

Prints of Peace



As Lutherans, when we talk about Jesus, our focus is usually on *what Jesus has done for us*. We talk a lot about the cross, and about the resurrection. We talk a lot about how Christ is the Light of the World and has brought us life and hope and salvation. Much like the Creed we speak each week, our focus has usually been on what Christ accomplished in the final week of his life, rather than on the rest of it.

For this reason, I often found myself a little amused by the WWJD (“What Would Jesus Do”) movement from a few years ago. I think the idea was, when you’re facing a choice, think about what Jesus would do in the same situation, and then do the same thing. But my answers to “What Would Jesus Do” are usually “well, he would die for our sins” or “he would be raised from the dead by the Father” or “he would send the Holy Spirit to us.” And those aren’t really things we can do when faced with a tough decision!

Anyway, as Lutherans, we tend to view Jesus more as the Son of God, the Savior, and so forth – and less as a teacher and role model. But he is those things too! And July is a great time in the church year to spend some time talking about that. The gospel readings we will hear from Matthew’s gospel this month are filled with stories of Jesus as *teacher*.

For three of these weeks, we will hear Jesus telling *parables*. Parables are weird stories, stories that start to make less and less sense the more you look at them. And that’s the point. Jesus told stories like this whenever he talked about the “kingdom of heaven,” because God’s kingdom is not something that can be understood in a normal way. The closer we get to God, the more words start to fail us, and the more we have to rely on imagery and poetry, intuition and story. Jesus is telling us some really important stuff, but it can be hard to understand.

The good news is that we don’t have to *understand* all of it. We’re just called to *listen*, to *learn*, to *live* in the kingdom of God. So come on out and listen with me to the teaching of the Son of God. We’ll sit at his feet and listen and learn and live. And maybe, we just might grow in the process.

Join me for worship in July.

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes



FROM THE PASTOR

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
July 2	Sherk and June Jones	Isabel Baker	Connie Itterly	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Isabel Baker	Jim Jennings, Jackie Horn
July 9	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Quincy Miller	Bob Schuette	Bob Gist, Connie Itterly	Jim Jennings	Sarah Harrison	Jim Jennings, Dave Karner
July 16	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Sarah Harrison	April Miller	Marlene and Butch Stana	Antonioli Family	Alex Scholtes	Jackie Horn, Chip Harrison
July 23	Georgia and John Suranofsky	April Miller	Brooks Baker	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Tina Godshalk	Landon Horn	Jim Jennings, John Suranofsky
July 30	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Brooks Baker	Marlene Stana	Traci Rumsey, Vivian Fahr	Cathy Mullen	Alex Scholtes	Jackie Horn, Connie Itterly
August 6	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Tina Johns	Georgia and John Suranofsky	John Martocci	Isabel Baker	Jim Jennings, Scott Schipps

Communion Assistants:

July 2: Jim Jennings, April Miller

July 9: Diane Hahn, Linda Waszmer

July 16: Connie Itterly, Laraine Brands

July 23: Brooks Baker, Connie Itterly

July 30: April Miller, Diane Hahn

August 6: Tina Johns, Jim Jennings

Altar Guild July: Carolyn Leidy & Terry Stiso

Altar Guild August: Cathy Mullen & Phyllis Bisher

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.



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*

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.





During our service on June 11th, we honored the following graduates:

- ◊ **McKenna Baker**, graduated from preschool, she will attend Five Points Elementary School.
- ◊ **Tyler Daniel Reinhart**, graduated from Bangor Senior High School and C.I.T. Tyler plans to pursue a job in electrical work.
- ◊ **Anthony Evan Diabo**, graduated from Bangor Area High School, High School Diploma with Honors. Anthony plans to attend Susquehanna University, Intended Major: Liberal Arts and Engineering, Intended Minor: Music Performance
- ◊ **Max Manicke**, graduated from Bangor Senior High School.
- ◊ **Lauren Jeanette Harrison**, graduated from Northampton County Community College in January 2023. Major: Paralegal Studies, Degree: A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies. Lauren is currently attending East Stroudsburg University majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Pre-Law.



From the Turtzo Scholarship committee:

We are pleased to announce that Lauren Harrison has been awarded the Turtzo Scholarship this year. Congratulations to Lauren!



Thank you to Pastor Scholtes for his phone calls and visits. Thank you to the congregation for the prayers, cards and phone calls. Thank you for being so thoughtful. Everything is much appreciated and helps to brighten my day! —*Gladys Steinmetz*



Excerpt from a letter: Dear Prince of Peace, on behalf of the staff and directors of Animal Welfare Society of Monroe, thank you for your continued, generous support of this organization. Sincerely, *Your Friends at AWSOM*

To my Prince of Peace family: Thank you for all the prayers and cards that were sent to my family and me in the death of my husband, John D. Robinson, Sr. Thank you to Pastor Scholtes for the beautiful funeral service. — *Joanne Robinson and family*

A note of thanks: Thank you to Pastor and Larry for their visits. Thank you to everyone who has visited, called, sent a card or prayed for me. I am doing well and adjusting to my new home. Hope to see you at church soon. —*Charmaine Collins*

Charmaine Collins Address Change: Asbury Chandler, 1569 Teels Road, Room 401, Pen Argyl 18072. Charmaine's new phone number is: 610-863-3416



POP's Treasures will be open on the following dates:

July 7 & 8; August 11 & 12; Sept. 8 & 9; Oct. 13 & 14; Nov. 10 & 11; and Dec. 8 & 9.

Hours: Fridays 10 a.m. -2 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. – Noon.

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS:

We need your "treasures" to replenish our inventory, and to keep the customers returning. You may bring your donations to church on Sunday or call Mary O'Meally or Jackie Horn to schedule a drop-off.

Thank you for your willingness to help! Questions? Contact Mary O'Meally 610-708-0003 or Jackie Horn 610-810-7268



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
- Seth Nelson, 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

On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Weather permitting, we will worship *outside* in our grove on the first Sunday of each month through September!

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 UPDATES

New Members:

Mark & Jennifer Grusso

1373 Richmond Road., Bangor, PA 18013
908-619-0724 (Mark)
570-441-4089 (Jennifer)

Jennifer Phelps

1588 Reish Road., Stroudsburg, PA 18360
215-859-3779

RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral: John D. Robinson, Sr., May 31

NexTrex Challenge:

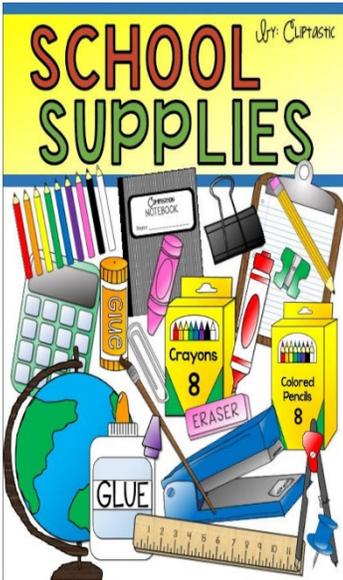
Prince of Peace is participating in the NexTrex Recycling Challenge. Recycle your household bags and wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing. (Plastic must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.) **From the store:** produce bags, store bags, ice bags. **From the pantry:** Ziploc and other re-closable bags, cereal box liners, case overwrap, bread bags. **From your front door:** newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic e-commerce mailers. **How does this benefit Prince of Peace?** If we meet our donation goals, we will receive 1 free Trex outdoor bench every six months and we are helping our community. Questions? See Jackie Horn



June Council Meeting Highlights

1. Welcome new members: Mark and Jennifer Grusso and Jennifer Phelps
2. Martin Yazdzik will be on vacation 7/16 and 7/23
3. Start saving your plastic for an upcoming project, more details to come





Social Ministry Highlights—Project for July:

Recently Patti Damour from Slater Family Network gave a temple talk on the work they do for the Bangor School District. With that in mind, the committee thought it a good idea to collect school supplies for the month of July. The following is their wish list: backpacks; pencil cases; 3 ring binders, spiral notebooks (single subject, wide or college rule); dry erase markers-fine point; erasers; mechanical pencils; pencils; pencil sharpeners; glue sticks; markers (thin & wide), and colored pencils. Please have your donations of these items in the church by **Sunday, July 30th**. Please see a committee member if you would like one of us to shop for you. As always Social Ministry thanks you for your generous support of our projects and ministries. Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock & Holly Blakeslee.

2 Corinthians 9:11: You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Endowment Fund Update



12 gifts totaling \$527.50 were received for the fund from January 1st through May 31st. There have been no disbursements.

Council is now accepting ideas for new sub accounts for 2024. The ideas received will be reviewed, considered, and council will make their recommendations at the Annual Meeting. Please give your written or typed idea to any council member by August 1st.

Investment or deposit accounts have been established for all sub accounts. As a review:

- Total for disbursements to sub funds for this year = \$15,100.00
 - Permanent Property received 65% = \$9,815.00
 - Office Technology received 25% = \$3,775.00
 - Outdoor Enhancements received 10% = \$1,510.00

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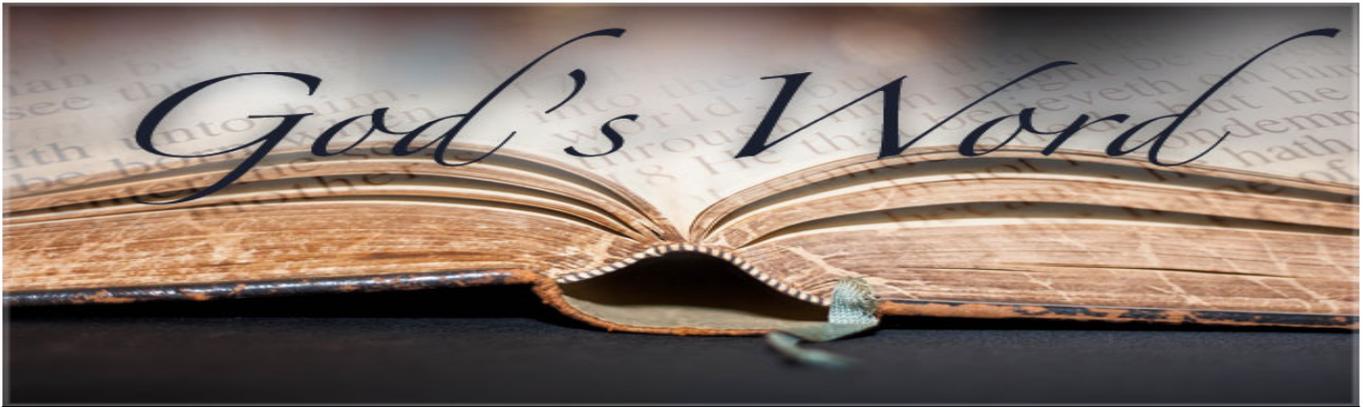
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SHOWER

HONORING

The soon to be Mom, Samantha (Johns) Ring on Sunday, July 30 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church from Noon to 4 p.m. We are tremendously excited to welcome Juliet Ring to the world this September. There will be plenty of food and drink as well as fun and games for everyone. Diaper Raffle—please bring a pack of diapers, in any size and be entered to win a special prize. **RSVP by July 22 to Tina Johns (570-350-5942)** Registries: Amazon and Target— Henry Ring and Samantha Ring Perkasio, PA
Due date: September 25, 2023

John 3:16
 For GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE



Saturday, July 1	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Jeremiah 28:1-4; Luke 17:1-4
Sunday, July 2	Jer. 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
Monday, July 3	Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
Tuesday, July 4	Psalm 119:161-168; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 John 4:1-6
Wednesday, July 5	Psalm 119:161-168; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Matthew 11:20-24
Thursday, July 6	Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 1:1-6; Romans 7:1-6
Friday, July 7	Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 2:6-13; Romans 7:7-20
Saturday, July 8	Psalm 145:8-14; Zechariah 4:1-7; Luke 10:21-24
Sunday, July 9	Zech. 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30
Monday, July 10	Psalm 131; Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22; Romans 1:18-25
Tuesday, July 11	Psalm 131; Jeremiah 28:10-17; Romans 3:1-8
Wednesday, July 12	Psalm 131; Jeremiah 13:1-11; John 13:1-17
Thursday, July 13	Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:1-5; Romans 2:12-16
Friday, July 14	Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 48:6-11; Romans 15:14-21
Saturday, July 15	Psalm 65:9-13; Isaiah 52:1-6; John 12:44-50
Sunday, July 16	Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Monday, July 17	Psalm 92; Leviticus 26:3-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Tuesday, July 18	Psalm 92; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Wednesday, July 19	Psalm 92; Proverbs 11:23-30; Matthew 13:10-17
Thursday, July 20	Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 41:21-29; Hebrews 2:1-9
Friday, July 21	Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:9-17; Hebrews 6:13-20
Saturday, July 22	Psalm 86:11-17; Isaiah 44:18-20; Matthew 7:15-20
Sunday, July 23	Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43
Monday, July 24	Psalm 75; Nahum 1:1-13; Revelation 14:12-20
Tuesday, July 25	Psalm 75; Zephaniah 3:1-13; Galatians 4:21-5:1
Wednesday, July 26	Psalm 75; Daniel 12:1-13; Matthew 12:15-21
Thursday, July 27	Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:28-37; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20
Friday, July 28	Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 1:38-48; Acts 7:44-53
Saturday, July 29	Psalm 119:129-136; 1 Kings 2:1-4; Matthew 12:38-42
Sunday, July 30	1 Kings 3:5-12; Ps. 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-2
Monday, July 31	Psalm 119:121-128; 1 Kings 3:16-28; James 3:13-18

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

We just finished being thankful and filled with gratitude for 52 weeks with thoughtful reminders. Let us continue to give our thoughts of gratitude toward God for all His care and blessings. We are thankful to Annette Buss for all the artwork she added to make each week special. *–The Stewardship Committee*

Generosity Jars were brought in and decorated by the kids in Sunday School. The decorated jars were taken by members and returned in April, May, and June. The notes were shared and posted!



Generosity was given and received!

Keep using your jars to collect all the ways you receive, give, hear, or see generosity. The “BIG Generosity Jar” will be kept on the counter in the narthex for you to bring in your notes. We will keep posting them on the bulletin board for all to read.

Father... Grand Father... Uncle... Brother... Hero... Special Man... Teacher... Friend...

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

In Honor Of:

Craig Hughes
by Tyler and Jaron
Tyler Hughes
by Ara and Eli
All the Dads in my life
by Tina Johns
My Father-in-Law, Richard
by Tina Johns
My Father-in-Law, Larry
by Tina Johns
Robert Johns
by Tina Johns
John Martocci
by Christa and Darren
Ray Flyte
by Tyler, Ashley and Lauren
Barry Duane
by Ray and Tara Flyte
Bill Pensyl
by The Family
William Baker
by Brooks and Janessa Baker
John Suranofsky
by Brooks and Janessa Baker



My Hero

My hero is the quiet type,
No marching bands, no media hype,
But through my eyes it's plain to see,
A hero, God has sent to me.
With gentle strength and quiet pride,
All self-concern is set aside,
To reach out to his fellow man,
And be there with a helping hand.
Heroes are a rarity,
A blessing to humanity.
With all they give and all they do,
I'll bet the thing you never knew,
My hero has always been you.

~Author Unknown

In Memory of:

Angelo DeSalvo
by Mary O'Meally
Joe DeSalvo
by Mary O'Meally
Will Rambo
by The Family
Joe Stana
by The Family
Charles W. Jones
by Sherk and June Jones
Lambert C. Saddler
by Sherk and June Jones
Harrison M. Godshalk, Sr.
by Sara and Bill Godshalk
Elwood G. Moysey
by Sara and Bill Godshalk
Harrison M. Godshalk, Jr.
by Sara and Bill Godshalk
Elwood Steinmetz
by Carol O'Brien and Family
Elwood Steinmetz
by Connie Itterly and Family
Elwood Steinmetz
by Cathy Maguire and Family

In Memory of:

Walter Lee
by Bob and Pat Duran
Adam Duran
by Bob and Pat Duran
John Hahn
by Diane
John Hahn
by Renee and Earl
Howard Ott
by Lisa and Children
Walter Brygier
by Larry and Lisa
Carmon Comunale
by Justine, Marc, Jeff and Eric
Donald Hearn
by Justine, Marc, Jeff and Eric
Earl Steinmetz, Sr.
by Brenda and Larry Stauffer
Paul Stauffer
by Larry and Brenda Stauffer
Alonzo Widenor
by Neil and Janet Pearson
Leroy Pearson
by Neil and Janet Pearson
Fred Gates
by Doris Thomas
Arlington Weidlick
by Joanne Robinson
Edwin Johnson
by Joanne Robinson
Tony DeVito, for standing up for me to join
the church. I love you, I miss you.
by Mary Hendershot
Steward C. Smith Sr., F. Howard Smith,
Edwin Bartholomew
by Annette Buss

As We Look Back

As we look back over time
We find ourselves wondering
Did we remember to thank you enough
For all you have done for us?
For all the times you were by our sides
To help and support us
To celebrate our successes
To understand our problems
And accept our defeats?
Or for teaching us by your example,
The value of hard work, good judgment,
Courage and integrity?
We wonder if we ever thanked you
For the sacrifices you made.
To let us have the very best?
And for the simple things
Like laughter, smiles and times we shared?
If we have forgotten to show our
Gratitude enough for all the things you did,
We're thanking you now.
And we are hoping you knew all along,
How much you meant to us.

—*Author Unknown*



In Honor Of:

Larry Ott
by Lisa and Children
Justin Ott
by Larry and Lisa
Charles Comunale
by Justine, Marc, Jeff, and Eric
Rob Saviet
by Lily and Daniel Saviet
Bill Baker, Dennis Horn and John Suranofsky
by Brooks and Janessa Baker

In Memory of:

Charles Lane, Kenneth Lane, Robert Lane,
William Lane, Warren Lane, Sr., Warren
Lane Jr., Edward Weidman
by Kathy Lane
Leslie Ott, Sr
by The Hughes Family
Wayne Lawler
by The Hughes Family
Joseph Comunale
by The Hughes Family
James Miller
by Sherry Hock and Family
Franklin T. Brown, Jr.
by John, Georgia and Family
John H. Suranofsky
by John, Georgia and Family
My Dad, Kenneth Kollor
by Tina Johns
Tony DeVito
by Betty DeVito
Anthony DeVito, Sr.
by Betty DeVito
Earl Fraunfelter
by Betty DeVito
Nicolas Martocci
by John and Janet Martocci
Luther Steinmetz
by John and Janet Martocci
Frank Thompson
by Carolyn, Holly and Stacy
Howard Ott
by The Family
Floyd Oyer
by Louise, Jane and Carolyn
Ray Flyte, Jr.
by Ray and Tara Flyte
Val Fontanella
by Ray and Tara Flyte

*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*



God Loves You

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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
• **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	Kathy Williams

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 2023 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, July 11th at Noon

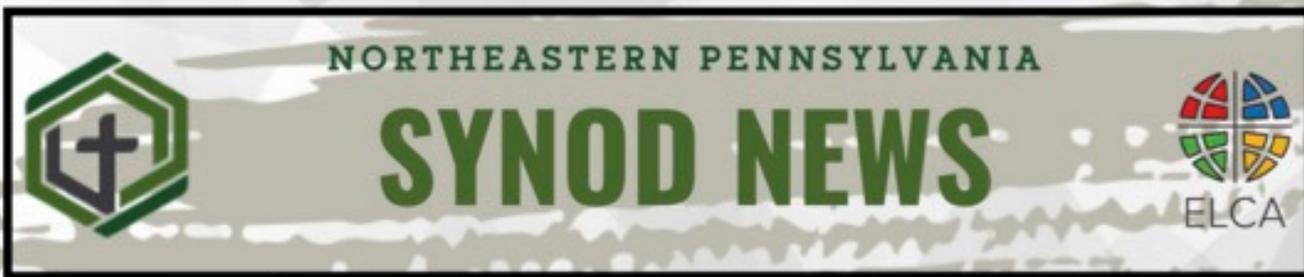
You may email your submissions to
poplcbangor@gmail.com

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.



OF NORTHERN STITCHES, CONTAINER SHIPS, PORT CHAPLAINS AND SEAFARERS: A JOURNEY OF HOPE THRU SIH

BY PASTOR SUSAN TJORNEHOJ, SIH BOARD MEMBER AND SUSTAINER, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEMIDJI, MN

It is a Thursday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. Canada is just 107 miles away. The winter morning is brisk, 7 degrees, with a stiff breeze out of the north. This means it feels like way too many degrees below zero. For the 8 to 10 women who are here, cold temps, icy winds, even blowing snow can't keep them home. The call to serve others through the art and craft of quilting is too compelling. Colors surround them, blues and greens, browns and oranges, reds, yellows, floral and stripe, squares and scraps, piecing together discarded fabric into warmth which becomes shawls and tents, blankets, a wedding dress, maybe even a death wrap for those fleeing war or the ravages of climate change. But here in the north, it is simply the joy of community and service.

Today I imagine the journey the quilts will take, from the cold north to a warehouse, into a container bound for a need somewhere in the world. Ukraine or Lebanon? Mali or Burkina Faso? I imagine them loaded onto a train or truck on its way to a port, part of the *Seafarers International House (SIH)* network. Baltimore? Newark? *Seafarers International House (SIH)*, the ELCA seafarers' ministry, has been that intersection where quilters from Bemidji, connect to a port chaplain, a seafarer, a dock worker loading up a container ship bound for somewhere across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, to places known and unknown.



For 150 years, hospitality and the welcome of strangers, support for seafarers and newcomers and refugees and immigrants, asylum seekers, this ministry has been a tapestry, a quilt, a piecing together of connection, support and a wayside rest. Perhaps some of the ancestors of these quilting women were assisted by SIH as they disembarked at Battery Park or Ellis Island, bound for a new home in a new land.

This is what interests me on a cold Thursday morning, how the stitches of these women, intersect with a dock worker, a seafarer, a port chaplain, an asylum seeker. This is why I continue to financially support this ministry and serve on its board with great joy, imagining and underwriting the hope, the intersections of strangers around the globe, all uniquely made possible through SIH. 📍



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod met in assembly from June 1-3, 2023 at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. We gathered around Word and Sacrament, Song, Service, friendship, and food. We prayed together, worshipped together, and conducted the business of Christ's church for the first time, in-person, in three years!

In our time together we adopted changes to our constitution from the ELCA, elected a new Secretary, Rev. Ken Melber Jr, elected a new Vice President, Nancy Reichelt, and we adopted three new resolutions concerning money management in congregations, chaplaincy at Diakon home, and land acknowledgment concerning first peoples'. These can be found on the Synod website at www.godslove.org/assembly23

