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Pastor's Corner -- Intangible Legacies

What is a legacy? I once knew a couple that ate fish sandwiches every night for years so that they would have "Enough" to leave to their children upon their deaths. And in fact, they did leave them a substantial amount. Their thinking was of being perceived as a failure if you left a paltry amount to your heirs. The children were grown, quite well off, and approaching retirement ages themselves, when their parents died. They were certainly not dependent upon any income provided to them by their parents.

So, what is a legacy? Are they the funds you have sacrificed to leave to your heirs? Is it the special car you have stored in the garage for the last 50 + years in pristine condition? Is it that vase passed down through four generations to make sure it goes to the "right" person to hold for their 40 + years and then pass it on to the next one in line? What about the spoon collection or the Hummels, or the train set you set up each Christmas?

These are all tangible legacies. Money, cars, household things and the like. They are treasured by those who held them close for many years, moving them from home to home. We wish and hope they will be looked upon with the same importance and value we held them.

Are they really legacies? Is that what you want to be remembered for? A vase? A train set? A spoon collection or knick-knacks?

Or do you want to be remembered for your sense of humor? Or diligence, or kindness and grace. Maybe you want to be remembered for you careful attention to detail or the way you read bedtime stories and played all the characters. Perhaps you want to be remembered for your generosity and service to others.

From Webster's Dictionary: **LEGACY**; Something left by request or handed down by an ancestor at an earlier time.

Pastor's corner cont'd

It could be that vase or the graceful attitude you display from Aunt Mabel or ornery disposition from grandpa or that crooked smile from Uncle Tom.

And it could be the story books that were read to you that you now read to your grandchildren – playing all the parts as you remembered.

What legacy do you want to leave? Soft spoken and gentle? Kind and generous? Patient and grateful? Joy filled for the life God has given you to leave as a legacy to those you love?

We give to God what is God's. The congregation answered "Everything!" when asked what belongs to God? So, our legacy becomes EVERYTHING. Tangibles and intangibles. They all belong to God, good or bad old or newer. Ultimately, all we have to leave to anyone is already God's!

Pastor Ginny

MONTHLY PRAYER FAMILIES

In **November** we will be praying for the following families each week.

Nov 1 - The Reichard Family, The Ritter Family,
The Robinson Family, The Rothermel Family

Nov 8 - The Sanchez Family, The Saylor Family,
The Schlenker Family, The SchmoyerFamily

Nov 15- The Schneider Family, The Sedlak Family,
The SeibertFamily, The Smith Family

Nov 22 - The Solderich Family, The Spengler Family
The Steltz Family, The Stoudt Family

Nov 29 - The Strauss Family, The Theodore Family,
The Thomas Family, The Trainor Family

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

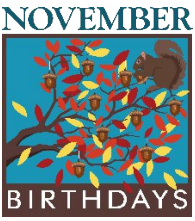
November 8th– Potluck
November 20th – Pizza and Movie Night



POINSETTIAS

Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas Eve! Poinsettia orders are now being accepted. If you would like to contribute a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season, please be sure to place your order by **November 24th**. Worship and Music will use the poinsettias to help create a beautiful and festive space for our Christmas Eve service.

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6 – Joe Murotta
Judy Noll
7 – Carl Seibert Jr
9 – Josh Solderich
16 – Jeff Strauss
18 – Daisy Pearson
19 – Summer Cope
Ethan Eiswerth
Makenna Morgenstern
25 – Madison Mironov
29 – Katie Pisauro



14 – Alan & Carlene Brumbach

ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEMBER WANTED

A little background regarding the Cemetery Board

The Trustees forming the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the St. Paul's United Church of Christ Council and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council at their December meeting; the number of Trustees to be elected is six, three from St. Paul's United Church of Christ and three from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Trustees are elected for two-year terms and may serve for no more than six consecutive years.

The board meets quarterly, January, April, July, October, on the third Wednesday of the month. For the past year or so, the meetings have been at St. Paul's Lutheran Church starting at 6:30 p.m. Generally, the meetings last for about an hour, or a little longer.

A copy of the Constitution/By-Laws is available upon request.

A board member can no longer fulfill their duties on the board due to health complications. Their term, I believe, has only 2 years remaining. Please put this to prayer and see me if you would like to step up and join the cemetery board.



To everyone at St. Paul's,
Thank you for all your prayers this past year. Your prayers were answered and I am cancer free! On August 19th, I got to ring the bell at Lehigh Valley Hospital, after my last cancer treatment. Thank you again.
Anna Mae Kercher

A big thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recovery. It was appreciated, and I'm sure contributed to my speedy recovery.
Daisy Pearson

ELECTION DAY

The polls are open! St. Paul's is proud to serve as a voting location for this year's elections on November 3rd. We welcome all voters who come to exercise their right to vote.



VETERAN WREATHS

Veteran Wreaths (sponsored by the St. Paul's Cemetery Association)

We are remembering our veterans with a Christmas wreath placed on each St. Paul's Cemetery Vets' grave. The cost of one wreath (live) is $20. If writing a check, please make it payable to ***St. Paul's Cemetery Association*** and in the memo line write the word WREATHS. If you would like to remember a specific veteran with a wreath, please enclose a note with their name in the envelope. If a name is not provided, your wreath will help us honor **all** veterans.

To place an order, mail an envelope and payment to:
St. Paul's Cemetery Association, PO Box 560, Trexlertown PA 18087
You can also give them to Jennifer in the church office.

Order and payments are due by **Sunday, November 29th .**

The wreath distribution will be on Saturday, December 5th and your help would be appreciated.



St. Paul's Winter Craft Show

Join us for St. Paul's first annual Winter Craft Show on **Saturday, December 5th, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM!** Browse a wonderful variety of handmade crafts and unique gifts from over 20 vendors. It's the perfect opportunity to find special holiday gifts while supporting local crafters. Food, drinks, and delicious baked goods will also be available for purchase. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun day of holiday shopping at St. Paul's. We look forward to seeing you there!



BIBLE STUDY

If you would like to join us for bible study, the dates are listed below. We would love to have you.

NOVEMBER 2nd 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 9th 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 16th 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 23rd 10:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 30th 10:00 a.m.

LEHIGH VALLEY MISSION DISTRICT
2026 CHRISTMAS GATHERING

It's that time of the year when we at St. Paul's begun to shop for small gifts for people in our nearby communities. The ladies from our WELCA group help with organizing all your donations and transporting the items to their "homes".

This year we are purchasing item for young children that will be dispensed through the BRIGHT HOPE MINISTRY. These items will not be wrapped. A typed list of the items will be available on the table in the Narthex as well as the list printed at the end of this article.

We will also be purchasing wrapped gift items for specific people. As of the writing of this article, we have not received the names and/or gift requests. A new group of women are organizing the Ingathering this year and are needing a bit more time to get everything together. As soon as we find out, there will be a sign-up sheet for you to pick up which gifts you want to purchase for a specific person.

BRIGHT HOPE MINISTRY ITEMS

Baby wash
Baby shampoo,
Baby lotion, diapers (sizes newborn, 3,6 months)
New clothing newborn through 2T
Baby wipes,
Baby bottles,
Sippy cups

All items should be brought to the church by November 29th. If you have any questions, please contact Sandi Wagaman at 610-203-8085

PARISH NURSING NOTES
Susan Ferguson MS, RN

We are entering into another transition time of the seasons.
I am hearing from the medical providers that influenza has arrived ahead of schedule with activity growing across many states. This may be a direct result of a mutation in the H1N1 strain. Infections have been reported back in August.

The flu often hits suddenly and intensely. Common symptoms of the flu include Fever, Chills, Fatigue, Body aches, Runny nose and Cough.
It can be difficult to identify a flu infection against another infection such as COVID which is why testing is so very important.
If you test positive for influenza, you can seek treatment with antivirals to lessen the severity of symptoms and duration. These medications require a prescription within 48 hours of onset of symptoms.

Please obtain your flu vaccine as this is an effective way to prevent severe illness and complications. There are many available options including a standard shot, high dose shot, nasal mist and a new mRNA flu vaccine. The flu shot is never 100% effective, and you can still get infected, but you won't get nearly as sick or end up in the hospital.

Should you have questions, ask your provider.
Remember, hand washing is very important with the use of hand sanitizers when available. Utilize masks for added protection of yourself and others. Masks are available and identified pews are also recommended.,

FLU SHOT CLINICS

Saturday, November 7th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dorney Park

Sunday, November 8th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hecktown Oaks

A collection of non-perishable food items to support local food pantries.

Appreciated but not required to receive a flu shot.

ALTAR GUILD, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND READERS ARE NEEDED

Altar Guild, you would serve approximately every 6 weeks, coming to church a half hour early and setting up the altar for communion. At the end of the service, remove everything from the altar, including fresh flower bouquets, water them, wash the communion-ware and put it away.

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

Reader: you would serve every 6 weeks to read the lessons during the service. Please consider helping in one of these roles. Contact Steph Wagaman with any questions.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met with the Rev Jean Huber to discuss our path forward. A Call Committee will be formed from a cross section of the church members. A Ministry Site Profile will then be completed by both Council and Call Committee which will start the process for a permanent Pastor.

The new phone system should be completed shortly.

Council is looking into changing insurance companies for the church and workers comp.

Our congregational meeting is planned for November 15th following the 10:30 service.
There will **NOT** be a 9:00 am service that day.

The only 3 items on the agenda will be:

- Election of new council members
- The 2027 budget will be discussed and approved.
- The call process for a settled pastor will be discussed.

Our annual meeting held at the beginning of the year will have an open forum to discuss any other issues.



Can't Make It to Worship? Join Us Online!

If you're unable to join us in person for worship, you can still worship with us from wherever you are!

Join us on Facebook every Sunday for our worship service. You do **not** need a Facebook account to watch. Simply click the link and be patient—it may take a few moments for the video to load.

We'd love to have you worship with us, whether you're here in person or joining us online, you can watch anytime during the week!

www.facebook.com/stpaulsbville



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS



We are finishing up our charity knit and crochet projects - so far, we have **159** preemie hats and **147** soap sacks. Many thanks to all of our makers!



For the congregation – we are asking for donations of bar soap for the soap sacks – deadline **November 8.** Look for the donations box in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have donated already!

The soap sacks and preemie hats will be blessed on Sunday, **November 8**. Our end date for finishing up both projects is **November 1**. The preemie hats will be going to LVHN; half of the soap sacks and bar soap will be going to Caring DAM Hearts Homeless Ministry, and half will be going to the Lehigh Mission District Ingathering. If anyone is willing to help with delivery of items in November, please let Steph, Judy or Sandi know.

In addition, our Plarn team continues to work hard processing bags into Plarn, and weaving/crocheting sleeping mats for the homeless. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our November Plarn day is **Tuesday, November 17 at 1:30PM.** Come and join us!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS. CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [W-ELCA]

Our monthly meeting was on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

The ladies discussed our annual Soup and Sandwich lunch the first Sunday, January 3, 2027, following worship, followed by a program. We narrowed the topic to scams and will have more information shortly.

Thankoffering Sunday on Sunday, November 22, 2026. A temple talks during announcements, and the Thankoffering envelopes will be handed out.

Our Bible Study was bold faith on an unexpected journey. Session two Love and loyalty: A story of connection and courage. by Tiffany C. Chaney.

This session was the story of Ruth, a Moabite woman, who walked into an unknow future in an unfamiliar land, her bold faith revealed how God works through relationship to bring provision, belonging, love and new life.

- The **2026 *Gather* Bible study topics**
  - **Winter** (December 2026/January/February 2027): Advent devotional (author details to come) and a two-part study by Wanda Frenchman (topic to come).

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

NEWS FROM THE NEPA WELCA - - - - - - **HAPPENINGS**

- We are once again going to participate in the Christmas Ingathering, and we have been assigned Bright Hope Ministry. *Please see the Ingathering article in this issue of The Parish News.*
- The next issue of The Flame is scheduled to be mailed on January 14, 2027. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2026.

Join us for our next meeting, Wednesday, November 11th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship a Bible study, Bold faith on an unexpected journey, Session 3, Proclaiming resurrection in hope. There are moments when we are called into something we did not plan, and we are asked to step forward.



Sunday, November 1, 2026 – All Saints Day
Revelation 7:9-17 The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb
Psalm 34:1-10,22 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord;
for those who fear The Lord lack nothing
1 John 3:1-3 We are God's children
Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit

Sunday, November 8, 2026 – Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 5:18-24 Let justice roll down like waters
Psalm 70 You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord do not tarry
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The promise of the resurrection
Matthew 25:1-13 The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

Sunday, November 15, 2026 – Twenty fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 The day of the Lord
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11]12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Be alert for the day of the Lord
Matthew 25:14-30 The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

Sunday, November 22, 2026 – Christ the King
Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 God will shepherd Israel
Psalm 95:1-7a We are the people of God's pasture
and the sheep of God's hand
Ephesians 1:15-23 The reign of Christ
Matthew 25:31-46 The coming of the Son of Man;
the separation of sheep and goats

Sunday, November 29, 2026 – First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64:1-9 Prayer that God would come with power and compassion
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end
Mark 13:24 -37 Th sudden coming of the Son of Man

Puzzle!



FOLLOW THE STAR

Start at Clue 1. Choose the correct answer, record its star letter, and follow its number.

1 The Wise Men came from the:

- East — J — go to 4
- West — P — go to 2

2 Herod asked when the _____ appeared.

- angel — T — go to 3
- star — S — go to 5

3 Warned in a dream, they returned:

- another way — S — Bethlehem
- to Herod — D — go to 4

4 The prophecy pointed to:

- Nazareth — R — go to 5
- Bethlehem — E — go to 2

5 They found the child in a:

- house — U — go to 3
- stable — M — go to 1

Who did they find?

Matthew 2:1–12

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

Answer: Jesus

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 19TH

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. Jennifer Doyle

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ALL SAINTS DAY 9:00 a.m.-Worship 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.-Worship	**2** 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study	**3** 	**4**	**5** 9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Seniors Group 6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers 7:30 p.m.-Choir	**6**	**7**
8 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:00 a.m.-Worship 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.-Worship 11:30 a.m.- Blessing of crocheted items 11:45 a.m.- Potluck 3:30 p.m.- Haafsville	**9** 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study	**10**	**11** 9:30 a.m.-W-ELCA 7:00 p.m.-Council 	**12** 9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Seniors Group 6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers 7:30 p.m.-Choir	**13**	**14**
15 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 9:15 a.m. - Confirmation Class 9:45 a.m. - Blood Pressure Checks 10:30 a.m.- Worship 11:30 a.m. - Congregation Meeting	**16** 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Worship and Music 7:00 p.m. Lehigh Zion Cemetery Board Meeting	**17** 1:30 p.m.-Plarn Session	**18** **NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE**	**19** 9:30 a.m.-Amazing Womens Seniors Group 6:15 p.m.-Joyful Ringers 7:30 p.m.-Choir	**20** 6 p.m. – Pizza 7 p.m. – Movie	**21** 3:30 p.m. Haafsville
22 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.- Worship 9:15 a.m.- Sunday School 9:15 a.m. – Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.- Worship Temple Talk – WELCA Thank-offering / Tree Trimming	**23** 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study	**24**  **POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE**	**25**	**26**  **OFFICE CLOSED**	**27**	**28**
29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00 a.m.-Worship 9:15 a.m.-Sunday School 9:15 a.m.-Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.-Worship	**30** 10:00 a.m.-Bible Study					

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
NOVEMBER 2026

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month – Dawn Wertz 610-301-2829

Sunday, November 1, 2026

9:00AM
No Assistants

10:30AM
Ushers: Ken Ritter, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard
Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter
Greeter: Dorothy O'Connors
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, November 8, 2026

9:00AM
No Assistants

10:30AM
Ushers: Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak
Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Communion Bread: Esther Seibert
Greeter: Peggy Saylor
Lay Asst: Dick Steltz
Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, November 15, 2026

NOTE: NO 9:00AM SERVICE!

10:30AM
Ushers: Zack Dimovitz, Rosie Gallagher
Altar Guild: Amy Williams
Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak
Communion Bread: Helen Post
Greeter: Rosie Gallagher
Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz
Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Sunday, November 22, 2026

9:00AM
No Assistants

10:30AM
Ushers: Peggy Saylor, Judy Walker
Altar Guild: Judy Walker
Communion Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Bread: Sandi Wagaman
Greeter: Carol Derr-Breinig
Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman
Reader: Melanie Dimovitz

Sunday, November 29, 2026

9:00AM
No Assistants

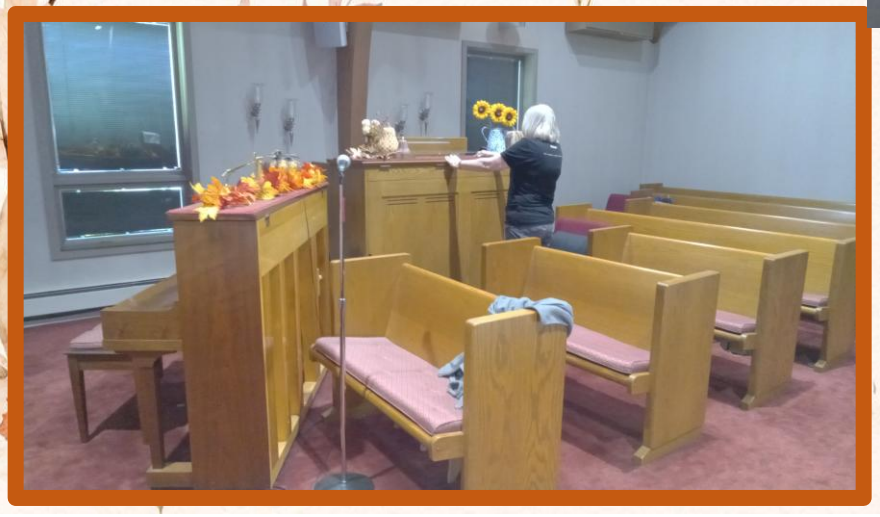
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Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman
Communion Asst: Tom Kellogg
Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig
Greeter: Melanie Dimovitz
Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Reader: Tom Kellogg

Harvest Home











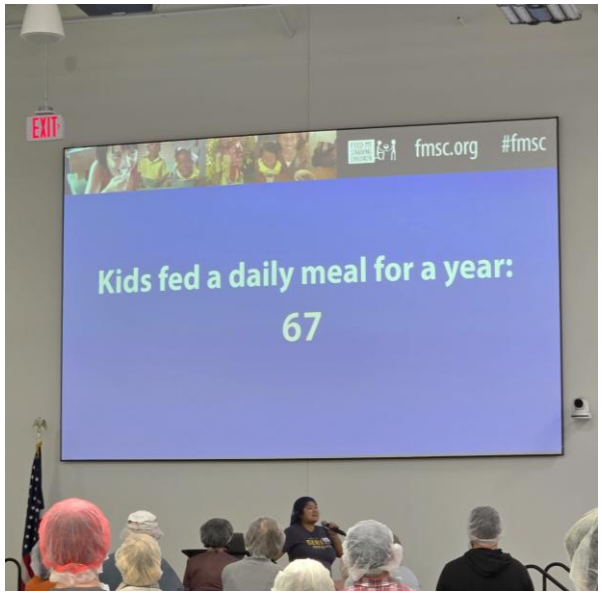
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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



October 17, 2026
Mack Trucks
Macungie

Pet Blessing



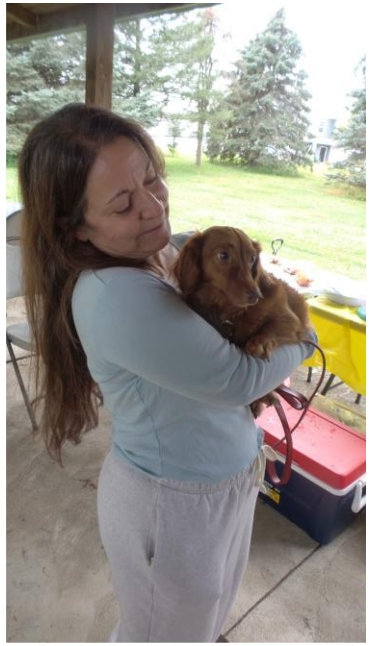




October 4, 2026











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 or Jennifer Doyle

The Due date to place your orders is
November 24, 2026

Additional forms are available in the narthex.

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

Janine Ritter St. Paul's Lutheran Church
610-417-0209 8227 Hamilton Blvd.
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610-398-7000

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

PRICE PER PLANT: $10.00

ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, November 24, 2026

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

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Lehigh Mission District NEWSLETTER

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← Photo taken from their Facebook page

December 2026** LMD NL news will be due **November 9, 2026.

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

Bishop's Conference:

November 9-10, 2026
at Shawnee Inn
and Resort

See NEPA website and communications for details.
Registration now closed.

Upcoming Rostered Ministers Gatherings:

Thursday, December 10, at 8:00am
at Egner Chapel, Muhlenberg College

Advent Service followed by FREE breakfast in the Hoffman House.

Wed., January 13, 2027 at 10:30am
at The Lutheran Center (2354 Grove Road, Allentown)

Meeting with Bishop Jennifer Dee
Also a joint meeting with the Bethlehem/Easton Mission District Rostered Ministers

Wed., February 3, 2027 at 10:30am
at St. Mark's Church (201 E Juniata St, Allentown)

Topic: TBD

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank

This year we will be highlighting local organizations that help address food insecurity in our mission district area. This month's highlight: Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank
Website: https://allentownfoodbank.org/
Phone Number: 610-821-1332
Location: 417 N. 14th Street, Allentown, PA 18102
Hours of Operation: Mon thru Fri 9:00am-11:30am or Thursdays 3:30pm-5:30pm

The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank has been serving the community since 1978. It began as a small pantry in the St. John's Lutheran church basement and has grown into the largest food pantry in the Lehigh Valley. They are now a 501c3 nonprofit organization. They are led by a board of volunteers and dedicated staff who help manage operations and coordinate volunteer efforts.

Ways to help:

- Make a financial contribution (https://allentownfoodbank.org/donate/)
- Volunteer or donate food (https://allentownfoodbank.org/how-to-help/)

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



Lehigh Mission District Christmas Ingathering Reminder:
Wednesday, December 2, 2026 from 9am-10:30am
at St John's Lutheran (501 Chestnut St, Emmaus)

The Ingathering Board:
Shellie Fritchman, Faith Drescher, Alice Mudge and Pam Page

We continue to be grateful for the generosity of our mission district congregations. Last year 22 of 24 congregations donated to the mission district in 2025-2026. Let's strive for a full 100% participation this year. Your donations support the publication of our newsletter, provide supplies and refreshments for our annual spring assembly, and help us provide grants to local organizations in the Lehigh Valley that address food insecurity. THANK YOU!



Holiday Craft Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 7th, 9 am - 2 pm
Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church (8269 Spring Creek Road, Alburtis)

Crafts, basket raffle & Grandma's Attic! Food and baked goods – stay for lunch.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

Holiday Fair – Art & Craft & Bake Sale

Sat., Nov. 7th, 9 am - 1 pm
St. Timothy Lutheran Church (140 South Ott Street, Allentown)

Artists and Crafters needed! 8 ft tables available.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

St. Andrew's Cash Bingo

Sunday, November 15th, 1 pm
Doors open at 11:30 am
held at the Fearless Fire Co. (1221 S. Front Street, Allentown)

50/50 raffle, special games, basket raffle and more! Food and baked goods available.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

Harvest Moon Oldies Dance

Sat., Nov. 14th, 7 pm - 10 pm
St. Timothy Lutheran Church (140 South Ott Street, Allentown)

Dress casually and dance to the music of "Here 4 Fun!" Proceeds support the Horizon Church Ghana Mission Trip 2027.

Please see the attached flyer for details.



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.

The last 2026 show is sold out - if you are interested, we encourage you to put your name on the wait list.

New 2027 trips will be posted mid-November, keep watch!

Please see the attached newsletter or visit the website for more info.

www.theneighborhoodcenterallentown.com
344 N. 7th Street, Allentown, PA 18102
Phone: 610-434-5799

The Neighborhood Center is dedicated to providing early childhood education, specifically designed for our Early Learners, to prepare them for kindergarten. They also offer an Elementary Program and a Teens Program.

www.FPlehighvalley.org
1346 W. Hamilton Street, Allentown PA 18102
Phone: 610-351-1368

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley (FPLV), a 501(c)(3) organization that provides shelter, meals, and case management to children and families experiencing/at risk of homelessness in the LV.



St. Luke's Lutheran Church – Health Fair

(417 N. 7th Street, Allentown) Saturday, November 14th, 12-3 pm

Many free services and information for all ages – from insurance resources to health screenings, flu shots, and more!

See the attached flyer for details.

THANK YOU to all the faithful walkers, community leaders, support crew, sponsors and other donors who participated in the **Sunday, October 18, 2026, Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk!**

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



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.

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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

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.