

Prints of Peace



May you have an Anticipatory Advent, and a Merry Christmas!

“Anticipatory”? That’s a 50-cent word. What do I mean by that? Well, Martin and I have been working with the Worship and Music Committee to develop a very special Advent this year. It all started when we noticed that Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. We thought, “How can we best have worship in the morning, and then Christmas Eve worship in the afternoon and evening?” Through conversations, debates, and connection with a new program called “Advent in a Box,” we have stumbled upon what we think will be four very special weeks of Advent, four weeks in which we focus on *Anticipation*.

Traditionally, Advent is all about *waiting*. While the outside world is so busy, busy, busy in December with gift-shopping and parties, baking and decorating, the church has offered a reminder that we must learn to *wait*. This year, that waiting focus is still there, but it’s a particular kind of waiting: *Anticipation*. Anticipation isn’t a slow, impatient, boring kind of waiting – anticipation is an excited, expectant, bouncy, happy kind of waiting. Anticipation is the kind of waiting that kids do on December 24, so excited about what’s about to happen. And even while we know what it’s like to wait for Christ to come into our lives, we can wait with *Anticipation*, excited and joyful that he’s right around the bend, and in fact, is already here!

In our Advent worship, we will attempt to capture this feeling of *Anticipation*. Here’s what you can expect when you attend worship on Sunday mornings, December 3, 10, 17, and 24:

- We will decorate together! *As part of worship*, we will do some of the decorating for Christmas. This way, we will prepare for Christ’s coming together.
- We will focus on the First Readings from Isaiah each week, the prophet who called the people to get ready, and to wait expectantly for the Messiah.
- We will celebrate Holy Communion, the very presence of Christ today, and we will use the “Christmas Carol Thanksgiving” we’ve used for the past few years.
- We will sing some Advent songs and some Christmas songs, a blend that we hope will allow us to experience both the *yearning* for Christ’s coming and the *joy* that Christ is already among us.

Join us for **Advent worship: 9:45 am on Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 and 24.**

Join us for **Blue Christmas worship: 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 17.** This special service is designed especially for people who find the holidays difficult, for whatever reason. All are welcome, and there will be a time for refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Join us for **Christmas Eve worship: 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 24.** Special preludes start at 3:00 and 6:00, so make sure to come early!

Merry Christmas, and *Anticipatory Advent!*

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

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The following individuals are fondly remembered by family and friends and contributions have been made in their name on All Saints Sunday.

In Loving Memory Of...

John D. Robinson, Arlington and Joyce Weidlick,
J. Edwin and Jeanette Johnson; Ethel Fuls

By Joanne Robinson

James R. Fahr, Sr.

By Vivian Fahr

Loved Ones

By Dennis and Cathy Mullen

Tony DeVito

By Betty DeVito

James and Lola Gardella

By Grace G. Gardella

Family and Friends

By Carolyn Leidy

Richard Butler

By Sandy Butler

John Hahn

By Diane Hahn

Stefanie Purvis

By Patricia Duran

Ed Montgomery

By Rhonda Montgomery

Esther and Stanley Godshalk

By Susan Reinhart

My Dad and My Brother

By Mary O'Meally

Luther and Stella Steinmetz,

Nicholas and Nora Martocci

By John and Janet Martocci

Leslie D. Ott, Sr.

By Craig and Brenda Hughes

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By Jaron Hughes

James R. and Divona Jennings

By Kim and Jim Jennings

Donald M. Jones

By Sherk and June Jones

Our Loved Ones

By Diane and Paul Kimsey

**Those we love can never be more
than a thought apart,
For as long as there's a memory,
they live on in our heart.**

NOVEMBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The newsletter deadline came before the November council meeting. Check the weekly announcement folder or PastorMail for highlights.



Christmas Worship Schedule:

Blue Christmas: Sunday, December 17 @ 3 pm. This special service is designed for people who find the holidays difficult. All are welcome. A time of refreshments will follow.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Sunday, December 24 @ 9:45 am. A special adapted service that will include decorating for Christmas as part of worship!

Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24 @ 3:30 and 6:30 pm. **There will be special music starting 30 minutes prior to each service.** Contact Minister of Music, Martin Yazdzik, ASAP if you're interested in participating in the special music.



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please be aware that I have updated my email account to justinesavietRN93@gmail.com for all church business. My previous account will remain active, however, using this new dedicated account will ensure your communication is read in a timelier manner. As always, I can also be reached using my cell number for texts or calls at 610-730-7895. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your parish nurse! **Justine Saviet**, RN, MSN Parish Nurse

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
Dec. 3	Vivan Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Mary Hendershot	April Miller	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Kim Jennings	Isabel Baker	Jackie Horn, Kathy Williams
Dec. 10	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Quincy Miller	Kale Baker	Serk and June Jones	Tina Johns	Landon Horn	Jim Jennings, Bob Gist
Dec. 17	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Sara Godshalk	Laraine Brands	Marlene and Butch Stana	Tara Flyte	Alex Scholtes	Jackie Horn, Dave Karner
Dec. 24 9:45 a.m.	Sherk and June Jones	April Miller	Tina Johns	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Antonioli Family	Landon Horn	Jim Jennings, Jackie Horn
3:30* p.m.	Want	to	Help?	Sign-up	In	The	Narthex!
6:30* p.m.	Want	to	Help?	Sign-up	In	The	Narthex!
Dec. 31	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Brooks Baker	Marlene Stana	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Cathy Mullen	Alex Scholtes	Jackie Horn, Georgia Suranofsky
Jan. 7 2024	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	Connie Itterly	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	John Martocci	Isabel Baker	Jim Jennings, Connie Itterly

***Christmas Eve Special Musical Prelude starts at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., services start at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Communion Assistants:

December 3 Tina Johns, Jim Jennings
December 10 April Miller, Diane Hahn
December 17 Connie Itterly, Jim Jennings
December 24- 9:45 a.m. Marlene Stana, April Miller
December 24 – sign-up for Christmas Eve Services
December 31 Diane Hahn, Tina Johns
January 7 Marlene Stana, Jim Jennings

December Altar Guild: Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk
January 2024 Altar Guild: TBA

Thank you for your willingness to serve!!
 If you are unable to fulfill an assignment, please find someone to take your place and let Pastor Scholtes know of the change as soon as possible. For last minute changes be sure to leave the message on Pastor Scholtes' voice mail at 610-588-2355 or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.



LAST CALL THIS YEAR FOR ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS!

With year end approaching fast, now is the time to make a donation to the Endowment Fund and get your credit for a charitable donation prior to the 2024 tax season. Please keep in mind that our 2024 disbursements of Endowment Funds will be a function of the December 31 Endowment Fund balance, so the higher the balance, the greater the disbursements will be. The disbursement size will also be impacted by the amount of new monies collected during 2023 as 20% of all new monies will be disbursed, too. Thanks for your continued support! -- *Jim Jennings*

Weis Grocery Receipts:

Thank you to all who save their Weis receipts for Prince of Peace!

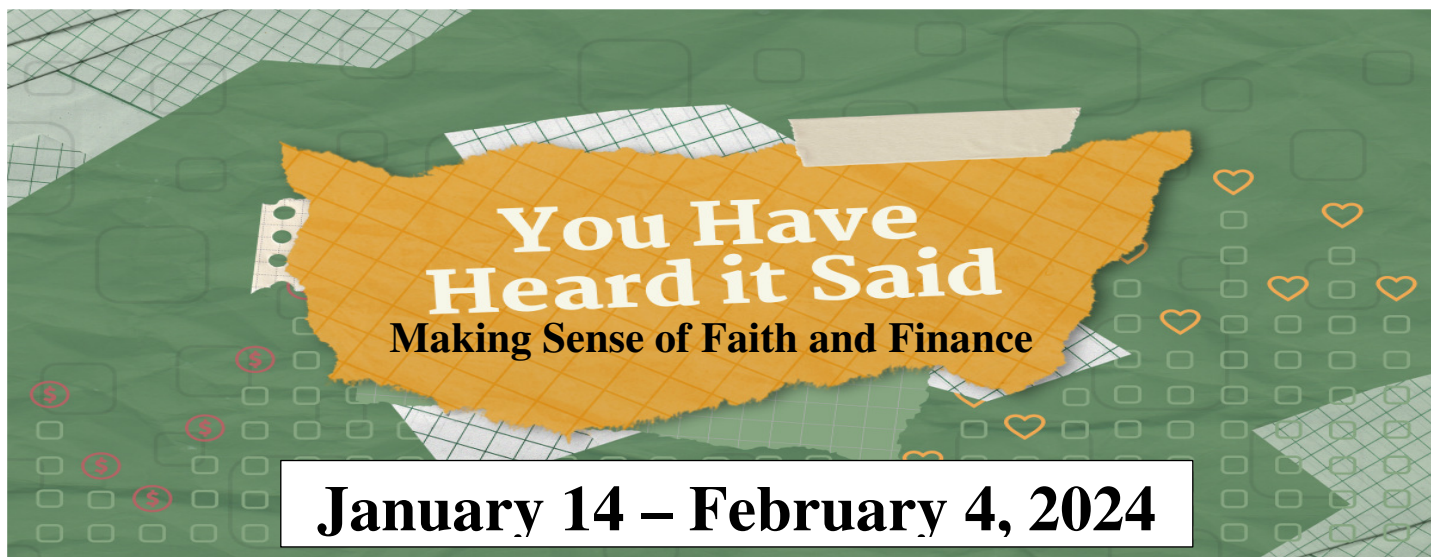
Keep those grocery receipts coming! Please note we can only use slips from the Blue Valley store, and we cannot use receipts for gift cards, milk, tobacco, sales tax, alcohol and pharmacy items. These items are deducted from the slips. Thank you for your continued support.

—*Janet Martocci*

Sunday Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

Come join us and bring someone with you! Coffee hours are hosted each week by two or more people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Hosting involves setting up coffee and tea and supplying baked goods/snacks. **Please note that coffee hour ends December 17 and resumes on January 7.**

Members of the Coffee Hour Team are available to help if needed: Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen and Sue Reinhart.



The 2024 campaign has been in the planning stages for several months between the stewardship committee and a few members of the task force. We have been working on all the components that will make our campaign easy to understand and have meaning in our daily and POP lives. The campaign will kick off on Sunday, January 14th and end on commitment Sunday, February 4th (February 11th-snow date).

The Council and Task Force have shared, *“the plan includes an increase in regular giving – we need you to prayerfully participate in an upcoming Stewardship Campaign. Listen. Ponder. Pray. Talk with your family. Take it seriously. Even if you think you can’t give more, listen and pray.”*

In January you will receive an introduction to the campaign and what is in store each week during the campaign.

Walking with the Lord together,

Stewardship Committee and Task Force

Sherry Hock, Brooks Baker, Brenda Stauffer, Kerri Miller, Kale Baker, Brenda Hughes, Tina Johns, Georgia Suranofsky and Pastor

Good News!

The Joyful Noise Collection for October totaled \$204.00! Thank you for your continued generosity!



Please keep these people in prayer on the anniversary of their birth!

- Mark Cotturo, December 1
- Nicole Slegel, December 3
- Elwood Hower, December 3
- Juanita Hower, December 11
- Danielle Schipps, December 16
- Grace Fraunfelter, December 16
- Jaron Hughes, December 17
- Kathy Williams, December 18
- Samantha Streisguth, December 19
- Sandra Brodt, December 21
- Janice Kiefer, December 22
- David Karner, December 22
- Robin Ott, December 24
- Carolyn Leidy, December 24
- Patricia Antonioli, December 26
- Brenda Dotta, December 27
- Stephanie Fraunfelter, December 29



On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Online / Facebook / Telephone

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). You can also call in to hear our worship each week at 877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767). New videos and audio files will be added each Monday.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

UPDATE

New Member: **Bonnie Buskirk**
110 Locke Heights Rd.
Bangor, PA 18013
610-588-6180

POP's Treasures Boutique will be open:

Dec. 8 & 9. Hours: Fridays 10 a.m. -2 p.m.,
Saturdays 9 a.m. – Noon.
Committee members: Valerie Kessler,
Mary O'Meally, Jackie Horn

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmations: Isabel Baker, Emma Confalone, Sarah Harrison, Allison Manicke, Alex Scholtes (all October 29)

New Ministry: Card Shower

We are a community where we celebrate joy and happiness and also compassion, support, and love. Jackie Horn has offered to coordinate a new ministry where we can show this support – through card showers! Jackie writes, “Join me in creating a meaningful connection between those that we care about. If you know of someone that needs a pick me up, a get-well card, or any type of correspondence, let's make someone's day by sending them a card shower.” (*Note: this will be in addition to the card already sent on the church's behalf.*) Here's how you can help: First, when someone you know could use a card shower, let Pastor Scholtes know. He will announce the name in worship and via PastorMail. Second, when you hear one of these announcements, get a card, sign it, and leave it in a marked box in the narthex. Jackie will handle collecting them and making sure they are delivered! If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jackie Horn at 610-810-7268.



Prince of Peace Seekers (POPS).



Come and ignite your spiritual imagination in November and December! We meet each week for a time of spiritual growth, discussion, and fellowship. We continue to meet from 10-12 and are now meeting in the Conference Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

November 23. Happy Thanksgiving! No gathering
November 30. Holiday Craft Advent Wreath with Sherry Hock
December 7. The Christmas Story through Art. Part I.
December 14. The Christmas Story through Art. Part II.
No gathering on December 21 and 28.
We'll gather again in 2024 on January 11.
Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



Friday, December 1	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Saturday, December 2	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31
1st Sunday of Advent (12/3)	Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
Monday, December 4	Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
Tuesday, December 5	Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
Wednesday, December 6	Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
Thursday, December 7	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Friday, December 8	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
Saturday, December 9	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33
2nd Sunday of Advent (12/10)	Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
Monday, December 11	Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42
Tuesday, December 12	Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18
Wednesday, December 13	Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17
Thursday, December 14	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11
Friday, December 15	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16
Saturday, December 16	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32
3rd Sunday of Advent (12/17)	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps. 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday, December 18	Psalm 125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17
Tuesday, December 19	Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4
Wednesday, December 20	Psalm 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13
Thursday, December 21	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4
Friday, December 22	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Samuel 6:12-19; Hebrews 1:5-14
Saturday, December 23	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52
4th Sunday of Advent (12/24)	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:46-55; Rom. 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38
Christmas Eve (12/24)	Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
Christmas Day (12/25)	Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:8-20
Tuesday, December 26	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:19-28; Hebrews 8:1-13
Wednesday, December 27	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11
Thursday, December 28	Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18
Friday, December 29	Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50
Saturday, December 30	Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13
1st Sunday of Christmas (12/31)	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Read these on your computer or on your phone! Go to DailyLectio.net, where you can sign up for daily emails, or download the app for iPhone or Android!



Help us Prepare Baby Care Kits!



On Sunday, January 28, 2023, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., join us in the fellowship hall to assemble Baby Care Kits. Lutheran World Relief will distribute our gifts around the world to newborns and families in need. You can help by donating items for the layettes, giving a monetary gift to help purchase items, and/or share your time to prepare the layettes at the baby shower. Sizes 6 to 24 months may be used. If you want to make sweaters or diapers, go to www.lwr.org/beinvolved and click on Baby Care Kits for patterns. They specify that we are not permitted to add other items to the kits.

Kits will include:

lightweight cotton t-shirts, long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet (top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers top/pants sets can be substituted for sleepers pajama top/pant sets may be substituted), receiving blankets up to 52" square, cloth diapers, flat fold preferred, jacket, sweaters or sweatshirt with a hood or baby cap, socks, hand towel, dark color recommended, bath-size bars of gentle soap in the wrapping (like Ivory or Dove), diaper pins or large safety pins.

Look for information in the narthex where items can be placed. Call Michele Harrison at 610-863-8398 or Joanne Schipps at 570-460-1065 if you have any questions.

Note:

- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Top 10 reasons to buy Weis Gift Cards --Georgia Suranofsky

John and I buy cards regularly. We decided this is a good way to take the opportunity to give back to the church.


Are you looking for a gift that can keep on giving? Have you ever used Weis cards for something else than buying groceries? Did you know that we receive 5% back on each card sold? So, for instance if you buy a \$100 Weis card the church gets \$5 towards doing ministry through worship, learning or outreach.

Here are my top 10 reasons to buy some Weis Gift cards this holiday season:

10. Buy a nice poinsettia and surprise someone
9. Buy a box of candy and give it to someone special
8. Buy some cookie trays and some baking ingredients to make cookies
7. Go down the children's aisle and pick up a toy for a youngster whose name is on the Christmas tree for P.U.M.P.
6. Buy a wreath to hang it on your front door
5. Buy non-perishable goods to put in the manger on Christmas Eve
4. Buy a turkey for someone at P.U.M.P. and one for yourself
3. Go down the health and beauty aisle and buy someone a fuzzy pair of cozy socks to keep their feet warm this winter
2. Buy a dozen donuts and bring them to church for a fellowship hour

And the number 1 one reason to buy a Weis card is for the 5% that is coming back to do God's work here at Prince of Peace.

Cards are available for purchase every Sunday in the narthex.



*Jesus,
The Light,
Gives Life*

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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. – Join us!!

- **Pastor:** Rev. Michael J. Scholtes
- **home:** 610-588-2314 - PastorMJS@gmail.com
- **Volunteer Pastoral Assist.** Larry Rissmiller
610-588-4669
- **Minister of Music:** Martin Yazdzik
- **Bookkeeper:** Joyce Weishaupt
- **Financial Secretary:** Mary O'Meally
- **Custodian:** Brittnee Evans
- **Parish Nurse:** Justine Saviet, 610-730-7895,
cesarijustine1080@gmail.com
- **Administrative Assistant:** Annette Buss
- **Admin. Asst's Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon
Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
- **Admin. Asst's email:** poplcbangor@gmail.com

Congregation Council Members:

Connie Itterly - President	Brenda Hughes
Traci Rumsey - Vice President	Jackie Horn
Tina Johns - Secretary	Kerri Miller
Kale Baker	Dave Karner
Sara Godshalk	Marlene Stana
Rev. Michael Scholtes	

Would you like to place an article in the monthly newsletter? Highlight your ministry? Post a Thank you? Make an announcement?

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE
APPRECIATED!**

January 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, December 12 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document
not PDF format, thank you!****

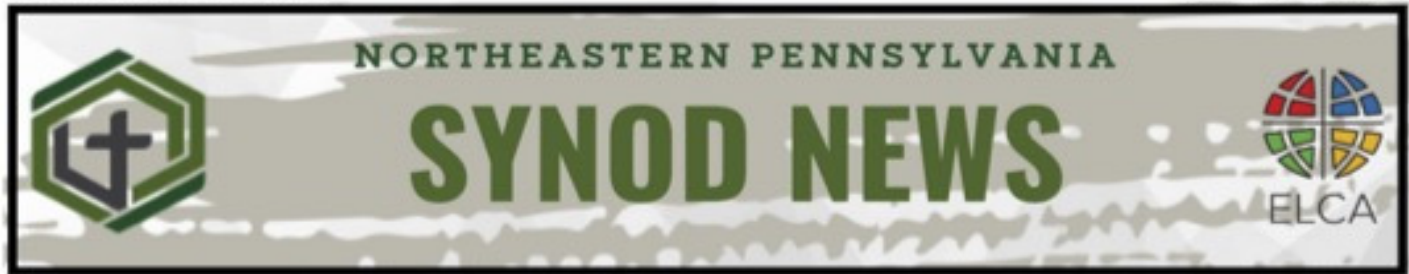
*You may email your submissions to
poplcbangor@gmail.com*

*Or give a handwritten items to
Annette Buss*

****Items received
after the deadline
will go into next month's
newsletter.****

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

*We, the people of Prince of
Peace Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
will actively seek and serve
Christ in all people.*



Young Adult in Global Mission: A Year in Senegal

Asalaa maalekum. May God's peace be upon you.

My name is Quentin Bernhard. I recently served with the ELCA program Young Adults in Global Mission—YAGM—in Senegal. My time with YAGM came to an end in July, and Senegal country cohort peers and I returned to the United States. We are among the 23 young adults from the 2022-2023 year who served in accompaniment in four different country programs.

I live in New Tripoli in Lehigh County, and I'm a member of New Life Lutheran Church in New Tripoli. Many individuals and congregations from our synod supported me in my YAGM year. Thank you for your support of my time in Senegal and for the opportunity to be in continuing relationship after my time abroad.

My coming to the United States, to the communities I grew up in in Pennsylvania, was also my leaving a community I grew in—a community I grew in as a Lutheran and as a young person, one I have good friends in. I lived in Yeumbeul Bene Baraque, in western Senegal, for ten months. I lived with a host family in a community. I saw friends every day, many when at my placement site. Connected with our partner organization Senegalese Lutheran Development Services—SLDS—I worked in a community center that serves the community in numerous ways, splitting my time between the library and the mutual fund credit union.

My friends and family in Senegal continue to send me voice messages, reminding me that I am also Maguette Ndiaye, my Senegalese name, and reminding me that we are still connected, even if connected in a different way now. Our relationships and our future—all of our future—is unknown to us. Our faith—and our trust in one another—can allow us to take steps and leaps in that future.

Quentin Bernhard

FINDING HOLY FOCUS IN HUNGERING TIMES BISHOP'S CONFERENCE 2024 FEBRUARY 6-7, 2024

REGISTER
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**FOR ALL ROSTERED LEADERS AND SYNOD AUTHORIZED LAY MINISTERS

God of Goodness, We give you praise for the ordinariness of Christmas - that the day comes the same as any other day. We give you praise that there is no sign in the heavens, and no bright star but the light of your presence in the ordinary birth of the child. We give you praise that unobtrusively you are in the center of human affairs, involved in the struggle of life, and sharing human experience.

We give you praise that out of compassion you take our part, and open to us a new way of life. We pray that this day we shall be able to see its true glory."

— Caryl Micklem



A graphic for the National Youth Gathering. It features a green string of lights with red, yellow, and green bulbs. The text "NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING" is written in a bold, outlined font. Below it is the website "www.elca.church/gathering". A red speech bubble with "REGISTER NOW!" is at the bottom right.

