

Prints of Peace



FROM THE PASTOR

In last month's newsletter, I told you about my new role as president of the Slate Belt Ministerium, the network of churches of various denominations throughout the Slate Belt. This month, I'd like to tell you about another leadership position I hold, **Dean of the Pocono Mission District**.

First, I have to explain to you how our church is organized. You are probably aware that Prince of Peace is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA has about 8,900 congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. The Churchwide organization of the ELCA can accomplish things that no congregation can do on its own – together we are stronger.

The ELCA is divided into 65 synods, which are geographical regions. We are part of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, a 14-county area that stretches from the northern border of Pennsylvania south to the Lehigh Valley and Berks County, and from the Delaware River in the east to places like Towanda, Pine Grove, and Womelsdorf in the west. As a member of this synod, we are connected in a special way to about 250 synod congregations, and through our Synod Bishop's office, we are able to work together in ways too big for one congregation, yet too small for the whole ELCA. (For instance, the Synod Bishop's staff is instrumental in providing pastoral candidates for churches when there is a pastoral vacancy.)

OK – our church has three primary expressions: Churchwide, Synod, and Congregation. (In our case, ELCA, Northeastern PA Synod, and Prince of Peace.) So, what's a "mission district"? Glad you asked. Our synod is *further* divided into nine geographical mission districts. We are part of the Pocono Mission District, which includes 23 congregations throughout Monroe, Pike, and Wayne Counties, as well as the Slate Belt region of Northampton County. Each Mission District has an Associate of the Bishop, a part-time staff person assigned by the Bishop to work with these congregations. (Ours is Rev. Niels Nielsen.) Each Mission District also elects a Dean, who is a pastor or a deacon within the mission district. I was first elected Dean in 2020 and was re-elected in 2023.

The Dean's role is rather flexible – about the only things we definitely do are preside at the annual Mission District Assembly and conduct exit interviews when pastors or deacons leave congregations. But we also do much more, depending on the particular needs and culture of the Mission District. (Let me assure you, there's a difference in culture between, say, the Pocono Mission District and the West Berks Mission District!) In practice, a lot of what I do is keep communication open among all the clergy in the Mission District. I keep communication open between our congregations and the synod at large. I do some pastoral care of the pastors of the Mission District. I'm working on a project right now to provide a "spiritual growth" workshop for members of our Pocono congregations this fall. I also have a strong working relationship with Rev. Nielsen, and I act as something of an assistant to him when I can, scheduling and leading meetings, and helping congregations in crisis.

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All nine Deans also meet together as a committee with the Synod Bishop about six times a year. We function as something of an advisory committee to the Bishop, helping him to know what's going on in our congregations and advising him on decisions and programs he's considering. We also take information about what we've done and learned at these meetings back to our own congregations.

The position of Dean is not paid, but it is considered to be a part of our calling as congregational pastors. One way that Prince of Peace shares with the wider church is through "sharing" your pastor with the wider church in this way. This does not take up a huge portion of my time – don't worry, most of my working hours are spent on Prince of Peace matters – but it is a very important use of my time, because it helps keep all of our congregations stronger, including Prince of Peace.

In Christ,



Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

Worship WITH US

On-site (9:45 on Sundays)

Outdoor Worship, Plus a Special Service

Weather permitting, we will worship outside in our grove several times this summer! It will be the third Sunday July, and August, plus Labor Day weekend: July 21, August 18, and September 1.

Worship will be at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. Bring your own chair or sit on one of the benches. If you prefer, you can park at the far end of the parking lot and remain in your car – speakers will be set up so you can hear everything from there, and communion will be brought to you. If the weather is not cooperative, worship will be held inside; these outdoor services will not be rescheduled.

Also, make sure to be at worship on Sunday, July 14! That day is the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Joe Scholtes, our resident hymn-writer. Worship leadership will be shared between both "Pastors Scholtes" (Joe and Michael), and there will be some special surprises, including using portions of the old liturgy that was used fifty years ago.

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.



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
Connie Silvius, July 14
Luke Hoff, July 16
Edna Antonucci, July 18
Sara Godshalk, July 19
Glenda Kellow, July 24
Charmaine Collins, July 26
Butch Stana, July 26
Dale Setzer, July 27
Jacqueline Horn, July 28
William Waszmer, July 29

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome to John Martocci who has been appointed to council to replace Jill Hill for 2024.
- June 23 plan to stay after church to hear more information on the endowment fund rules
- Mark your calendar for July 28th for a presentation after service on the Messinger Bequest.



During our worship service on June 9th, the Scholarship Committee presented the 2024 Anthony D. and Jeanne M. Turtzo award to Anthony Diabo.

He will be entering his sophomore year as a Computer Engineering major. Aside from computers he loves math, visual and performing arts, and hanging out with his friends.



We also honored our graduates:

- ◇ **Lauren Jeanette Harrison**, Political Science Major, graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. Lauren’s future plans include Law School.
- ◇ **Ashley Kessler**, graduated from St. Luke’s School of Nursing with a Diploma—Registered Nurse.
- ◇ **Blake Kornafel**, Salutatorian, graduated from Bangor High School with a Diploma. Blake’s future plans are to study neuroscience at New York University (NYU).
- ◇ **Bean Cesari**, graduated from Bangor High School with a Diploma. Bean’s future plans are to study music education at Ithaca.
- ◇ **Claire Martocci**, graduated from Bangor High School with a Diploma. Claire’s future plans are to study at University of Delaware.
- ◇ **Peyton Walters**, graduated from Bangor High School with a Diploma.
- ◇ **Jayden Garis**, graduated from the Career Institute of Technology. Jayden completed the Electrical Construction Technology Program.
- ◇ **Jessica Reinhart**, graduated from Bangor High School with a Diploma. Jessica’s future plans include nursing school.
- ◇ **Mckenna Baker**, completed Kindergarten and is moving on to First Grade.

We honor you all and congratulate you on your accomplishments!
We pray that your future plans will be blessed with success!

Stewardship News



Here are several ways to share your generosity over the next few months. We have partnered with the Methodist Church in town for donating new kids socks and underwear. We are also collecting snack items for Slater Family Network and, our long-time support to P.U.M.P still is one of our favorite ones. For more information, read the social ministry section in the newsletter. Let’s continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing these donations. **Thank you for being a good steward!**

A big shout out to the lawncare workers and preparation workers for the new storage container for POP’s Treasures. **Thank you for using your time and talents!**

The Joyful Noise donations total \$92.84 for May. So far this year we have collected \$446.11! Thank you for your continued support!

In Honor and In Memory of Dads and Special Gentlemen

The following individuals have made a contribution to the Sunday School:

In Loving Honor Of:

Bill Baker

By Brooks and Janessa Baker

John Suranofsky

By Brooks and Janessa Baker

Dennis Horn

By Brooks and Janessa Baker

Bill Pensyl

By The Family

Craig Hughes

By Tyler and Jaron

Tyler Hughes

By Aria and Eli

Ray Flyte

By Tyler, Ashley
and Lauren

Barry Duane

By Ray and Tara Flyte

Henry Ring

By Tina Johns

Robert Saviet

By Lily and Daniel Saviet

Charles Comunale

By Justine Saviet, Marc, Jeff,
and Eric Comunale

John Martocci

By Janet, Christa and Daren

Butch Stana

By Marlene Stana and Kids

Henry Ring

By Juliet Ring

Robert Johns

By Sami and Henry Ring

Andrew Diabo

By Anthony Diabo

Neil Billger

By Jennifer and Michelle

Dennis Mullen

By Cathy Mullen

John Hemak

By Cathy Mullen




Jim Wess

By Cathy Mullen

Mark Grusso

By Monica Spero

Happy Father's Day!



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad —*Anonymous*



A Successful Man
That man is a success –
who has lived well, laughed often and loved
much;
who has gained the respect of intelligent men
and the love of children;
who has filled his niche and accomplished his
task;
who leaves the world better than he found it;
who has never lacked appreciation of earth's
beauty or failed to express it;
who looked for the best in others and gave the
best he had.
—*Bessie Anderson Stanley*

*The following individuals have made contribution to the Sunday School:
In Loving Memory Of:*

John H. Suranofsky
By John, Georgia and family

Franklin T. Brown
By John, Georgia and family

Angelo DeSalvo
By Mary O'Meally

Daniel Cotturo
By Mark Cotturo and Chris Begies

John Begies
By Chris Begies and Mark Cotturo

Lambert C. Saddler
By June and Sherk Jones

Charles W. Jones
By Sherk and June Jones

James Miller
By Sherry Hock and family

Frank Thompson
By The Leidy family

Roy Leidy
By The Leidy family

Floyd "Austin" Oyer, Jr.
By Louise, Jane and Carolyn

Adam Duran
By Bob and Pat Duran

Walter Lee
By Bob and Pat Duran

Runo Johnson
By Karen Karner

Delmore Smith
By Manus Smith

Manus McLean Sr.
By Manus Smith

Manus McLean
By Manus Smith

Russell Eichlin
By Manus Smith

Kenneth Lane
By Kathy Lane

Robert Lane
By Kathy Lane

William Lane
By Kathy Lane

Warren Lane, Sr.
By Kathy Lane

Warren Lane Jr.
By Kathy Lane

Charles Lane
By Kathy Lane



Those We Love
Those we love remain with us
For love itself lives on,
And cherished memories
never fade
Because a loved one's gone.
Those we love can never be
More than a thought apart,
Far as long as there is memory,
They'll live on in the heart.
—Anonymous



Edward Weidman
By Kathy Lane

Aloise Niederreiter
By Emilie Roelz

Tony DeVito
By Betty DeVito

Anthony DeVito
By Betty DeVito

Earl Fraunfelter
By Betty DeVito

Harrison H. Godshalk, Sr.
By Sara

Elwood G. Moysey
By Sara

Harrison M. Godshalk, Jr.
By Sara

My Husband, John
By Diane Hahn

Dad, John Hahn
By Renee Palmer

Paul Stauffer
By Larry and Brenda Stauffer

Earl Steinmetz, Sr.
By Larry and Brenda Stauffer

Emil Hill
By Jill Hill

Robert Hill
By Jill Hill

Wayne Lawler
By The Hughes Family

Leslie Ott
By The Hughes Family

Joseph Comunale
By The Hughes Family

Fred Gates
By Doris Thomas

Alonzo Widenor
By Janet Pearson and Family

Leroy Pearson
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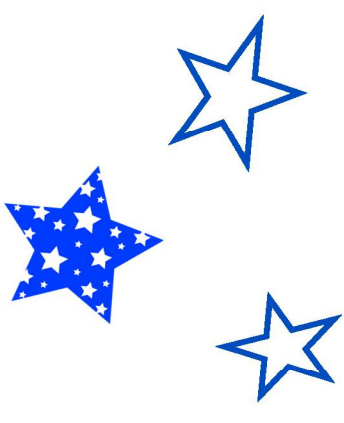


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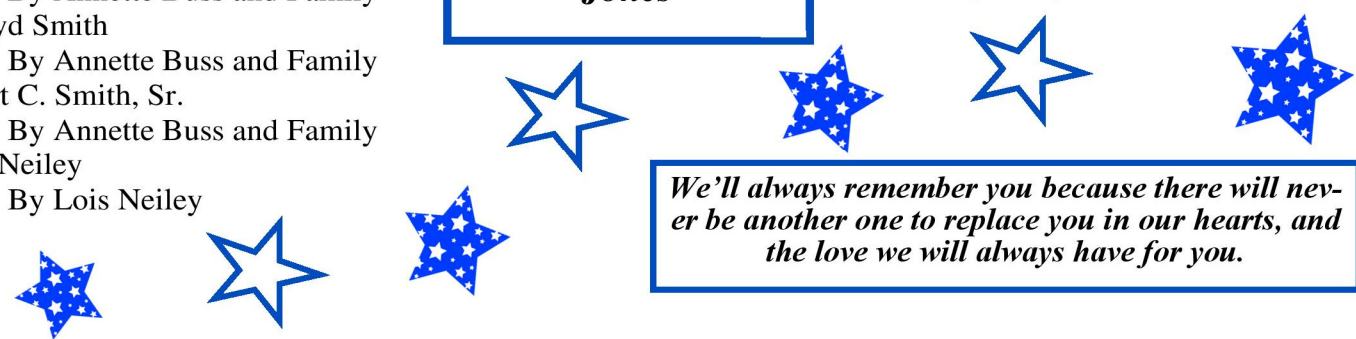
Emil Hill
By Jill Hill
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Wayne Lawler
By The Hughes Family
Leslie Ott
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Joseph Comunale
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By Doris Thomas
Alonzo Widenor
By Janet Pearson and Family
Leroy Pearson
By Janet Pearson and Family
Eugene Koch
By Kerri Miller
Jim Gardella
By Gracie
Ray Flyte Jr.
By Ray and Tara Flyte
Val Fontanella
By Ray and Tara Flyte
Bob Lantz
By Sandy Butler
Richard Butler
By Stephanie, Colleen and Evan
Elwood Steinmetz
By Tom and Connie Itterly
and Family
Will Rambo
By The Stana Family
Joe Stana
By The Stana Family
Stanley Godshalk
By Sue and Rich Reinhart
John Reinhart, Sr.
By Sue and Rich Reinhart
Edwin E. Bartholomew
By Annette Buss and Family
C. Floyd Smith
By Annette Buss and Family
Stewart C. Smith, Sr.
By Annette Buss and Family
James Neiley
By Lois Neiley

Bern Deichmann
By Joan Deichmann
Wilbur Van Emburgh
By Evelyn and Anthony Diabo
Peter Difilippantonio
By Neil and Petrina
John Billger
By Neil and Petrina
Nate Collins
By Cathy Mullen
Nathan Collins
By Cathy Mullen
Arlington Weidlick
By Joanne Robinson
J. Edwin Johnson
By Joanne Robinson
Henry Frack
By Melissa Frack
Franklin W. Horn
By Kerry L. Horn
Ralph Horn, Sr.
By Kerry L. Horn
Joseph Miller
By Kerry L. Horn
Douglas Compton
By Melissa Frack
My Dad, Ken Koller
By Tina Johns
Carmon Comunale
By Justine Saviet, Marc, Jeff and
Eric Comunale
Donald Hearn
By Justine Saviet, Marc, Jeff and
Eric Comunale
Luther Steinmetz
By Janet and John Martocci
Nicholas Martocci
By Janet and John Martocci
Tony DeVito
By Mary Hendershot



I thought of you with
love today
but that's nothing
new.
I thought of you yes-
terday
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*

We'll always remember you because there will never be another one to replace you in our hearts, and the love we will always have for you.



JOIN US!
We
meet
at
2 p.m.

Real Readers Book List:

- July 11 – “The Tiffany Girls” by Shelley Noble (Patti)
- August 1 – “What the Fireflies Knew” by Kai Harris (Cindy)
- September 5 – “A fever in the Heartland” by Timothy Egan (Cheryl)
- October 3 – “The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo” by Taylor Jenkins Reid (Maureen)
- November 7 – “The Children’s Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin (Wanda)
- December 5 – “Mr. Dickens and His Carol” by Samantha Silva (Sherry)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

July 22 – July 26, 2024 from 6:15 p.m. -8 p.m.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to have fun celebrating God’s love for everyone through Bible stories, crafts, snacks, games, and songs. Children do not have to be members of a church to attend VBS - **all are welcome!**

In order to have enough materials prepared, we would like parents to **register** their child/children in advance. Registration forms can be found on the narthex counter and on our church website, or you can contact the church office at 610-588-2355 or email: poplcbangor@gmail.com to have a form emailed to you. Questions? See Kim Jennings.

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

Keep up the good work -- Save those receipts and earn some \$ for Prince of Peace with very little work. 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*



Social Ministry Update:

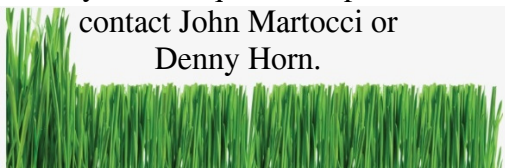
Slater Family Network has reached out to us regarding their "Backpack Buddy Program". They are desperately in need of the following items: juice boxes, jelly and healthy snacks. This will be an ongoing project for us since food insecurity among kids is at an all-time high. In the past this congregation has been very generous in making sure the backpacks are always full. There's a sample of items to donate on the counter in the Narthex, and a basket to place your donations in. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued support of this and all our ministries and projects. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. Matthew 25:35"

—*Mary O'Meally*

Can you help?

It’s mowing season! A sign-up sheet of the lawn care schedule is on the Narthex bulletin board.

If you have questions, please contact John Martocci or Denny Horn.



P.U.M.P. News:

Donations of cereal and mac n’cheese are greatly needed and appreciated right now. Thank you for your continued generous donations!



Membership Directory Update:
Wayne Shuman - 610-599-0705

GIVEAWAY!

Backpack GiveAway Ministry:

We have been contacted by Jennifer Hart of First United Methodist Church in Bangor, asking us to join them, and other churches, in collecting NEW socks and underwear for their Backpack Giveaway ministry to be held on July 27th. This committee realizes we are already committed to donating school supplies to Slater Family Network in July; however, this also is a worthwhile ministry. Follow your heart and donate to whichever ministry is calling. The items requested are: Boy: Socks: Size S--5 thru 6.5; M--7 thru 8.5; L -- 9 thru 11; Underwear: size 4; 6/8; 10/12; 14/16; 18/20; Girl: Socks: Size S-- 6 thru 10.5; M -- 10.5 thru 4; L--4 thru 10; Underwear: Size 4; 6/8 10/12; 14/16; 18/20. You can find a list of these items on the counter in the Narthex. Remember socks and underwear MUST be NEW! There will be a container in the Narthex to place your donations in. Thank you for your continued and generous supports of our ministries and projects.

POP CELEBRATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF ELCA WORLD HUNGER:

In honor of the 50th anniversary of World Hunger, and since we just celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2022, council is challenging us to purchase 50 gifts from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog. Any gift of any price counts towards our goal. We have selected several animals/gifts for you to choose from, they are: Chicks \$10.00; Honeybees \$20.00; Piglet \$30.00; Goat \$50.00; Rooster \$15.00; Fish Farm \$250.00, and Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen \$100.00. Any one of these animals help a family in many ways, from providing a supply of protein rich meals, to help start a small business, and generate a steady source of income. There are several ways to purchase from the good gifts catalog, you may go to our website and purchase online, or use the envelopes on the counter in the Narthex. Pastor will also include an opportunity to purchase in his daily emails. POP's Treasures will match up to 50 gifts if we meet our goal. This is a challenge I know we can meet, and maybe even surpass! Why? Because we are a caring and generous congregation!

Questions: see Mary O'Meally or Tina Johns

Trinity Lutheran Church Clothing Closet:

Trinity Lutheran Church is providing a free clothing closet on the first and third Saturdays from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., with clothing for men, women and children, as well as socks, shoes and underwear. Customers may take four items at each visit.

Special Summer Worship Services:

Trinity Lutheran Church will be having four Holden Evening Prayer services this summer. They will be held on July 10, 24, August 7 and 21 all at 7 p.m. Services will be held in the fellowship hall.

Call the church office at Trinity— 610-588-2023 for more information regarding the clothing closet and special summer worship services.

Social Ministry Project:

Our summer project will be school supplies for The Slater Family Network, there are slips of paper with the supplies requested on the counter in the Narthex. SFN needs the items by the third week in July, so this project will run from Sunday July 7th thru Sunday July 21st. Social Ministry realizes there's a lot of projects going on for the summer, we don't expect you to give to each one, follow your heart and give to the one that's calling you.

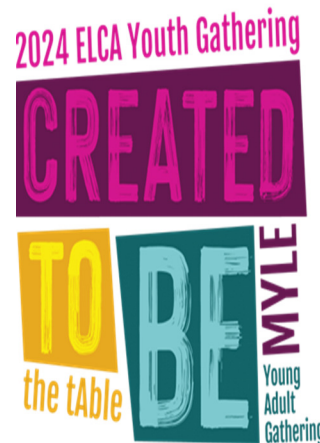
We thank you for your continued and generous support of all our projects. Questions? See a member of Social Ministry (Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock, Holly Blakeslee & Sara Godshalk)



Several Excerpts from recent PastorMail:

- ◆ Four people from Prince of Peace (2 youth and 2 adults) will be attending the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** in New Orleans this summer. As a way of raising funds for this trip, they are providing "sponsorships." The way it works is this:
 1. You sign up to be a sponsor on the signup sheet in the narthex, including your name and mobile phone number.
 2. Make a donation (of any amount) by placing it in an envelope marked with your name and "sponsor for Youth Gathering," and place it in the offering plate.
 3. Every day that our youth are at the gathering, you will receive at least one message from them letting you know what they're doing, and how the experience is.

If you have any questions, speak to Colleen Hall or Laraine Brands.



Exciting News:

- ◆ We recently applied for a Witness and Service grant from the Northeastern PA Synod to help offset the cost of a trailer that we have been using to store items for POP's Treasures and our rummage sales. We just found out that we have been chosen to receive this grant! This money will pay for about half of the cost of the trailer. From the letter we received from the synod:

Thank you so much for your grant application to the Witness and Service Team of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod on behalf of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are pleased to inform you that your request has been accepted for the full amount of \$2,000 for the ministry of POP's Treasures Retail Boutique.

The focus of the Witness & Service Team is to encourage and support new and emerging ministry ideas as well as to provide continued funding to ongoing projects where growth and success are evident. The Team is particularly interested in projects that provide outreach ministry to the surrounding community, work with underserved populations, and demonstrate God's love for the world. The Team also likes to see evidence of broader community collaboration: partnerships in leadership, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities.

This is one reason why the Team is excited about helping support POP's Treasures Retail Boutique and your commitment to provide ministry not only within your community, but also as a way to benefit other ministries in your community and the broader church through ELCA Good Gifts.



I announced that Linda Zeiser, wife of former Prince of Peace Pastor Sam Zeiser, is not doing well. Linda would enjoy greetings from P.O.P members, if anyone would like to send them. Hearing from friends and acquaintances is encouraging for her. If you would like to send a card directly yourself instead, here is the (corrected) address to send it to: Mrs. Linda Zeiser, 842 N. 23rd St., Allentown, PA 18104 (If you would like to read the letter from Pastor Zeiser, see Pastor Scholtes.)

Shared by the father of one of the students who has performed for us during worship: If you or someone you know would be interested in being part of the Pocono Youth Orchestra auditions for their 2024-2025 Season auditions are being held. From the flyer: Are you a motivated string player? Are you a band member interested in an orchestral experience? Auditions are by appointment. Contact Mr. Montero at violinfixer4@icloud.com to schedule your audition appointment. Application forms are on their website: www.pocono-youth-orchestra.org



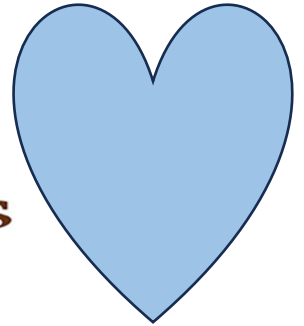


Monday, July 1	Psalm 88; Leviticus 21:1-15; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Tuesday, July 2	Psalm 88; Leviticus 15:19-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
Wednesday, July 3	Psalm 88; 2 Kings 20:1-11; Mark 9:14-29
Thursday, July 4	Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:1-15; 1 Corinthians 4:8-13
Friday, July 5	Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:16-26; 2 Corinthians 10:7-11
Saturday, July 6	Psalm 123; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Matthew 8:18-22
Sunday, July 7	Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
Monday, July 8	Psalm 119:81-88; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33
Tuesday, July 9	Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:1-13; James 5:7-12
Wednesday, July 10	Psalm 119:81-88; Jeremiah 16:14-21; John 7:1-9
Thursday, July 11	Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 2:6-16; Colossians 2:1-5
Friday, July 12	Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 3:1-12; Colossians 4:2-18
Saturday, July 13	Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 4:6-13; Luke 1:57-80
Sunday, July 14	Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
Monday, July 15	Psalm 142; Amos 5:1-9; Acts 21:27-39
Tuesday, July 16	Psalm 142; Amos 9:1-4; Acts 23:12-35
Wednesday, July 17	Psalm 142; Amos 9:11-15; Luke 7:31-35
Thursday, July 18	Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Colossians 1:15-23
Friday, July 19	Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Acts 17:16-31
Saturday, July 20	Psalm 23; Jeremiah 12:1-13; Luke 18:35-43
Sunday, July 21	Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Monday, July 22	Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:1-7; Hebrews 13:17-25
Tuesday, July 23	Psalm 100; Zechariah 9:14-10:2; Acts 20:17-38
Wednesday, July 24	Psalm 100; 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Luke 15:1-7
Thursday, July 25	Psalm 145:10-18; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Colossians 1:9-14
Friday, July 26	Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Colossians 3:12-17
Saturday, July 27	Psalm 145:10-18; 2 Kings 4:38-41; John 4:31-38
Sunday, July 28	2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
Monday, July 29	Psalm 111; Genesis 18:1-15; Philippians 4:10-20
Tuesday, July 30	Psalm 111; Exodus 24:1-11; Romans 15:22-33
Wednesday, July 31	Psalm 111; Isaiah 25:6-10a; Mark 6:35-44

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!

TRUST

in the Lord with all
thine heart and he
shall direct thy paths
PROVERBS 3:5-6



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

EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE
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August 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, July 9 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document
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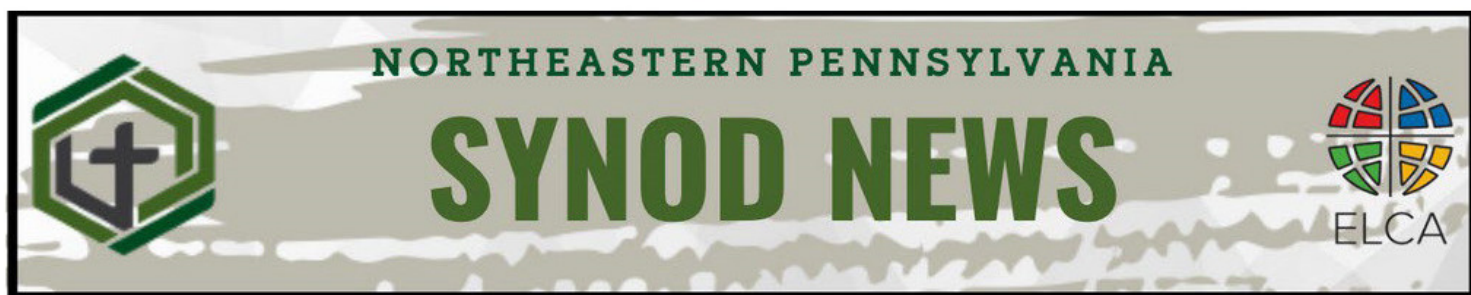
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**OUR PURPOSE
STATEMENT**

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



Celebrating Success!



The Conclusion of the 37th Synod Assembly



On Saturday, June 8, over 376 Lutherans gathered in person and virtually to participate in the 37th Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. The theme, “Hungry for Life Together in Christ,” celebrated the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger and highlighted the hunger ministries that congregations are implementing within their communities. Pastor Eileen Smith LeVan, who co-chairs the NEPS Hunger Team along with her husband, Brian, presented how our congregations are improving hunger issues through

ministries like food pantries, community gardens, and weekly food distributions. The ELCA representative, Marie Anne Sliwinski, Senior Director for Building Resilient Communities, expressed how Lutheran Disaster Response, AMMPARO, God’s Work Our Hands, and our synod are helping individuals not only in our country but around the world through mission support and volunteer work.

Deacon Kat Tigerman introduced six congregations in Reading discerning themselves to be the first pilot 6261 community. “Our small sterling congregations are making the effort to talk, share, and consider the future,” says Bill Knox of Hope Lutheran, Reading. Many shared how their congregations are growing in friendship, community, and faith. Members of the Assembly also gave \$2,365 towards ELCA World Hunger. The three resolutions passed by the synod



assembly can be found at godslove.org/assembly2024. Congratulations to Jim Doxsey, Rev. Dana Heckman-Beil, and Amy Mietelski on their election to the Synod Council! The Assembly also elected the following voting members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ: Bishop Christopher deForest, Nancy Reichelt, Mark Stana, Seth Noggle, Betty Jane Schaefer-Hassler, Ron Mordosky, Jackie Williams, Stephanie Druckenmiller, Rev. Brian Beissel, Deacon Dawn Talley, Rev. Tom Scornavacchi, Rev. Lauren Applegate, Rev. Chris Druckenmiller, Rev. Ken Melber, Jr., Don Boyer, Stephen Hikes, Jean Sandberg, Rev. Nelson Quinones, Amanda Melber, Alicia Wood, Elizabeth Leibenguth, and Maria Marcano. To rewatch the excitement, visit the assembly webpage.

Submitted by: Stacey Burke (she/her) Communications & Growing Young Coordinator

Witness and Service Team Grants are a Hugh Help!

Submitted by Georgia Suranofsky

During the assembly, we learned that over 2/3 of those congregations attending the in-person event, have either a food or garden ministry! Here is just one story about an amazing food ministry.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry (MCFM) was created in 2002 to provide a local, community-based source of food to those persons and households in the Governor Mifflin School District experiencing hardship or need, giving them sustenance and aid in the way of food and clothing on a temporary basis one a month.

I was told by Janet Reese, Board Member and one of the MCFM founders, that this food ministry is set apart by their lack of involvement with state or federal programs which in turn allows them for the past 22 years to pray with clients, distribute information on what is happening at their churches and invite the clients, share the gospel and inspirational materials with the families.

4 local churches including St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran-Mohnton, New Life of Shillington, Calvary United Methodist and Zion Evangelical Congregational Church are the sponsors of the ministry Zion is the host church where donations are collected, stored and then distributed. Community donations supply most of the non-perishable food and paper products

distributed to MCFM clients. 8 local churches and several organizations also provide non-perishable food, volunteer distribution tasks and money.

Food distributions prior to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas include grocery store gift cards for clients’ use to buy perishable items and clients receive a gift also. In tears, 1 woman told the President of the food ministry, “I have never received a Christmas gift.”

Last year, the community food ministry experienced a dramatic increase in the average number of households served per month going from 84 over 100. The number climbed in December 2023. This was the busiest month ever, serving 149 households representing 482 people.

Gail Colahan, a member at St. John’s Evangelical in Mohnton remembered the grants that are available

through the Witness and Service team and applied. The grant was approved for use this year and is providing meat and produce for the 12 monthly distributions.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry would not be successful without God’s helping hand and the wonderful support received from volunteers, organizations, and churches that donate their time, money, and food,” When we all share the burden of trying to make a community a better place, it lightens the load.



Take a minute to view some photos of the ministry by [clicking on this link](#).

You can find information on the [synod website](#) about the grants available from the Witness and Service Team. Your mission support giving makes these grants possible.

Thank you for your continued support!