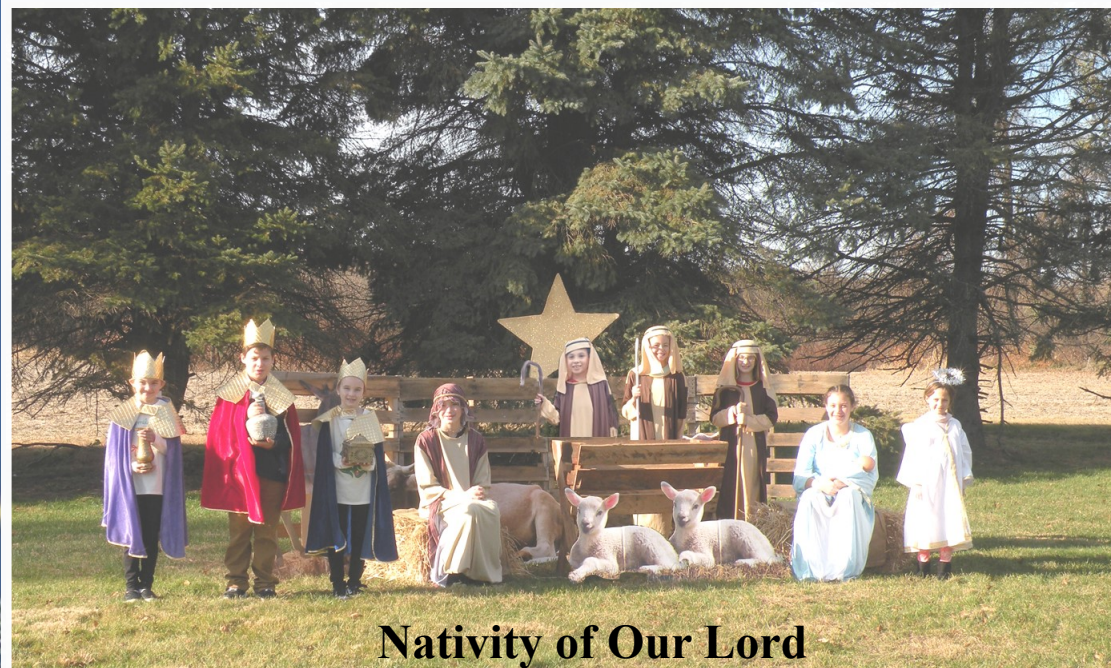
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Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman
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Sunday School Presentation THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



December 24, 2021



Nativity of Our Lord



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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Faith in Action

Arndt's Lutheran Church in Easton



Hunger is a real problem in our country and our area of Pennsylvania is no different. Last year we started a reverse Advent food drive where congregants collected food items each day during Advent, culminating with delivery to our local food bank. It was such a success that we decided to expand it to the community. Volunteers will collect, sort, and deliver food items to the pantry right after Christmas when the need is the greatest. This year's food drive was very successful as we collected 983 lbs. of food valued at \$1671 for the ProJeCt Easton Food Pantry in Easton, PA. Approximately 43 families from Arndt's and people outside the community participated in the project. A local moving company donated a truck and manpower for the delivery. We hope to make this project an annual event of providing for those in need.

FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS



**FAITH FORMATION
SATURDAYS OCCUR THE
SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH, STARTING IN
FEBRUARY, RUNNING FROM
10:00AM – 12:00PM**

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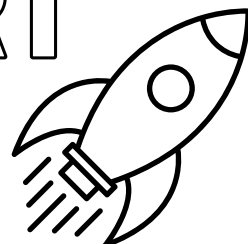
**(\$) JUNE 18, 2022 (\$)
TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, LANSDALE
AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE
SEPA AND NEPA SYNODS
(REGISTRATION FORTHCOMING)**

PRAYING TOGETHER



**Marty Everhart
Doug LaFauci
Roy Koehler
Phyllis Pelletier
Emma Weaver**

MISSION SUPPORT 2022



Send in your mission support commitments for 2022. You can find the form on the synod website, under the resources tab.

**boundless
god beyond measure**

**JULY 24-28, 2022
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
REGISTER NOW AT ELCA.ORG**

Save the date **SYNOD
ASSEMBLY
2022**
*June 10-11
Reading*

The Rev. Nelson Quinones, Dean
The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop

610-653-5858
610-704-5133

Elizabeth Leibenguth, Mission District Chair
Mrs. Linda Smith, Newsletter Editor

484-550-0057
610-437-9927

March 2022 LMD NL news will be due February 11, 2022. E-Mail any information to me at lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com.

Financial gifts can be sent to our new mailing address to the attention of our new Lehigh Mission District Treasurer Leslie Talago at: **Leslie Talago, LMD Treasurer, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 417 N Seventh Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**

CWS/CROP News

Thanks to Your Generosity to CWS/CROP, Tornado Victims Are Receiving Help

Thanks to your generosity to CWS/CROP, tornado victims in Kentucky and surrounding states are receiving help from Church World Service: <https://cwsglobal.org/appeals/situation-report-tornado-response-in-kentucky-and-surrounding-states/>

You can help further by donating online

at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa>

Help Victims of Tornadoes and Other Disasters ANYTIME!

Consider honoring a loved one with an Alternative Gift to

CWS/CROP at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa> for Christ mas, birthdays, anniversaries, etc.!

CROP Hunger Events Follow-up

Our 2021 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Events donations total \$26,428.47 as of 11/30/21. Please contact our CROP Treasurer, Linda Held, at [610-797-4242](tel:610-797-4242) or jucc3441@ptd.net, if you have not done so already. -- Call or email Linda ASAP to report your CROP team's online donations, and to let her know if someone from your team would like a CROP t-shirt - free for anyone who has raised \$150 or more! -- **Send checks for "CWS/CROP" ASAP to Linda Held, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103.** Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through your CROP efforts!

Luther Crest is expanding, and adding 72 new one- and two-bedroom apartments!

Soon, more people will be able to enjoy senior living at its finest! Luther Crest has been the #1 choice for retirement living in the Lehigh Valley since 1983, offering seniors an active and thriving lifestyle and peace of mind knowing that additional health care services are offered right on the Luther Crest campus. Our new independent living building will be called Greenwood in celebration of our spectacular on-campus nationally accredited arboretum. Greenwood will feature 72 spacious, modern apartments ranging in size from 920 to 1900 square-feet. Floorplans include one- and two-bedroom options, all with an abundance of amenities and designer features. Call us today to find out more at 610-391-8229 or check out our web site at luthercrestseniorliving.org.

The Clothes Closet is now open again. We are going to still need volunteers during the week to help sort and organize our donations. This can be as little as an hour or two per week. We want to keep this vital ministry to the community going. For more information, please contact Leslie Talago, Parish Administrator at St. Luke's Lutheran Church at [610-434-3943](tel:610-434-3943) or email to LETalago@StLukesLuth.org. Thank you to all who help contribute things!!

COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE... A Brief Pause for Prayerful Renewal in Centering Prayer. Centering Prayer is a particular form of quiet, receptive prayer as taught by Father Thomas Keating and Rev. Dr. Cynthia Bourgeault. A portion of each one-hour gathering will include some discussion about centering prayer. So, whether you never heard of centering prayer, are a beginner, or an experienced pray-er, All Are Welcome. **First Friday of each month** led by Ferd Piccuiro and hosted by Pastor Maritza Dolich via Zoom, **10:30 - 11:30 AM** (Sessions held via **Zoom** temporarily until we can all meet together again in person at the Center for Spiritual Awakening). **Please contact Ferd to be placed on the email list with the Zoom Information.** ferdpiccuiro@ptd.net / Cell: [908-310-4228](tel:908-310-4228), Home: [610-737-7871](tel:610-737-7871)

SUSPENDED - St. Luke's ELL and Naturalization Test Study groups have been **SUSPENDED** due to cautions regarding large gatherings during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Please contact Leslie Talago at 610-[434-3943](tel:434-3943) for more information.

Happy Valentine's Day

Dear Lehigh Mission District.

God's Gift of Love to the Cosmos

February 14 is around the corner. The sole mention of February 14 and we already know that it is Valentine's Day.

This is a time to express our love to the ones we love. We bring flowers. We buy chocolates. We go out to dinner. We go out to the movies. All to express our love to the one we love. The expression both given and received makes us feel alive.

Here's God's divine expression of love: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3. 16

God's agape love is for the cosmos. We may think it is for the world as rendered in the English translation. However, the Greek word for what has been translated as world is actually cosmos.

I believe cosmos brings to mind all of the aspects in God's creation found in Genesis -from light to humanity.

There is no independent world as the sole focus. The cosmos is larger than the world. Therefore, humanity and the world form part of the vast cosmos. God's agape love is given towards all within the cosmos of creation. That is why God's love is unconditional.

God's love is expressed in giving the Son to the cosmos. All of what God created God loves.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean



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Mar 16, 2022 (Wed.) – Fulton Theatre – THE SOUND OF MUSIC

- The beloved musical that celebrates family, love, and perseverance?! The inspirational story follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain Von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire Von Trapp family must make a moral decision. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" and the title number, The Sound of Music won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. Family Style luncheon at the Fulton Steamboat Inn.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$117 Payment Deadline: Feb. 24, 2022

April 20, 2022 (Wed.) – Sight & Sound – DAVID Master Poet, Fearless Warrior, Anointed King, From still waters to shadowed valley, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers. After unprecedented victories lead to devastating failures, this passionate warrior will face the biggest battle of all; the one within himself. Come alongside this young shepherd on his journey to become a man after God's own heart. With original music inspired by the Psalms, DAVID is a state-of-the-art theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the most legendary Bible stories as it come to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals in this brand-new stage production. Smorgasbord lunch at Shady Maple.

Bus leaves St. Timothy's at 10:00 AM

Cost \$124 Payment Deadline: Mar. 17, 2022

MULTI-DAY TRIPS – CALL THE OFFICE FOR INFO.

June 23, 2022 to June 27, 2022 (Thurs.-Mon.) – SHAWSHANK AND THE WILDS SAFARI (OHIO) 5 days/4 nights

September 18, 2022 to September 24, 2022 (Sun.-Sat.)– CHICAGO 7 Days/6 nights
