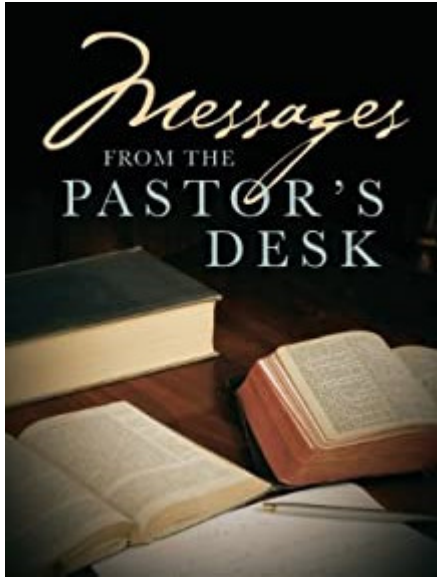


Prints of Peace



The book *Manna and Mercy*, written and illustrated by Dan Erlander, (which a group of us in the church just finished reading together) tells the story of God's "partner people." This partner people is the chosen people of Israel, and later also includes the church. Erlander says that the partner people of God are **a people of memory** and **a people of hope**. A **people of memory** means they know their own story; they know how God has been with them, through times of slavery and exile, how God has led them to freedom from servitude and from sin, how God has always been with them. A **people of hope** means they also know the promise, that God will be with them in the future, and that God has plans for them to be part of God's kingdom.

We at Prince of Peace are a part of God's partner people, and so we too are a **people of memory** and **a people of hope**. In this anniversary year, we have been celebrating both of these identifiers, looking both at our past and our future. In the month of July, I invite you to two great events that will focus on these.

First, on Sunday, July 10, Rev. Dr. Samuel R. Zeiser will join us for worship. Pastor Zeiser is Bishop Emeritus of the Northeastern PA Synod of the ELCA and was also pastor of Prince of Peace from 1984 to 1998. He will join us for worship and preach. There will be a luncheon in his honor after worship. Just like our visits from Pr. Rothrock and Pr. Hoenich, Bishop Zeiser's visit will bring back memories for many of us and inspire us to see the hope that the Holy Spirit is still with us. **Join us for worship at 9:45 am on Sunday, July 10 to celebrate this!**

Second, on Saturday, July 23, we will have a workshop to work on our congregational "wish list." You may remember that there was a meeting a few months ago of current and former members of committees in the church – we spent an hour or two discussing the joys of the past and dreaming of the future. **You** are all invited to join us at a follow-up meeting on the 23rd. We'll continue to dream about what we can be in the next year, the next decade, the next fifty years. We'll put together a congregational wish list of things we'd love to see if money and time weren't an issue. And we'll even try to get one or two things started, based on **your** input! So come out and be part of this opportunity to kickstart the future of Prince of Peace! **Join us for this workshop at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 23 to celebrate this!**

We are a **people of memory** and a **people of hope**. And together we will continue to be God's partner people here in Johnsonville and beyond.

In Christ,

Pastor Scholtes



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

April Miller, July 5
 Evan Powell, July 5
 Jennifer Baker, July 7
 Ruth Hinton, July 8
 John Suranofsky, July 9
 Benjamin Scholtes, July 9
 Brenda Stauffer, July 10
 Anne Slegel, July 11
 Connie Silvius, July 14
 Luke Hoff, July 16
 Edna Antonucci, July 18
 Sara Godshalk, July 19
 Glenda Kellow, July 24
 Charmaine Collins, July 26
 Walter Stana, July 26
 Dale Setzer, July 27
 Jacqueline Horn, July 28
 Emily Flyte, July 29
 William Waszmer, July 29

We Welcome the following New Members...

Grace Gardella, 131 A. Street, Bangor,
 PA 18013, 610-349-9547

and

Daniel Turtzo, 212 Sleepy Hollow Lane,
 Bangor, PA 18013, 484-221-0344



In-person (9:45 on Sundays)

All in-person worship services may include alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

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.

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms: Eli Hudson Hughes, May 28
 Aiden Mark Smith, May 29

ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?

Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *PastorMails* contain information about upcoming events, about recent decisions made in the church, and generally help to keep us all connected. If you are not receiving them, please send him a note at pastorMJS@gmail.com to get added to the list, or sign up at our church website (popbangor.org). They are also archived at popbangor.org/pastormail.

Key Council Highlights from June 13:

- 50th Anniversary Update – was held indoors, everyone who attended had a great time. Thank you to all who helped.
- Campfire committee was named, keep a look out for future information.
- Internal audit to be held on July 30th.

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 (610-588-2355) or email him at PastorMJS@gmail.com.**

Altar Guild for July: Carolyn Leidy, Terry Stiso Altar Guild for August:

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counter
Sunday, July 3	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Janet Martocci	Sarah Harrison	Brenda Hughes, Sherk and June Jones	Cathy Mullen	Alex Scholtes	Tina Johns, Jackie Horn
Sunday, July 10	Sara Godshalk, Vivian Fahr	Georgia Suranofsky	Laraine Brands	Marlene and Butch Stana, Traci Rumsey	John Martocci	Isabel Baker	Kathy Williams, Jim Jennings
Sunday, July 17	Sherk and June Jones	Kale Baker	Connie Itterly	Bob Gist, Brenda Hughes, Sara Godshalk	Jim Jennings	Landon Horn	Scott Schipps, Jackie Horn
Sunday, July 24	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Connie Itterly	April Miller	Vivian Fahr, Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Alex Scholtes	Connie Itterly, Jim Jennings
Sunday, July 31	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Sherry Hock	Marlene Stana	Georgia and John Suranofsky, Bob Gist	Tina Johns	Isabel Baker	John Suranofsky, Jackie Horn
Sunday, August 7	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Mary Hendershot	Kale Baker	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes, Vivian Fahr	Antonioli Family	Sarah Harrison	Chip Harrison, Jim Jennings

From Social Ministry:

I was informed by Stella Nelson that PUMP is desperately in need of the following items: pancake mix; elbow pasta and rice (NO 5lb bags please). Please when shopping please pick up one or all three of these items. If you cannot shop and want to purchase these items for PUMP I or one of the committee members will be happy to do it for you. See: Holly Blakeslee, Sherry Hock, Sara Godshalk, or me (Mary O'Meally). Thank you for your continued and generous support of PUMP.



A thank you note was received from Bloom...

Prince of Peace,

Thank you so much for the cleaning supplies donated to the Jasmine House. We appreciate it more than you know!

(The card was signed by the women living at Jasmine House.)

*the card will be posted on the Gratitude Board by the church offices mid-July

During worship on June 19th we honored the following graduates:



- ◇ **Maci Hock**, Five Points Elementary, Kindergarten. Maci is progressing to first grade and beyond.
- ◇ **Lucas Smith**, Tobyhanna Elementary School. Lucas is progressing to Middle School. (His grandparents are Carol and Wayne Shuman.)
- ◇ **Isabel Baker**, Nazareth Intermediate School. Isabel is progressing to 7th grade at Nazareth Middle School
- ◇ **Sarah Harrison**, DeFranco Elementary School. Sarah is progressing to Middle School.
- ◇ **Brooke Edwards**, Bangor High School, Diploma. Brooke plans to attend Lebanon Valley University studying Physical Therapy. (Her grandparent is Donna Ott.)
- ◇ **Ashley Flyte**, Bloomsburg University, Bachelor's degree Major: Art Studio. Ashley plans to work in a studio.
- ◇ **Lauran Gillow**, West Chester University, Bachelor of Science in Psychology.
- ◇ **Brandon Harrison**, East Stroudsburg University Bachelor of Science - Business Management. Brandon's future plans include a career in the business field.
- ◇ **Clarence J. Kizer, Jr. (CJ)** Thiel College, Bachelor of Arts: Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology. CJ plans to continue his studies at Thiel College, pursuing his Masters Degree.
- ◇ **Vivian Fahr**, Project of Easton - State of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg -GED. Vivian plans to continue her education with various classes and to enjoy travelling.

Lawn Care Season Continues!

Can you help to keep our grounds looking wonderful?
See John Martocci for details. Sign-up to help! Thank
you to all who help with this important task.



From Social Ministry: For the months of June thru August we will once again be collecting snacks for the Slater Family Backpack Buddy Program. This is a program that is always in need so that no child has food insecurities when not in school. This project has been successful in the past, so I now ask: can we fill them once again? When shopping please consider picking up one of the following items: granola bars, pudding cups, mac & cheese cups, juice boxes and healthy individually wrapped snack items. There will be a cart in the Narthex to place your donations on. Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Thank you for your caring generosity and willingness to help others. Questions: see Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee

We need your mobile phone number!

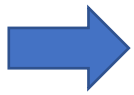
Please provide your mobile phone number to the church, for two reasons: 1) because so many of us no longer have landlines, and our directory is more and more out of date. And 2) to opt into a new program to receive occasional text messages about upcoming events and cancellations.



Prince of Peace plans to begin using text messages to get information out. We plan to use this service in two ways:

- 1) To alert people when worship or an event is canceled because of weather or other conditions.
- 2) To remind people of select upcoming events. (This would not be weekly, but only for occasional events such as Rummage Sales and dinners, and particularly special services, like Easter and Christmas.) We expect to send this sort of reminder about once or twice a month, or less.

These messages will be sent through our church database software. They will *not* be coming from the church phone number, and they are one-way only – if you reply, we will not receive it.



Please provide phone numbers for all members of your family below, and please check whether you would like to receive all text messages from the church, or only emergency/cancellation messages, or no messages at all. Thank you!

Please either return the sheet below to the church office or email your information to poplcbangor@gmail.com.

Name	Mobile Number	Please send me...
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		<input type="checkbox"/> All Messages <input type="checkbox"/> Cancellations Only <input type="checkbox"/> No Messages
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From the 50th Anniversary Committee:



In November this committee plans to place the following items in a time capsule: pictorial directory, 50th Anniversary brochure, current newsletter, copies of visiting pastor's sermons, future wish list, commemorative book, annual report, synod report, and a Lutheran magazine. We welcome your ideas for other items you would like placed in the capsule, there will be a basket on the Narthex for them. Questions: see Jackie & Denny Horn, Brenda Stauffer, John Marocci and Mary O'Meally



Dear Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$300.00 on June 3, 2022. We are grateful for your support as we work to transform futures and heal communities in Tanzania.

We are dedicated to providing transformational healing to children living with disabilities. As one of the most vulnerable populations in Tanzania, these children need our continued support to realize the futures they deserve. Your gift will help us:

- Reduce stigma through education
- Identify children in need
- Facilitate corrective surgeries
- Provide tailored rehabilitation programs

This message will provide you with the information needed for your financial records and a brief summary of how your gift will change lives. If our team can provide any additional information or assistance, please contact meg@friendsoftheplasterhouse.org.

It is your support that empowers us to continue to meet the needs of children with disabilities in Tanzania. We are grateful to have you as a partner in changing lives.

Sincerely,

The Friends of the Plaster House

More 50th Anniversary News...



Continuing with our celebration on **Sunday, July 10th**, Rev. Dr. Samuel Zeiser will join us. If you plan on attending the coffee hour please sign your name in the 50th Anniversary sign-up book on the counter.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration will continue with a picnic on **Sunday, August 7th from 11am to 1pm**. POP will provide hamburgers and hot dogs, we're asking that you put your name and number of people attending on the sign-up sheet on the counter, along with a side dish you will bring. Hopefully, the weather will co-operate and the picnic will be outside, if not it will be in the fellowship hall. We're hoping all will attend this fun event. If you're willing to help with the event, please see a committee member.

POP's 50th Anniversary continues with a marriage renewal ceremony on **Saturday, September 24th at 6 pm**, followed by coffee and cake in the fellowship hall. Hope all married couples of Prince of Peace will have your vows renewed by Pastor Scholtes. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, please write your name and phone number on it if you wish to attend the marriage renewal ceremony. Mark 10:9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. Ephesians 4:2 With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor with the Lord.

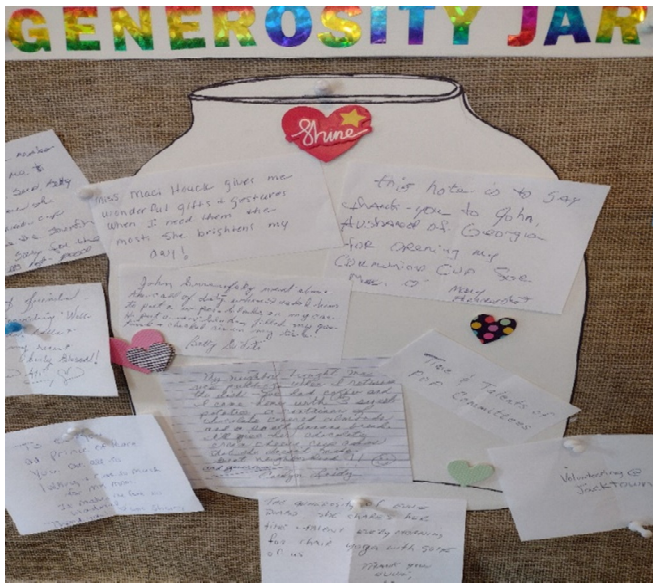
Questions about any of the celebrations? See Jackie & Denny Horn, Brenda Stauffer, John Martocci, and Mary O'Meally

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Friday, July 1	Psalms 66:1-9; Jeremiah 51:47-58; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Saturday, July 2	Psalms 66:1-9; Zechariah 14:10-21; Luke 9:1-6
Sunday, July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Monday, July 4	Psalms 119:73-80; Jeremiah 6:10-19; Acts 19:21-27
Tuesday, July 5	Psalms 119:73-80; Jeremiah 8:4-13; Acts 19:28-41
Wednesday, July 6	Psalms 119:73-80; Joshua 23:1-16; Luke 10:13-16
Thursday, July 7	Psalms 25:1-10; Genesis 41:14-36; James 2:14-26
Friday, July 8	Psalms 25:1-10; Genesis 41:37-49; Acts 7:9-16
Saturday, July 9	Psalms 25:1-10; Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37; John 3:16-21
Sunday, July 10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
Monday, July 11	Psalms 25:11-20; Job 24:1-8; James 2:1-7
Tuesday, July 12	Psalms 25:11-20; Proverbs 19:1-17; 1 John 3:11-17
Wednesday, July 13	Psalms 25:11-20; Ecclesiastes 9:13-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday, July 14	Psalms 15; Genesis 12:10-20; Hebrews 5:1-6
Friday, July 15	Psalms 15; Genesis 13:1-18; Ephesians 3:14-21
Saturday, July 16	Psalms 15; Genesis 14:1-16; Luke 8:4-10
Sunday, July 17	Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
Monday, July 18	Psalms 119:97-104; Exodus 18:1-12; Colossians 1:27-2:7
Tuesday, July 19	Psalms 119:97-104; Proverbs 9:1-18; 1 John 2:1-6
Wednesday, July 20	Psalms 119:97-104; Deuteronomy 12:1-12; John 6:41-51
Thursday, July 21	Psalms 138; Esther 2:19-3:6; Acts 1:15-20
Friday, July 22	Psalms 138; Esther 3:7-15; Acts 2:22-36
Saturday, July 23	Psalms 138; Esther 4:1-17; Luke 8:22-25
Sunday, July 24	Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13
Monday, July 25	Psalms 55:16-23; Esther 5:1-14; Colossians 2:16-3:1
Tuesday, July 26	Psalms 55:16-23; Esther 6:1-7:6; Romans 9:30-10:4
Wednesday, July 27	Psalms 55:16-23; Esther 7:7-8:17; Matthew 5:43-48
Thursday, July 28	Psalms 49:1-12; Proverbs 23:1-11; Romans 11:33-36
Friday, July 29	Psalms 49:1-12; Proverbs 24:1-12; Ephesians 4:17-24
Saturday, July 30	Psalms 49:1-12; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; Mark 10:17-22
Sunday, July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

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!

Stewardship Committee News...



The Generosity Jar receives some notes every week with inspiring stories of how generosity is being given and received.

The jar will be on the counter in the narthex for July and August. We also post the notes we find in the jar like the ones you see here.

Generosity is all around us!

Everyone come to the gathering!

Please plan to join other members of the congregation on Saturday, July 23rd in the fellowship hall. We will meet from 9:30-11:00 AM with some refreshments and lots of time to talk with each other about our wishes for the future of POP. Members of committees met back in March and shared some good ideas. Council then met in May and did some dreaming as well. It is now time for a bigger gathering for all! Even if you attended a March or May meeting, this meeting will be different as we hear from more people. If you have any questions talk to Georgia.



GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS PROJECT:



Every year in September there's a day set aside for congregations to do "God's Work. Our Hands." This year Georgia and I wanted to do a project we can get the congregation involved in; you will hear more about that later. Right now, I want to tell you what the project is. I'm sure everyone knows about BLOOM, we've collected items for them in the past, in fact earlier this year we collected cleaning supplies for their 3 houses. This time we want to do something special for the ladies they help. These ladies come from various backgrounds of some form of abuse. Georgia and I put our heads together and came up with the idea of putting together a gift bag for each lady. At present there are 13 ladies residing at BLOOM, but it can go up to 19 at any one time. Our goal is to fill 50 gift bags with personal items, ie: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, nail polish, etc. Along with

a gift card from Thrivent, we are asking you, members of POP to make a monetary donation so that we can purchase the items needed. You will find envelopes on the counter in the Narthex already labeled: Monetary donation for BLOOM. We are asking that donations be made during the month of July thru August 7th. This way we can purchase the items we need and plan a day to put the gift bags together. (More information to follow about getting together to assemble the gift bags.) Hebrews: 10:24 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." Questions: see Mary O'Meally and Georgia Suranofsky



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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!
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- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314,**  
**[PastorMJS@gmail.com](mailto:PastorMJS@gmail.com)**
- **Minister of Music: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Bookkeeper: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Mary O'Meally**
- **Custodian: Brittnee Evans**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
**[cesarijustine1080@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)

**Congregation Council Members:**

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Connie Itterly -President | Jackie Horn– Treasurer |
| Traci Rumsey -V-President | Tina Johns -Secretary  |
| Scott Schipps             | Georgia Suranofsky     |
| Kathy Williams            | Chip Harrison          |
| Dave Karner               | Brenda Hughes          |
| Sara Godshalk             | Max Manicke-Youth Rep. |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes   |                        |

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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

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!**

**August 2022 Newsletter is:**

**\*\*July 12th at Noon**

*You may email your submissions to*  
**[poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)**

*Or give a handwritten items to*  
**Annette Buss**

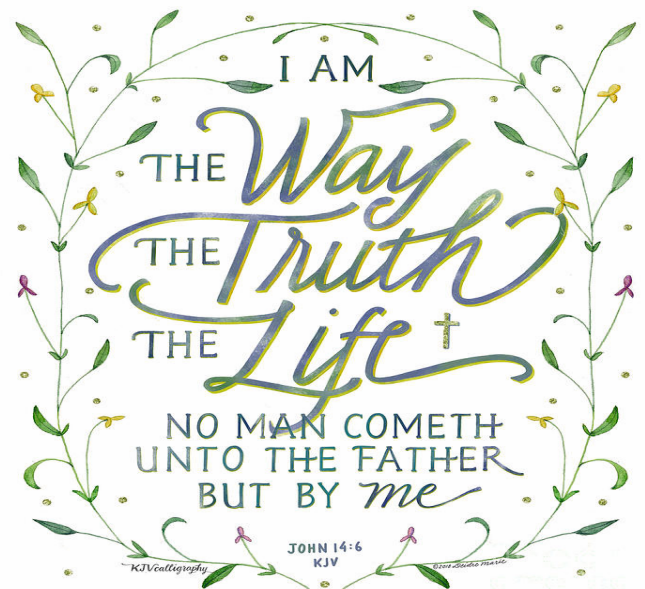
**\*\*Items received after the deadline will go into next month's newsletter.\*\***

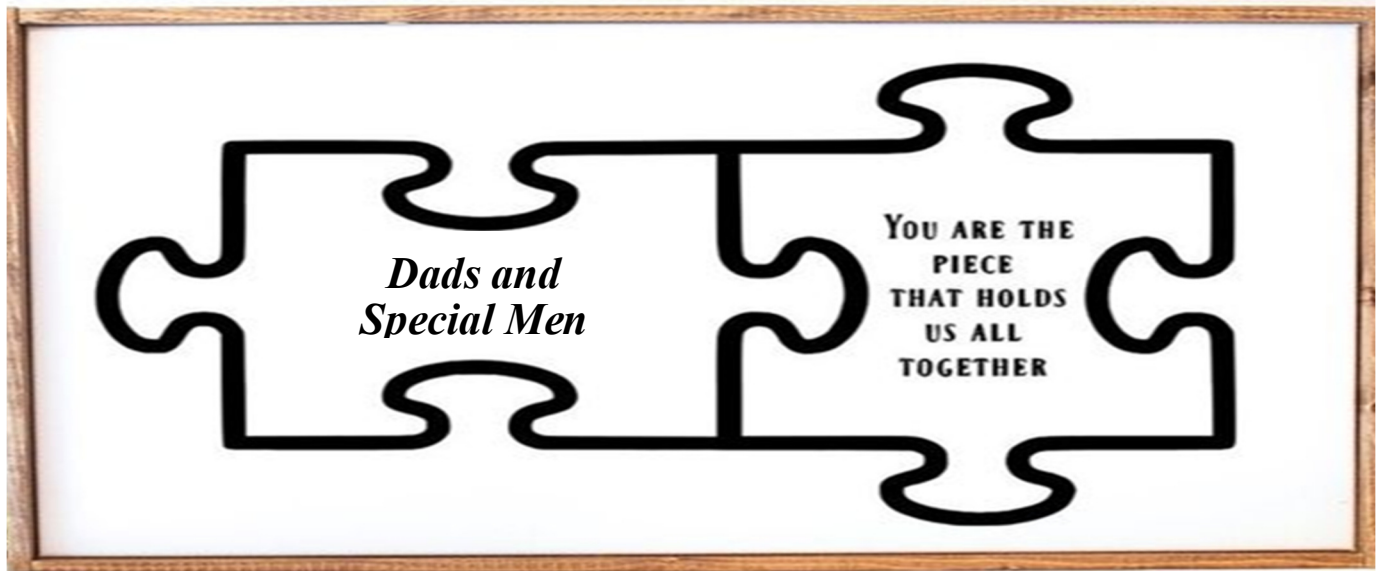
*The July Newsletter is sponsored:*

*In Memory of*

*Alta C. Moysey*

*by Sara and Bill Godshalk*





*May God's blessings be on you  
In everything you do  
In your going out and coming in,  
May His presence be with you  
For you have shown me the way  
And taught me by God's wisdom,  
So today, I will return  
The love you've freely given.  
-- M. S. Lowndes*

*Father's Day—June 19, 2022*

*The following individuals have made  
a Father's Day contribution to the Sunday School*

*In Honor Of:*

William F. Baker, Jr., John Suranofsky  
by Brooks and Janessa Baker

Dennis Horn  
by Brooks and Janessa Baker

John Martocci  
by Janet, Daren and Christa

Bill Pensyl  
by the Family

Andrew Diabo  
by Evelynnn and Anthony Diabo; and Joan Deichmann

*The following individuals have made  
a Father's Day contribution to the Sunday School*

*In Memory Of:*

Will Rambo, Joe Stana  
by Marlene and Butch Stana  
Bobbie Reimer  
by Robin, Blaine, Shari and Families  
Frank Thompson  
by Carolyn Leidy and daughters  
Angelo DeSalvo, Joseph DeSalvo  
by Mary O'Meally  
Lambert C. Saddler  
by June and Sherk  
Charles W. Jones  
by Sherk and June  
Harrison M. Godshalk, Sr, Harrison M. Godshalk, Jr., Elwood G. Moysey  
by Sara and Bill  
John H. Suranofsky, Franklin T. Brown, Jr.  
by John and Georgia Suranofsky and family  
Howard Ott  
by Kathleen Ott and family  
Ernest Karcher  
by Granddaughters Gladys and Jamey  
Bart Corsitto  
by Joe Corsitto  
Paul Stauffer, Earl Steinmetz, Sr.  
by Larry and Brenda Stauffer  
Runo Johnson  
by Karen Johnson Karner  
Charles Lane, Kenneth Lane, Robert Lane, William Lane,  
Warren Lane, Sr., Warren Lane Jr., Edward Weidman  
by Kathy Lane  
John Hahn  
by Diane Hahn  
John Hahn  
by Renee and Earl  
Fred Gates  
by Doris Thomas and family  
Alonzo Widenor, Leroy Pearson  
by Janet and Neil Pearson  
Earl Fraunfelter, Anthony DeVito, Sr., Tony DeVito  
by Betty DeVito  
Jim Fahr, Sr  
by the Family  
James Gardella  
by Daughter  
Vincent (Jimmy) Pascarello  
by Niece



*The following individuals have made  
a Father's Day contribution to the Sunday School*

*In Memory Of:*

Joseph Turtzo  
by Son  
James A. Miller  
by Sherry and Joan  
Philip Poliskiewicz  
by Phyllis and Walter Patterson and grandchildren  
Bernard Deichmann  
by Joan Deichmann, Evelyn Diabo  
Arlington Weidlick, J. Edwin Johnson  
by Joanne and John Robinson  
Delmore Smith, Manus McLean Sr., Manus McLean, Russell Eichlin  
by Manus Smith  
Melvin Steinmetz, Matthew Donahue, John Williams  
by Betty Steinmetz  
Floyd "Austin" Oyer  
by his daughter



*I thought of you with love today  
but that's nothing new.  
I thought of you yesterday  
and the day before that too.  
I often speak your name.  
Now all I have are the memories  
and a picture in a frame.  
our memory is my keepsake  
with which I'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping  
and I have you in my heart.  
—by Shawn Eugene Jones*

# SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

## *Stronger Together*

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me." (John 10:14)*

*"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." (Mark 2:11)*

Jesus speaks: we hear his voice, and we follow. Even when we are made able to hear, by mechanical means. Even when we are blessed to move, using new and inspiring inventions. These are no less miracles than the healing of the one born blind (John 9), or the person on the mat who's unable to walk (Mark 2). Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a partner in ministry with us, bringing technology, compassion and faith together – by the work of the Holy Spirit – in ways that put life in motion and love in action, for God's children of all ages – especially youth. They truly make us: **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

+ **Bishop Christopher deForest**



Watching your child take his or her first steps is one of the most exciting moments in a parent's life. But what if your child has a disability and those steps don't come so easily, or at all? Through the years, parents faced with this dilemma have come to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network looking for help and finding it. One of the rehabilitation technology stars in Good Shepherd Pediatrics' toolbox is the Trexo Plus. This innovative, wearable robotic gait trainer helps children with spasticity and mobility challenges walk, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to our generous supporters, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Good Shepherd has acquired a total of six Trexo devices in small, medium, and large sizes for children as young as 1 through their teen years. This makes Good Shepherd the only pediatric rehabilitation provider in the U.S. to offer all three sizes for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings. Children who benefit from using the life-changing technology are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury, gait disorders, or other mobility problems.



The device's brightly colored legs allow children to walk hands-free safely, correctly, and consistently, all under the watchful eye of trained Good Shepherd staff. Trexo is one piece in an array of technology used by Good Shepherd Pediatrics and supported by the Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology Fund.

NEPA Synod can be proud of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Because of you, children will be given the opportunity to exercise their brains and muscles in a new way, gaining confidence along with mobility. Good Shepherd provides therapies and residential options unique in the US. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

For more information, visit [GoodShepherdPediatrics.org](http://GoodShepherdPediatrics.org).

Story Contributor: Kimberly Stolarik, Interim Administrative Director, Development  
Helping Children Through Technology



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REWIND

### WHAT HAPPENED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY?!?



**The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn**, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission for the **ELCA** was the churchwide representative to our synod assembly. Rev. Vaughn enlivened the assembly with her words and brought greetings from the wider church. This representation reminds us that we are a church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and churchwide. These expressions work together to gather God's people and mobilize them to love and serve the world through mission and outreach.

This year's assembly was once again held virtually. We're getting "good" at holding virtual assemblies, but we simply cannot wait to gather in person. Next year, we'll be gathering at **Kalahari** in the Poconos, and we'll be wondering about how our synod and congregations are **going beyond death to life**. This is the "third lane" in our synod focus. Remember we've been talking about lane one, "**Growing young**" and lane two, this year's theme, "**Gaining Strength/Stronger Together**" These vital signs help us understand who we are as God's people and how we might best show up in our contexts.

This year some great **resolutions** were brought before the assembly. Some of these resolutions will be considered and acted upon by the **synod council**. The synod council is an important body within the synod. If you'd like to read the resolutions visit [godslove.org/assembly](http://godslove.org/assembly) in addition to resolutions you can view all the great videos from the assembly where churches and other groups showed their faith in action through ministries that highlighted our theme of being stronger together, growing young videos that look at fun scenarios to help individuals and congregations understand what it means to grow young, greetings from our ministry partners, and EVERY plenary is available for your viewing pleasure.

We had such an engaging time wondering what God was up to in our midst, especially in places where we're working together for the sake of God's Kingdom, here and now!