

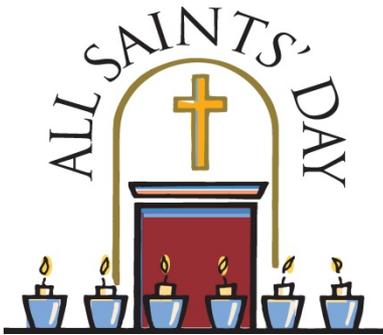
# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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## The Pastor's Corner – HOW AND WHERE WE GIVE

OH NO! IS THIS A STEWARDSHIP CONVERSATION? OK, Pastor. I'm putting this down and will get to it later. ACTUALLY, NO. It is NOT a stewardship Pastor's Corner.

It's about "Giving" - - it has to be. NO, it isn't. It is about how and where we give and what it means to give.

Are you still with me? OK – Let's go. We give extra fruit from our pear or apple tree to our friends and neighbors. We give those zucchini's that seem to sprout every day to whomever will take them. And those tomatoes that take all summer to ripen and then at the end of August and into September they multiply faster than the bunnies do. That is giving from abundance. We don't want them to go to waste. GREAT IDEA!

The bills come in the mail. Are we really giving to the electric company or the cable company, or the insurance company? No, I guess not. We receive something in return. That would be called an exchange.

What about the notice from the Lions or Rotary or Soroptimist club? Is that when you write a check to remain part of the organization? Did you take your dime, quarter or dollar to your scout, 4 H or youth group meeting for them to have enough to plan and offer a program for you to learn about what they promoted? Is that called dues? Yes, it is called dues.

When we put our giving/offering into our envelope and either mail it or bring it to the church, we call that our offering. Way back, I mean way back, like 70 or more years ago it might have been called dues. But it isn't dues. It is given freely. It is not required. There is no exchange we make. God has already given us the gift of eternal life. There is nothing we can do to buy it, purchase it, or earn it. It is in grateful thanksgiving of the gift God has provided to us that we offer what we have.

**The key word is offer.** That is why we call it offering, and it is why we bring our gifts humbly to the altar each Sunday. Our thoughts? "We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time and our possessions signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord." (LBW)

We are to offer all we have for God's use to further the kingdom for the common good of all peoples. God created each one, and saw that it was good.

Lord, help us to understand our offerings to you... *Pastor Ginny*

## RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE!  
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JANUARY 4, 2026

Cindy Krasnansky is retiring after 22 years of service to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. To celebrate her and all she has done for St. Paul's and all of us, we are having a catered luncheon immediately following the 10:30am service on Sunday, January 4, 2026, in the social hall at our church.

Please RSVP to Judy Walker at 610-573-7117 or email: [jwttcps@aol.com](mailto:jwttcps@aol.com) with the number of people attending from your family, including how many adults and how many children.

# DEADLINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 15, 2025!

## WE ARE HIRING!



As many of you know, our administrative assistant Cindy is retiring at the end of the year. We thank her for her many years of service but now – we need to hire a new administrative assistant!

If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in this position, please notify us. The job is for 30 hours a week and office experience is preferred. Call or email Bruce Saylor at 610 762-7001 or email at [brsaylor@ptd.net](mailto:brsaylor@ptd.net).

## MONTHLY PRAYER FAMILIES

In NOVEMBER we will be praying for the following families each week;

**Nov 2:** The Kellogg Family, The Kern Family, The Kessler Family,  
The Kline Family

**Nov 9:** The Lehman Family, The MacMechan Family,  
The Marchetti Family, The Maslany Family

**Nov 16:** The Mesko Family, The Messner Family, The Miller Family,  
The Mironov Family

**Nov 23:** The Morganstern Family, The Mount Family, The Mutis Family,  
The Nemech Family

**Nov 30:** The Newhard Family, The Newhard Family,  
The Nothstein Family, The O'Connors Family

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Bruce Saylor will be bringing in his 3' ramp for council to view and decide on purchasing a ramp to use on Sunday mornings at the curb side.

Council has made progress with purchasing a large screen for worship. They decided to purchase a stand for a large screen TV to see how it would move across the rug in the sanctuary.

Currently there are 8 council members, and one member is at the end of their second term, which means that they will be leaving council at the end of the year. A full council would be twelve members; could one be you!!!!

Our council meetings for November 23 and December 21 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.



**JESUS WANTS YOU!**

**We need you!**

Please prayerfully consider joining St. Paul's Council.

If interested, please contact Sharon Bortz, Council Secretary, for a description of council member duties [sharon.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.stpauls@gmail.com)

610-398-0320

## 2025 LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

St. Paul's is once again participating in the Lehigh Mission District Ingathering to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025. Our congregation has been assigned two agencies to focus our donations. St. Paul's will be collecting items for the **Allentown Rescue Mission** and **Turning Point**. Lists of the items we are collecting can be found on the table in the narthex. Our WELCA group will be responsible to deliver our items directly to these two organizations rather than gathering at a site to sort and pack them. We will do the sorting of your donations right here at St. Paul's on Monday, December 1, at 11:30 am. Contact Sandi Wagaman (610-203-8085) if you would like to volunteer to be a delivery person.

We will once again also be purchasing gifts for specific individuals for two organizations, **Good Sheperd Raker** (adults) and **Topton Home** (children). A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. Choose a name from the sandwich bags on the table, sign your name and phone number on sign-up sheet. There are instructions included in the bags for what to purchase and how to wrap them. We will deliver the wrapped gifts to St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 between 9:00-10:30. We also need volunteers to help deliver these items to St. John's.

Place all items for the **Allentown Rescue Mission** and **Turning Point** in the plastic bins marked *INGATHERING* in the Narthex. Wrapped gifts should be placed on top of the coat rack. Please check off your name on the list when bringing the wrapped gifts.

Deadline to bring items for both of these missions will be Sunday November 30, 2025

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



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS.  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK ONE HOUR  
SATURDAY NIGHT.**

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



On Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Carol Derr-Breinig, Melanie Dimowitz, Zack Dimowitz, Rosemary Lehman, Daisy Pearson, Ed Pearson, and Sandi Wagaman attended a workshop for Feed My Starving Children. It was held at Neffs UCC church. FMSC is a national organization that holds workshops all over the country to send food all over the world.

One meal contains vitamins, dried vegetables, soy, and rice in a plastic bag and all that has to be done is to add water.

After two hours of work, the four teams packed 76 boxes of meals. Each box contained 36 meals. Over the weekend there were six sessions of packing, one on Friday, four on Saturday, and one on Sunday. It was estimated that we would pack over 16,000 meals, enough to feed 44 children for an entire year.

It was fun and at the end, we got to shop at two countries Fair Trade markets.

## LEHIGH VALLEY † OUTREACH DEPOT

[www.lvoutreachdepot.org](http://www.lvoutreachdepot.org)

610-861-7373

Are you trying to down size?

Do you have too much around your house?

- Mugs, glasses, utensils, pots and pans,
- Furniture, towels and linens (gently used),
- Cleaning supplies, carpets

A mission of Wesley United Methodist Church for over 15 years, their disaster relief warehouse is in Hellertown. Everything they do is dependent upon donations. They offer what is in their storage building to vetted families who have been forced from their homes through abuse, by fire or flood at no charge.

## FELLOWSHIP/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Come check out what's happening in our church for the month of November.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship at our November potluck on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Going into early November, we will be continuing our concert series. November 9<sup>th</sup>, we have invited Russ Rentler to do a concert for us! He has accepted. Russ is a wonderful musician. He plays stringed instruments, for example: guitar, mandolin, and autoharp to name a few. He also has made some of his instruments. He is a wonderful musician and also very funny. Come out to hear Russ on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for an afternoon of hearing the talented Russ Rentler.

November 21<sup>st</sup> is movie night. Jennifer Rothermel will be picking our November movie. Pizza is at 6:00 p.m., movie will begin at 7:00 p.m.

## TOPS HAS CHANGED THEIR NAME

TOPS, the group that meets here on Thursday has changed their name and format. They are now, AMAZING WOMENS SENIOR GROUP.

Their purpose is Living Our Best Lives and Encouraging Women To Be Their Best As We Age.

Meetings are Thursday Mornings 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join them and make new friends.

## POINSETTIAS

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve with Poinsettias. A sponsor form is included in the newsletter.



Please fill it out and return all forms by **NOVEMBER 23rd**. If you are mailing in your order, please mail early.

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



We are starting something new in the newsletter. Each month we will have clues about one of the members. Let's see if you know or can guess from the clues that person. There is no prize, sorry, and the answer will be in the next newsletter.

Did you guess who last month's person was? It was Carol Derr-Breinig. I had no one give me any clues for this month's newsletter.

## **THANK YOU TO –**

Those who contributed to school supplies for Valley Youth.

Thank you to all who brought food for Harvest Home and those who helped decorate the sanctuary.

Thank you for all who brought over 40 bags of clothing this summer.

Thank you for continuing to bring personal home health products for those who need a warm safe place at night as the weather chills.

The people of St. Paul's are awesome!

## **HOME HEALTH PRODUCTS FOR ENCAMPMENT RELOCATION PEOPLE**

We are asking for Home Health Products to help with those who are being rehoused from the encampments along Jordan Creek.

Please do not think an extra-large size is better - it takes up too much room in a backpack.

Items needed in smaller containers:

Wash cloth, soothing cream, powder, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, tooth brush and paste, lip balm, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, woman's products (pads and tampons)

Anything you use we missed on the list.

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

- Our Bible study was *Money, stewardship and generosity* Session two *Stewardship: How do we tend our treasure?* by Christa Von Zychlin which focused demystifying the “churchy” concept of stewardship and recover it as a helpful spiritual and real-world practice.
- The November Bible study will be *Money, stewardship and generosity* Session three *Generosity: There’s a wideness in God’s mercy.* by Christa Von Zychlin explores considering God’s generosity and how we can reflect that generosity.

Please join us on Sunday, January 11, 2026, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service for our annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. After lunch, Judith Wanfried will speak on bookends of Jesus life with Mary - Madonna and Pieta.

Currently, WELCA is collecting items for the Lehigh Mission District December In-gathering and will soon have the names/requests for gifts we will purchase. The signup sheets and the lists will be posted on the tables in the narthex when received.

## ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

### NEWS FROM THE NEPA WELCA - - - - - **SAVE THE DATE**

- Spring Justice Event, April 11, 2026, Hope Cherryville and topic to be decided in the near future.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NEPA Women of the ELCA, June 13, 2026, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Breinigsville. The topic is to be decided.

Join us for our next meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

11/9 Potluck

11/9 Russ Rentler Concert

11/21 Pizza & Movie Night

Signup sheets are available for these events on the table in the narthex.

## PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS



**Reminder - The deadline to submit knitted octopuses is Sunday, November 2.** On that date, the octopuses will be blessed during worship service. We have 47 octopuses so far!

In addition to our yearly charity knit/crochet project, we continue to make prayer shawls. There are always prayer shawls on hand – if you know of someone who could use a shawl or lap robe, please see Steph, Sandi, or Judy.

*Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions* – Our November Plarn session is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18 at 1:30PM**. (Note: these sessions are always held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.) It is a fun and productive working session – with lots to do! You can flatten bags, cut bags, tie loops, crochet or weave mats. If anyone is interested in taking a loom home to weave, let Steph or Judy know.



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

14 Alan & Carlene Brumbach



### THANK YOU

A thank you letter was received from the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank for our generous donation of 164 pounds of essential items, made on 9/11/25.

# ALTAR GUILD, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND READERS ARE NEEDED



We are in need of people to help with the 10:30AM worship service – specifically Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, and Readers.

For Altar Guild, you would serve approximately every 6 weeks. Altar Guild is responsible for coming to church a half hour early and setting up the altar for communion – i.e. placing

the linens, wine, and grape juice on the altar, preparing the bread, and placing trays of communion cups in the sanctuary. At the end of service, Altar Guild removes everything from the altar, including fresh flower bouquets, waters them, washes the communion-ware and puts it away. You would be working with another Altar Guild member until comfortable.

As a Communion Assistant, you would serve approximately every 6 weeks. Communion Assistants assist during communion –usually pouring the grape juice while the lay assistant handles the wine.

As Reader, again, you would serve every 6 weeks by reading the lessons during the service. Readers are asked to move toward the mic during the last verse of the hymn, so they are already in place when it is time to read the lessons.

Currently, many of our lay assistants are serving triple duty and are scheduled multiple times a month - because there are not enough readers and communion assistants. Please consider helping out in one of these roles. Even if you can only volunteer at certain times of the year, the scheduler can work around and accommodate busy and varying schedules. Thank you for your prayerful consideration on assisting in worship. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355, [stepbillwagaman@rcn.com](mailto:stepbillwagaman@rcn.com); or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

## Camerata Singers

If you are looking for something festive to do in preparation for Christmas please come to the PA Camerata Singers winter concert titled "A British Christmas".

We will be performing music by 3 British composers:

- Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten for chorus and harp
- Christmas Day by Gustav Holst for chorus and organ
- Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Ralph Vaughn Williams for baritone soloist, cello solo, chorus and organ

There will also be a few selections from Handel's Messiah. We will wrap up with the audience participating in a few familiar carols.

We have been rehearsing since September and I think this will be an amazing concert.

Date: December 20 at 3:00pm

Location: Christ Lutheran Church 1245 Hamilton Street, Allentown.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact me; Cathy Waltemyer at [mom3mrg@gmail.com](mailto:mom3mrg@gmail.com), or talk to me after church.

OR: You can purchase tickets online at: [pacameratasingers.org](http://pacameratasingers.org)

Online ticket pricing:

General Admission is \$30 + service fee.\*\*

Senior Admission is \$25 + service fee.\*\*

\*Free entry for Students

\*\*Service Fee is the processing fee just like ordering tickets from Ticket Master.

OR: Tickets for The Camerata Singers concerts may also be purchased by calling the PSO Ticket Office at (610) 434-7811.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Ticket Prices through the PSO Ticket Office:

\$30 - General Admission

\$25 - General Admission Senior

\$20 - Group Rate (must purchase 10+ tickets)

# SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR 2025 BULLETIN & ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIPS

We are in need of bulletin sponsorships for 2025. 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.

## 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.

## HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the church 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 church 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 church to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office and leave a message.

## PARISH NURSES

This is a direct copy of the information from the CDC website,  
accessed on 10/11/24:

### Why get vaccinated?

**Influenza vaccine** can prevent **influenza (flu)**.

**Flu** is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every year, usually between October and May. Anyone can get the flu, but it is more dangerous for some people. Infants and young children, people 65 years and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions or a weakened immune system are at greatest risk of flu complications.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections are examples of flu-related complications. If you have a medical condition, such as heart disease, cancer, or diabetes, flu can make it worse.

Flu can cause fever and chills, sore throat, muscle aches, fatigue, cough, headache, and runny or stuffy nose. Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

In an average year, **thousands of people in the United States die from flu**, and many more are hospitalized. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related visits to the doctor each year.

### **Influenza vaccines**

CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. **Children 6 months through 8 years of age** may need 2 doses during a single flu season. **Everyone else** needs only 1 dose each flu season.

It takes about 2 weeks for protection to develop after vaccination.

There are many flu viruses, and they are always changing. Each year a new flu vaccine is made to protect against the influenza viruses believed to be likely to cause disease in the upcoming flu season. Even when the vaccine doesn't exactly match these viruses, it may still provide some protection. (continued on page 15)

Influenza vaccine **does not cause flu.**

Influenza vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines.

## **Talk with your health care provider**

Tell your vaccination provider if the person getting the vaccine:

- Has had an **allergic reaction after a previous dose of influenza vaccine**, or has any **severe, life-threatening allergies**
- Has ever had **Guillain-Barré Syndrome** (also called "GBS")

In some cases, your health care provider may decide to postpone influenza vaccination until a future visit.

Influenza vaccine can be administered at any time during pregnancy. Women who are or will be pregnant during influenza season should receive inactivated influenza vaccine.

People with minor illnesses, such as a cold, may be vaccinated. People who are moderately or severely ill should usually wait until they recover before getting influenza vaccine.

Your health care provider can give you more information.

## **Risks of a vaccine reaction**

- Soreness, redness, and swelling where the shot is given, fever, muscle aches, and headache can happen after influenza vaccination.
- There may be a very small increased risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) after inactivated influenza vaccine (the flu shot).

Young children who get the flu shot along with pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and/or DTaP vaccine at the same time might be slightly more likely to have a seizure caused by fever. Tell your health care provider if a child who is getting flu vaccine has ever had a seizure.

People sometimes faint after medical procedures, including vaccination. Tell your provider if you feel dizzy or have vision changes or ringing in the ears.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

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



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**STAFF**

Interim Pastor.....The Rev. Ginny Goodwin  
Organist/Choir Director ..... Ms. Judy Noll  
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz  
Parish Secretary ..... Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

# November 2025 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                              | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY                                       | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship<br><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>  | <b>3</b><br>10:00 a.m.-Bible Study  | <b>4</b><br>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Senior Group<br>6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers<br><b>NO CHOIR</b>   | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>4:00 p.m.-Haafsville Pet CPR And First Aid Training |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| <b>9 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship<br>11:30 a.m.-Potluck Lunch<br>2:00 p.m.-Russ Rentler Concert                                      | <b>10</b><br>10:00 a.m.-Bible Study | <b>11</b><br> | <b>12</b><br>9:30 a.m.-W-ELCA                   | <b>13</b><br>9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Senior Group<br>6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers<br>7:30 p.m.-Choir  | <b>14</b>                                       | <b>15</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| <b>16 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship<br>11:30 a.m.-Congregational Mtg.<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                                    | <b>17</b><br>10:00 a.m.-Bible Study | <b>18</b><br>1:30 p.m.-Plam Session  | <b>19</b><br>6:30 p.m.-Haafsville Board Meeting | <b>20</b><br>9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Senior Group<br>6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers<br>7:30 p.m.-Choir  | <b>21</b><br>6:00 p.m.-Pizza<br>7:00 p.m.-Movie | <b>22</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| <b>23 CHRIST THE KING THANKOFFERING SUNDAY</b><br>9:00 a.m.-Worship<br>9:15 a.m.-Sunday School<br>9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class<br>10:30 a.m.-Worship<br>11:30 a.m.-Council   | <b>24</b><br>10:00 a.m.-Bible Study | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>                                       | <b>27 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>  | <b>28</b>                                       | <b>29</b>   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## November 2025

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month – Judy Walker 610-573-7117

### Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Jennifer Bentsen, Peggy Saylor

**Altar Guild:** Steph Wagaman

**Communion Asst:** Sharon Bortz

**Communion Bread:** Steph Wagaman

**Greeter:** Frank & Sandy Bennighoff

**Lay Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Reader:** Melanie Dimovitz

### Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

**Altar Guild:** Amy Williams

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Bob Nickisher

**Greeter:** Lacey Edwards

**Lay Asst:** Lacey Edwards

**Reader:** Sandi Wagaman

### Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Bread:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Greeter:** Dorothy O'Connors

**Lay Asst:** Dick Steltz

**Reader:** Daisy Pearson

### Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Rosie Gallagher, Madeline MacMechan

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Communion Bread:** Alice Bastian

**Greeter:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen

### Sunday, November 30, 2025

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Melanie Dimovitz, Cal Fetherolf

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Dick Steltz

**Communion Bread:** Esther Seibert

**Greeter:** Cal Fetherolf

**Lay Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Reader:** June Kellogg

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**



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

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve. Why not take a few moments now to fill out the order form. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 7:00 p.m. service. **We are no longer delivering flowers to shut-ins.**

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

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

**The Due date to place your orders is  
November 23, 2025**

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

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

Janine Ritter  
610-417-0209  
Festival Committee

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
8227 Hamilton Blvd.  
Breinigsville, PA 18031  
610-398-7000

**POINSETTIA ORDER FORM**

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: \$10.00

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 23, 2025**

SPONSOR A POINSETTIA

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

COLOR: RED PINK WHITE MARBLE  
(CIRCLE ONE)

ORDERED

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

(Please print clearly)

IN MEMORY OF:

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

IN HONOR OF:

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

**FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP AFTER THE  
7:00 P.M. THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**



## ***The Willow: 2025 Holiday Gift Giving***



It's that time of year again, greater Macungie area!

We are accepting donations of gifts that are new & unused items! We intend to put together "Santa Sacks" for all our residents. You can donate in one of three ways:

- 1) Contributing these items, we're looking to put together including:
  - Beanie Knit Hats
  - Adult socks (ankle high)
  - Plain Unisex T-Shirts (Sizes M to 3XL)
  - Sweatpants (Sizes M to 3XL)
  - Chap Stick
  - Deodorant
- 2) If you would like to adopt a resident for a specific gift, please contact the Activities Department (Brian or Cathy when on site). A specific resident code based on interest/need will be given to you; upon delivery to The Willow, please include code on gift-tag!

(Unfortunately, we are Unable to accept the following items)

- Perishable items (bananas, baked goods)
- Glass/Sharps      -Candles
- Powders

- 3) Monetary Gift Card Donations by Local Businesses Are Welcome & Appreciated As Well for usage for activity staff to acquire residents' list of interested items/needs

ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BY Friday, December 19, 2025

You May Contact the Community Enrichment Director, Brian, for interest and inquiries at this email address:

[bmahoney@inspiritseniorliving.com](mailto:bmahoney@inspiritseniorliving.com)

# Pet Blessing



October 5, 2025

# Harvest Home



October 12, 2025



# NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly: The Work of the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania

*Written by: Pastor Mike Bennethum, LAMPa Policy Council Chair*

In a well-known scripture, the prophet Micah proclaims, “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (NRSV Micah 6:8) It has been pointed out that we Lutherans often are more comfortable loving justice and doing kindness; that is, we find satisfaction in feeding hungry people but shy away from calling out and addressing the root causes of hunger and poverty. For the past 46 years, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) – funded in part by your mission support giving – has taken up the important, but daunting task of working to change systems that perpetuate inequity and injustice.

LAMPa’s staff – Tracey DePasquale, Director, and Pastor Erin Jones, Communications and Advocacy Engagement Manager, joined this year by Hunger Advocacy Fellow, Daniella Garber – work with a Policy Council composed of representatives of Pennsylvania’s seven synods, the United Lutheran Seminary, and a synod bishop to develop a biennial Policy Agenda that guides our church’s engagement with state legislators and departments in the governor’s office.



*2025 Lutheran Day at the Capitol*

The current Policy Agenda includes the following priorities:

- Hunger: improving access to healthy, affordable food;
- Creation Care: advocating for laws that protect clean air, water, and land;
- Poverty: addressing homelessness and housing insecurity;
- Education: working toward adequate and equitable school funding;
- Healthcare: working to ensure all Pennsylvanians have access to affordable care;
- Civil Rights: working to reduce hate crime and safeguard the right to vote;
- Immigration: standing for welcome to our newest neighbors; and
- Violence Reduction: addressing the root causes of violence, including trauma and extreme poverty.

The LAMPa staff and Policy Council pursue this ambitious agenda in several ways:

- By forming and participating in coalitions with leaders of other denominations, faith-based organizations, and community groups that are passionate about these same issues;
- By engaging with state legislators and those who work in the governor’s office, regardless of party affiliation, to advance measures that benefit all Pennsylvanians;
- And, most important, by equipping and supporting the members of the 1,050 ELCA congregations in Pennsylvania so that each of us becomes more confident expressing our faith in the Good News of Jesus by becoming bold advocates for a just and compassionate society. The widely used Bonhoeffer curriculum is just one example of this.



Policy Council Chairs: NEPS Bishop Christopher deForest, Pastor Dillon Epler, and Pastor Mike Bennethum



LAMPa Council Policy Meeting

Each of you is an important partner in this ministry. Check out LAMPa’s website, [lutheranadvocacy.org](http://lutheranadvocacy.org). Sign up to receive helpful Action Alerts regarding pending legislation that addresses the issues above. Follow LAMPa on Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to join approximately 250 of your fellow Lutherans at the next Lutheran Day at the Capitol (tentatively Tuesday, April 21, 2026).

At the center of Lutheran ethics is God’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Please join in this ministry of neighbor-love by supporting LAMPa’s work. Thank you for your mission support giving that helps to make this possible!

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod and ELCA like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod’s lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit [godsllove.org/missionsupport](http://godsllove.org/missionsupport).

**STAY INFORMED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



*Action Alert*

LAMPa’s Action Alerts connect faith and public life by giving you quick, meaningful ways to advocate for justice and compassion in Pennsylvania. Each alert includes background and an easy way to contact legislators on issues like hunger, housing, and creation care.

SIGN UP TODAY



[lutheranadvocacy.org](http://lutheranadvocacy.org)



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## Lehigh Mission District NEWSLETTER

The Rev. Thomas D. Busted, Dean  
The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop,  
Mission District Chair  
Linda Gery, Newsletter Editor

610-966-3834  
610-704-5133  
TBD  
610-395-5535

### Upcoming Rostered Ministers Gatherings:

Wednesday, November 12  
10:30am-12noon  
at the Lutheran Center  
(Synod Office)  
Ms. Stacy Klann -  
Evertrue Living

Thursday, December 11  
beginning at 8am  
at Egner Chapel,  
Muhlenberg College  
Advent Eucharist Service  
followed FREE breakfast  
in the Hoffman House.  
(Please RSVP for breakfast to  
[lehighlutherans@gmail.com](mailto:lehighlutherans@gmail.com))

Wednesday, January 14  
beginning at 10:30am  
at the Lutheran Center  
(Synod Office)  
Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-  
Tringali - Director of New  
Ministries

### All Saints Concert

Sun., November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 pm  
The Lutheran Church of the  
Holy Spirit (3461 Cedar  
Crest Blvd, Emmaus)

Please join us for an  
afternoon of worship and  
remembrance.  
Refreshments will follow.

For more info, call the  
church at 610-967-2220.



*December 2025 LMD NL news  
will be due November 10, 2025.*

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

## “Ohne Verdienst” part 4

When our ancestors were converted to the Christian faith, we understood our relationship with God as being a contractual one. God provides for all our needs, and we respond with good deeds. Sin is a problem, because if good begets good, then evil begets evil. Every evil deed, every sin, has a consequence. Luther was terrified of God, because he never felt adequate in keeping up his end of the bargain. He saw himself falling short constantly. He felt an overwhelming debt to God for all of his sins, a debt that was crushing, and oppressive, and led him to despair. Then he discovered ‘ohne Verdienst.’ We cannot fulfill our end of the contract. We do not ‘earn’ or ‘merit’ our salvation. Only Christ can fulfill that contract for us, and like Tyr, Christ sacrificed himself for the good of others. But unlike Tyr, it cost Christ more than a hand, it cost his entire body and life.

This insight is our particular gift, as Lutherans, to the rest of the church. You need not speak German to benefit or understand it. People all over the world have received the good news of our salvation through Jesus Christ. In fact the Lutheran church is growing fastest these days in Africa where there are approximately more than 24 million Lutherans (that’s more than 6 times as many Lutherans as there are in North America which has a little over 3 million Lutherans). Surprisingly, it is more likely to find a German speaking Lutheran in Africa than it is in the United States, which brings us back to the initial question: why did we cover up our back wall?...to *be continued.*

The Rev. Thomas D. Busted,  
Lehigh Mission District Dean



## Holiday Craft Bazaar

Sat., November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 am-2 pm  
held at Zion Lehigh Lutheran  
Church (8269 Spring Creek  
Road, Alburtis)

Crafts, Basket Raffle, Food,  
Bake Sale & Grandma's Attic.

*Please see the attached flyer for details.*



## St. Andrew's Cash Bingo

Sun., November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1 pm  
Doors open at 11:30 am  
held at the Fearless Fire Co.  
(1221 S. Front Street,  
Allentown)

Food and baked goods  
available. Ticket Price: \$30 or  
\$35 at the door.

Ticket/Info Contacts:

Lori 610-390-2107

Sharon 484-866-5827

Lorraine 484-538-7806

*Please see the attached flyer for details.*



## Fall Dance Party

Sat., November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm  
held at St. Timothy Lutheran  
Church (140 South Ott  
Street, Allentown)

Dance to the music of the  
Here4Fun Band. Price: \$15  
per person, includes  
beverages, snacks and  
desserts. Tickets available at  
the door and church office,  
call 610-435-6512.

All proceeds benefit the  
Allentown Area Ecumenical  
Food Bank.

*Please see the attached flyer for details.*



**Lehigh Mission District Christmas InGathering Reminder:**  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025  
St. John's Lutheran Church (501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)  
If you have any questions please contact Penny at 610-390-9694.  
Thank you for your support in making this ministry happen.  
~ Alice, Faith, Pam, Shellie ~

The Neighborhood Center is busier than ever! Kids are filling our center with energy, laughter, and learning. But to keep up with the growing need, we're asking for your help. A gift today will provide safe after-school activities, homework help, warm meals, and a place where kids know they belong. Can you make a donation today to help us continue this work? You truly make it possible for us to keep serving the children who need us most.



[www.theneighborhoodcenterallentown.com](http://www.theneighborhoodcenterallentown.com)  
344 N. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18102  
Phone: 610-434-5799

Like us on Facebook or check out our pictures!



### OPERATION SUNSHINE

1933 Hanover Ave, Allentown, PA 18109

Phone: 610-435-9155

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

Email: [LMDopsunshine@aol.com](mailto:LMDopsunshine@aol.com)

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

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

**All the 2025 trips 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.

*Please see the attached newsletter for details.*

**THANK YOU** to all the faithful walkers, community leaders, support crew, sponsors and other donors who participated in the **Sunday, October 19, 2025, 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](mailto:karehad@gmail.com) to include in our CROP follow-up emails to congregations and other CROP supporters!

### Many Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!



**Thank You for Helping Others through the Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk** as it supports the Lehigh Conference of Churches Kitchen, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, and Church World Service in bringing help and hope to our neighbors facing food insecurity due to poverty, homelessness, and natural and human-made disasters.

**LIKE** us on Facebook:

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

**CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAY, or ANNIVERSARY GIFT IDEA:** In honor of loved ones, give the gift of life! **DONATE ANYTIME** to the CROP Hunger Walk at [www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa)

Alternatively, **CHECKS FOR "CWS/CROP"** may be given through your congregation/group or sent directly to Linda Held, Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Treasurer, 3441 Devonshire Road, Allentown, PA 18103.

# St. Andrews Lutheran Church



# CASH



## Fearless Fire Company

1221 S Front St. Allentown

Sunday November 2, 2025 1:00 PM

Doors open at 11:30 AM

19 Regular Games (\$100 Cash Prize each game)

Coverall (\$250 Cash Prize)

50/50 Raffle Special Games Basket Raffle

Food and Baked Goods available for purchase

Ticket Price: \$30 or \$35 at Door

Ticket/Info Contacts

Lori 610-390-2107 Sharon 484-866-5827 Lorraine 484-538-7806





# Fall Dance



Saturday,  
November 15th  
2025



# Party

## OLDIES-BUT GOODIES

Dance to the music of the **Here4Fun Band**

\* Dancing 7-10 pm Casual Dress

Join us to enjoy a Celebration of Fall !

St Timothy Lutheran Church

\* 140 South Ott Street, Allentown

Fellowship Hall-entry in rear parking lot

**\$15 PER PERSON**

includes beverages, snacks, & desserts

Tickets available at the  
door & the church office

(610-435-6512)

All proceeds benefit:

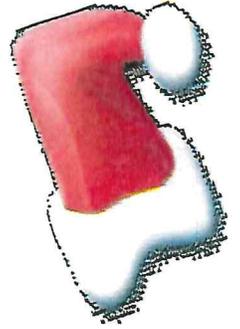


**Allentown**  
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9 AM - 2 PM

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church  
8269 Spring Creek Road, Alburtis

There will be:

Crafts, Basket Raffle, Food, Bake Sale &  
Grandma's Attic

We'll have lots of homemade food so  
stay and have lunch.



Contact:610-395-1215