

Christ Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

Budget Review

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Please refer to your
Budget Worksheet



6261 Ministry Community Partnership Convent

Pretzel City



Purpose



The purpose of the Partnership Covenant is to create an understanding of the commitments of the Reading area “Pretzel City” churches to form a 6261 Ministry Community. Part of this understanding includes the hope, we as Christians, profess in the promises of God and our call to share those promises with others in our communities.

This is in collaboration with the NEPA Synod.



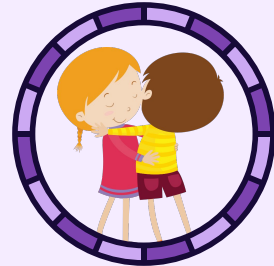
Signs of Vitality



Jesus' Message



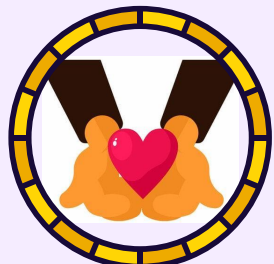
Best Neighbors



Warm Relationships



Keychain Leadership



Empathy Today



**Prioritize young
people**



What is 6261?



6 Congregations



6 Lay Ministers



2 Pastors



1 Deacon





Participants



Congregations:

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Christ (Glenside) Lutheran Church
Hope Lutheran Church
Hope's Table, Reading (SAWC)
Nativity Lutheran Church
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Zion Spies Evangelical Lutheran Church

Associated Ministries:

Café Esperanza, (Hope) Reading
Widoktadwen & Outdoor Ministry Center,
(Zion Spies) Reading

Pastors:

Rev. Bruce Osterhout, full-time
Rev. Rebecca Knox, half-time
Rev. Drew Neidig, Interim Pastor (half-time)



Participants (cont)



Licensed Lay Ministers:

Tanya Kantner, from Christ Lutheran

Kathy Fegley, from Zion Spies

Wendy Wegman, from Zion Spies

Accompaniment Partners:

Director for Evangelical Mission, Deacon Kat
Tigerman

Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod,
Bishop Christopher deForest

East & West Berks Mission District Associate to
the Bishop, Rev. Drew Neidig

LLM Director, Rev. Jira Albers

Synod Council of the Northeastern Pennsylvania
Synod

East & West Berks Mission Districts

Agreements





Compensations/Contributions



Each congregations has agreed to a financial commitment (refer to covenant for specific numbers).

Those contributions will go toward compensation of the pastors, deacons, supply ministers, lay ministers, etc (please refer to the budget).



Primary Ministry Project



Primary Ministry Projects are ministries that engage deeply with the community, sharing the love of God by word and deed. Often these ministries address inequities, injustices, or other needs that are not currently being met in the community.

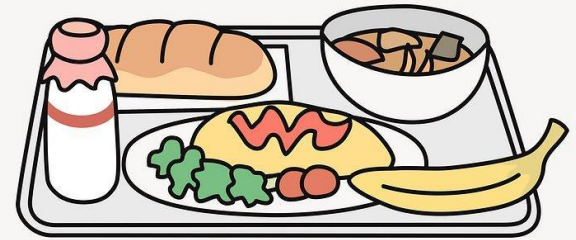
Food Pantry



Gardens & Meals



Serving Meals





Engagement Team Obligations



The Engagement Team is a team dedicated to the vision, collaboration, and ministry engagement of the 6261 Ministry Community. It could be thought of as a “joint council” but its focus is on engaging the congregations and SAWC of the Ministry Community as well as engaging neighbors, visitors, and strangers in the community by sharing the love God through Jesus Christ.

- 2 members from each congregations
- 1-2 year term
- Oversees the Primary Ministry Project
- Collaborates with the Synod
- Attend 1 day retreat
- Plans the annual God's Work Our Hands
- Commits to praying regularly



Commitment of Each Congregations



Spiritual Commitments

- Pray
- Have an open mind

Financial Commitments

- Promises timely, financial support

Inter-Relational Commitments

- Support staff
- Commits to forming community relationships
- Empower worshipers
- Provide for fellowship
- Ensures to provide 2 members for the Engagement Committee

Congregational Council Commitments

- Attend coaching sessions
- Continue to build relationships with other council members
- Communicate with the congregation



Commitment of Lay Minister



Spiritual Commitments

- Pray for community, congregations, and ministry
- Provide worship leadership
- Lead bible studies
- Lead and coordinate small groups
- Make hospital and home visits

Relational Commitments

- Build relationships across congregations
- Work collaboratively with 6261

Practical Commitments and Ongoing Responsibilities

- Engages with the 6261 Ministry
- Assist in coordinating staff meetings
- Attends meetings, collaborates, and assist in the congregation



Commitment of the Pastors



Spiritual Commitments

- Prays and works with the 6261 Ministry
- Leads worship, preaches, and sets the table for Holy Communion
- Performs baptisms, weddings and funerals
- Visits hospitals and homes

Relational Commitments

- Works to build relationships across congregations, within the 6261 Ministry and lead decision making
- Mentor and supervise the Lay Ministers

Practical Commitments and Ongoing Responsibilities

- Coordinates weekly and attends staff meetings, council meetings and Engagement team meetings
- Participates in Synos 6261 educational opportunities

Initial Primary Pastors

- Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Reading -
Pr. Bruce Osterhout
- Christ (Glenside) Lutheran Church, Reading -
Pr. Bruce Osterhout
- Hope Lutheran Church, Reading - **Pr. Bruce Osterhout**
- Hope's Table, Reading (SAWC) - **Pr. Bruce Osterhout**
- Nativity Lutheran Church, Reading - **Pr. Drew Neidig**
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Reading - **Pr. Rebecca Knox**
- Zion Spies Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reading -
Pr. Rebecca Knox



Call Process

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The process for calling a Rostered Minister (Deacon or Pastor) to the 6261 Ministry Community mirrors the traditional process of a single congregation or yoked congregations calling a Rostered Minister. The Associate to the Bishop for East & West Berks Mission District will assist you throughout the call process.

Please refer to the 6261 Covenant for a more detailed process.



Timeline

*subject to change





Proposed Timeline

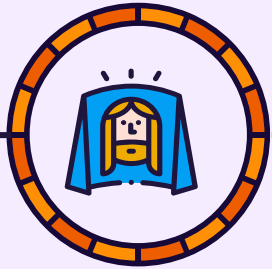


- By January 15, 2025 – Paperwork and Votes completed
- February 1, 2025 – 6261 Ministry Community begins
- February 2025 – First Engagement Team Meeting
- August 2025 – Engagement Teams Retreat
- August 2025 – Reflection and Feedback on 6261
- September 2025 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday
- March 2026 – Engagement Teams Retreat
- May 2026 – Reflection and Feedback on 6261 with discernment about continuation
- September 2026 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday
- October 2026 – Congregational votes to continue or discontinue the "Pretzel City" 6261 Ministry Community
- November 2026 – If continuing the "Pretzel City" 6261 Ministry Community, the new Covenant is signed





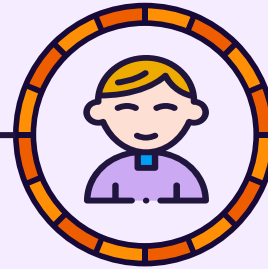
Targeted Goals



**Continue to
support the
Primary
Ministry
Project**



**Support
LLMS**



**Make a call
for a Deacon
and
replacement
for Pastor
Keller**



**Continue to
build
relationships**

A Time for Reflection and Change



We all value tradition but as time has changed we must adapt for the greater good.

We must think about the needs of all.

Tradition is our foundation that we can continue to build upon so we can continue God's work.



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?



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