

Prints of Peace



A letter from Pastor...

I was recently elected president of the Slate Belt Ministerium. I'm honored that my colleagues in the region consider me a good candidate for this position. I thought I'd tell you a bit this month about what the Ministerium is, and how we do ministry together in the Slate Belt.

The Slate Belt Ministerium is composed of clergy and lay leaders from congregations throughout the Slate Belt, from Wind Gap to Portland. We meet monthly for a breakfast meeting, and at any given meeting there are usually between six and twelve of us present. Those of us who participate regularly include Lutherans, Methodists, UCC, Presbyterians, and a few nondenominational folks.

We plan a few events together, the biggest of which is the annual Slate Belt Community Thanksgiving service, which is held at a different congregation each year. The Thanksgiving service is a great opportunity to worship together with our neighbors of various denominations. (We have tried holding an Ascension service as well, but that only lasted two years before drifting away.)

At our meetings, we often have a guest speaker, often someone representing a non-profit in the area. This enables us to learn more about the work of places like Bloom, Recovery Revolution, Resilient Lehigh Valley, Kidspace, and more. We have also hosted guests from the Pen Argyl and Bangor School Districts, as well as our two family centers, Families First and Slater Family Network. Contacts made at these Ministerium meetings have led to connections with individual churches – for instance, Prince of Peace got connected to the foster family network through a guest speaker I met at a Ministerium meeting.

One of the most important ways the Ministerium makes a difference is through our Ministerium Relief Fund. This fund is available to help people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Almost always, we distribute these funds at the request of Families First and Slater Family Network. We are blessed to have these organizations in our area who are better equipped to vet and help people. We rely on them to do the legwork, and we provide much-needed funds to help. The money in the relief fund comes mainly from two sources – participating congregations and clergy contribute “dues” once a year, and we also take an offering at the Thanksgiving service. Some congregations offer additional help along the way as well.

As president, my role is to schedule and lead our meetings, coordinate the special guests, and approve requests for the Relief Fund. It's important to note that my participation in the Ministerium is part of my call as your pastor. Building relationships with my fellow clergy, and our neighboring congregations, is one way that we share the good news of Christ in our community. I thank you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve in this way.

Next month, I'll tell you a little about another leadership role I have – the role of Dean of the Pocono Mission District.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

*The following individuals have made a Mother's Day contribution to the Sunday School.
In Loving Honor of...*

Sue Flyte
By: Ray, Tara, Tyler, Ashley and Lauren
Tara Flyte
By: Tyler, Ashley and Lauren
Jane Ann Moysey Reimer
By Sara
Georgia Suranofsky
By Brooks, Janessa and Family
Paula Baker
By Brooks, Janessa and Family
Gladys Steinmetz
By Tom, Connie and Family
Phoebe Rissmiller
By Larry Rissmiller
Donna Praino
By Valerie Kessler
Laraine Brands
By Liv and Saba & Family
Kay Lawler
By the Hughes Family
Mary Hughes
By Aria and Eli
Connie Silvius
By all her littles
Stephanie Hemak
By Dennis and Cathy Mullen
Denise Wess
By Dennis and Cathy Mullen
Charmaine Collins
By Dennis and Cathy Mullen
Diane Hahn
By Renee and Earl
Sandy Butler
By Stephanie, Colleen and Evan

Pat Koller
By Tina Johns
Samantha Ring
By Tina Johns
Elaine Haring
By Jill Hill
Karen Billig
By Annette Buss and Family



So Blessed by You

When I was young, you helped me grow,
And taught me all I had to know.

Of love and trust and faith and hope,
And everything it takes to cope.

You may have thought I didn't hear,
Or maybe that you weren't quite clear;

But all the things you taught me
Were heeded very carefully,

And now I want to thank you for
Your love, your care and so much more!

~ Author Unknown

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In Loving Memory of...*

Helen Lane
By Kathy A. Lane
Hazel Weidman
By Kathy A. Lane
Dorothy Lane
By Kathy A. Lane
Ruth Lane
By Kathy A. Lane

*Always on my mind
Forever in my heart*

Irene Weaver
By Kathy A. Lane
Joan Miller
By Sherry and Family
Wanda Riley
By John, Georgia and Family
Theresa Suranofsky
By John, Georgia and Family

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Christina DeSalvo
By Mary O'Meally
Brenda Smith
By Ray, Tara, Tyler, Ashley and Lauren
Frances Fontanella
By Ray, Tara, Tyler, Ashley and Lauren
Betty Louise Moysey Godshalk
By Sara
Alta Hartzell Moysey
By Sara
Madelyn Klinzing Godshalk
By Sara
Sherma LaBarre Godshalk
By Sara
Marian Parsons Sadler
By Sherk and June
Esther Hahn Jones
By Sherk and June
Karen Connell
By Shannon Connell
Shirley Pensyl
By Traci Rumsey
All of our Mothers and Grandmothers
By The Leidy Family
Caroline Compton (Grandmother)
By Bridget Reto
Marie Brewer (Nana)
By Bridget Reto
Greta Johnson
By Karen Johnson Karner
Candy Rissmiller
By Larry Rissmiller
Jean Garofalo
By Valerie Kessler
Joyce Comunale
By The Hughes Family
Gloria Steinmetz
By Brenda and Larry Stauffer
Elizabeth Stauffer
By Brenda and Larry Stauffer
Alice Abbott
By Roy and Bonnie Buskirk
Mary Lou Buskirk
By Roy and Bonnie Buskirk
Ruth Begies
By Chris Begies and Mark Cotturo
Lela Reimer
By Chris Begies and Mark Cotturo

Carol Cuono
By Chris Begies and Mark Cotturo
Florence Cotturo
By Chris Begies and Mark Cotturo
Jeanette Johnson
By Joanne Robinson
Joyce Weidlick
By Joanne Robinson
Ethel Fuls
By Joanne Robinson
Olive Gates
By Doris Thomas
Jennie Widener
By Janet Pearson and Family
Pauline Person
By Janet Pearson and Family
Betty Leininger
By Louise, Jane and Carolyn

Gone From Us

Gone from us that smiling face,
The cheerful pleasant ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In bygone, happy days.
A life made beautiful by kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others' needs.
To a beautiful life,
Comes a happy end,
She died as she lived,
Everyone's friend.
—Unknown Author



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In Loving Memory of...*

Grace Duran
By Bob and Pat Duran
Lois Lee
By Bob and Pat Duran
Helen Smith
By Manus Smith
Ada McLean
By Manus Smith
Emma Eichlin
By Manus Smith
Leona McLean
By Manus Smith
Laura M. Collins
By Charmaine Collins
Evelyn Collins
By Charmaine Collins
Helen Collins
By Charmaine Collins
Laura M. Collins
By Dennis and Cathy Mullen
Laura B. Collins
By Dennis and Cathy Mullen
Joyce Comunale
By Diane Hahn
Lola Gardella
By Grace
Frances Poliskiewicz
By Phyllis and Walter Patterson
and All Grandchildren
Alica DeVito
By Betty DeVito
Viola Fraunfelter
By Betty DeVito
Emelie Niederreiter
By Emilie Roelz
Elizabeth Fuller
By Sandy Butler
Georgia Hill
By Jill Hill
Doll Hill
By Jill Hill
Diana Hill
By Jill Hill
Vicki Hughes
By Jill Hill
Esther Godshalk
By Sue and Rich Reinhart

Jean Reinhart
By Sue and Rich Reinhart
Edna Smith
By Annette Buss and Family
Bessie Bartholomew
By Annette Buss and Family
Nellie Smith
By Annette Buss and Family
Rose Buss,
By Annette Buss and Family
Pearl Buss
By Annette Buss and Family
Our Mothers:
Mildred Clancy
By Paul and Diane Kimsey
Gladys Kimsey
By Paul and Diane Kimsey



With Love Today...

We thought of you with love today,
But this is nothing new,
We thought of you yesterday and the days
before that too.
We think of you in silence and
often speak your name.
All we have now are our memories,
and your picture in a frame.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
A part of us went with you
The day God took you home.
—*Author Unknown*





Recycle Packaging + Store Drop-Off = Trex Decking

Thanks To All!!!!

We have reached our goal of collecting 1,000 lbs. of plastic!!! By recycling plastic, we have learned how important it is to preserve our world, and how much we actually consume that utilizes plastic. Because of your faithfulness and the generosity of my friends at P.U.M.P. and at the school, we were able to reach our goal. Trex gives a donation back for this goal in the form of a beautiful Trex bench. You will see this bench in our grove, proudly displayed as a reminder of group effort in helping recycle. Thanks to all that made this a successful program. Let's continue to collect, and work towards new goals!! --*Jackie Horn*

JOIN US!

We meet at 2 p.m.

Real Readers Book List:

- June 6 – “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese (Karen)
- 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)



FATHER’S DAY is just around the corner – June 16th!

Would you like to remember/honor your Father and/or men who are special to you by listing their name in our announcement folder, on the bulletin board and in the July Newsletter? A blue sign-up sheet is on the counter in the Narthex. Or, use the form below (use additional paper if needed). Suggested donation: \$1 per name benefits the Sunday School. **Don’t delay the deadline is: Sunday, June 9th.** Please PRINT:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return this form to: Attn: Annette at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2445 Lake Minsi Drive, Bangor, PA 18013

MAY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch for upcoming information on informative endowment meetings
- Sidewalk repairs to be coming soon
- Due to the success of POPs Treasures, we will be getting a second storage pod.



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!

A Thank You letter was received from P.U.M.P. and it is posted on the Gratitude Board by the church offices.

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.



Spring in and Donate Blood to Save Lives—
The only source of blood is from volunteer donors:
Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a special blood drive. June 1st through June 29th. Miller-Keystone Blood Center locations: Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. To schedule your blood donation appointment: call 800-223-6667 extension 2 and mention Group Id: E192; visit GIVEaPINT.org. Questions? Contact Cheryl at cstatham@ptd.net

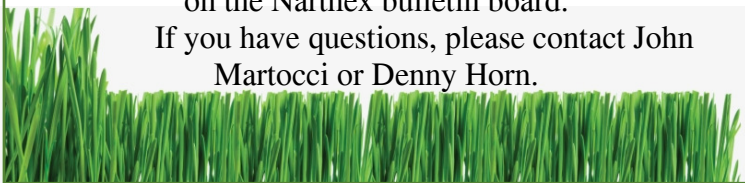


Your Blood. Their Hope.®
MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Can you help?

Summer is coming and it's time to sign-up to volunteer for lawn care to keep our grounds looking lovely! 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.



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*

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
June 2	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Kale Baker	Laraine Brands	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Cathy Mullen	Isabel Baker	Jean Janosa
June 9	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Connie Itterly	Marlene Stana	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Tara Flyte	Alex Scholtes	Jim Jennings
June 16	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Sherry Hock	Connie Itterly	Sherk and June Jones	(Outdoors)	(Outdoors)	Georgia Suranofsky
June 23	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Mark Grusso	Bob Schuette	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Kim Jennings	Landon Horn	Chip Harrison
June 30	Sherk and June Jones	Alex Scholtes	Laraine Brands	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Tina Johns	Alex Scholtes	Connie Itterly
July 7	Kale Baker, Brooks Baker	Isabel Baker	April Miller	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Antonioli Family	Isabel Baker	Brenda Hughes

Communion Assistants:

- June 2 Brooks Baker, Marlene Stana
- June 9 Jim Jennings, Connie Itterly
- June 16 April Miller, Diane Hahn
- June 23 Tina Johns, Brooks Baker
- June 30 Jim Jennings, Diane Hahn
- July 7 Laraine Brands, Marlene Stana


- June Altar Guild: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart
- July Altar Guild: Carolyn Leidy, Terry Stiso

Bread Baker/Providers:

- June 2 Janet Martocci
- July 7: Phyllis Campbell

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.



Our Volunteers

**Would you like to join the team of volunteers who endeavor to enhance our weekly worship time together?
Contact Annette Buss or Pastor Scholtes**

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 of June, July, and August, plus Labor Day weekend. That's June 16, 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.





Stewardship News

Here is our 10 top list of generosity activities for 2024 so far!

1. Slate Family Network supplies
2. Weekly plastic bag recycling
3. Valor House personal care items collection
4. Valley Youth House personal care items collection
5. Joyful Noise Donations
6. Supporting POP's Treasures
7. Baking for special events
8. Purchasing Weis Cards
9. Weis Register Tape Donations
10. Weekly donations to P.U.M.P.

Just awesome! Do you know what is the foundation of all this? Your commitment to continuous support through your offering to the ministries of our congregation!

The Joyful Noise donations total \$85.00 for April. So far this year we have collected \$347.36! Thank you for your continued support!

Thank You

To Georgia and John Suranofsky: Many thanks for your happy birthday wishes! —*Manus Smith*

Thank you for all of the well wishes, phone calls, cards, visits and flowers after my recent surgery. It was very heartwarming and much appreciated. —*Jean Janosa*

Turtzo Missionary Bequest Update:

This year Social Ministry received \$4,363.00 from this fund. It has been dispersed as follows:

\$1,500.00 to Gene Williams of Disciple Makers in State College, and \$2,863.00 to the ELCA Missionary Fund.

Endowment Fund News: How to submit an idea for a new sub fund

Council is now accepting ideas for new sub accounts for 2025. The ideas received will be reviewed, considered, and council will make their recommendations at the Annual Meeting. Contact a council member by August 1st for the form to submit your idea. (See Page 9 for details.)

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

- Total for disbursements to sub funds for this year = \$12,500.00
 - Permanent Property received \$7,750.00
 - Office Technology received \$3,125.00
 - Outdoor Enhancements received \$625.00
 - Wider Church(new) received \$375.00
 - Mr. Fix It (new) received \$625.00



POP Endowment Sub Fund Proposal Form

Instructions:

Please read the info below and provide the completed form to Council for consideration of your Endowment Sub Fund proposal. Please keep the following points in mind relating to the evaluation, possible approval, and possible disbursement of funds related to your proposal:

1. Please provide all requested information with your application.
2. Please provide as much detail as possible so that Council will have a clear and complete understanding of all facets of your proposal.
3. Completed forms should be submitted to Council prior to the September Council meeting.
4. Council will review all submissions and recommend those that they feel have merit for consideration by the congregation at the November Congregational meeting.
5. If your proposal advances to consideration at the November Congregational meeting, it will be voted on by the congregation. If approved, it will then be an official sub fund for the next calendar year.
6. Before any action requiring funding can be taken on your proposal, a payment request must be made to Council (or their designated subgroup) detailing your request for funds. No action should be taken, or commitment made to pay for any sub fund expenses until your request is approved by Council (or their designated subgroup).
7. If your request is approved for payment, the trustees should then be notified of your approval so we can arrange payments as needed.
8. Annual disbursements are made to fund sub funds by February 15 each year. No money will be available to support any expenses related to your proposal until after February 15.
9. Be prepared to allow sufficient time for trustees to free sub fund monies from investments to pay for any approved expenses. This may require several business days to access the funds.
10. Please see any Trustee or Council Member with questions.

Endowment Sub Fund Proposal Submission List

Please review the list below and complete or submit as many of the items as may apply to your proposal. Please use this page as a guide and submit your information on as many separate additional pages as needed.

1. Provide the name of your Endowment Sub Fund Proposal.
2. Provide the name of the person or group submitting this proposal.
3. If a group, please specify the primary contact person including phone number and email address.
4. On one or more separate pages, please explain your proposal. Be very detailed. Take all the space you need to address the bullet points below that might apply to your proposal including:
 - What is your proposal?
 - How does it work?
 - What will be required for it to work?
 - How will your proposal benefit our congregation or the neighboring community?
 - Is there either a general or specific timeline that will need to be followed specific to your proposal?
 - Do you have other materials that you can provide that will enable the Council to evaluate the suitability of your proposal? Examples that may apply include:
 - Estimates of costs associated with your proposal.
 - Plans
 - Drawings
 - Specs
 - Pictures
 - Models or other physical representations related to your proposal
 - Printed materials
 - Other reference materials.
5. Please be sure your proposal submission is legible. Preference to typed material to ensure legibility.
6. Please organize all materials so that they make sense for Council to review.
7. Please keep a copy for yourself of all materials submitted with your proposal. Council may not be able to guarantee the return of any items submitted as part of the approval process.



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

- Judy Rotzell, June 1
- Maverick Baggitt, June 2
- Gordon Brozina, June 2
- Cory Jennings, June 3
- Brooks Baker, June 5
- Tina Johns, June 6
- Joanne Robinson, June 7
- Diane Searfass, June 10
- Chip Harrison, June 15
- Heather Scholtes, June 15
- Richard Kessler, June 19
- Jeremy Smith, June 21
- John Martocci, June 22
- Matthew Dotta, June 22
- Holly Blakeslee, June 23
- Magdalen Streisguth, June 23
- Christopher Brands, June 24
- Jarrett Ott, June 25
- Kathy Lane, June 25
- George Brown, June 28
- Patricia Heard, June 28
- Katie Waszmer, June 29

Looking Ahead for Social Ministry:

Our second quarter project: Valley Youth House will be ending on Sunday, June 30th, we thank you for your generous support to this important ministry. Our summer project will be school supplies for Slater Family Network. Look for more information on specific items in the Announcement Folders. We will still continue to accept items for the backpack buddy program throughout the end of the year. This committee thanks you for your continued support of all our projects, we couldn't do what we do without YOU! Questions: see Mary O'Meally, Sherry Hock and Holly Blakeslee.

Recent Pastoral Acts:

Funeral: James A. Neiley, May 4, 2024
Funeral: Carol A. Shuman, May 7, 2024
(officiated by Larry Rissmiller)

Membership Directory Update:

Lois Neiley, Slate Belt Nursing Rm. 321, 701 Slate Belt Blvd.
Bangor, PA 18013, Phone: 610-599-1343

Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, June 9th

We would like the names of anyone graduating from any level of education in 2024: nursery school, kindergarten, high school, college, technical school, grad school, etc. Please place the information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the church office at poplcbangor@gmail.com or 610-588-2355. Gifts are provided for those who are graduating from high school or college. **We need to have all the names and information absolutely no later than May 31. Information Needed:** Graduate's full name, Telephone number, Major (if applicable), Institution they are graduating from, Diploma/degree completed, Future plans, and Name of person providing the information.



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.

Thank You for your Support!!





Teach me Thy way O Lord!

Psalm 86:11 KJV

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Saturday, June 1	Psalm 81:1-10; Leviticus 24:5-9; John 7:19-24
Sunday, June 2	Deut. 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23 – 3:6
Monday, June 3	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; Exodus 16:13-26; Romans 9:19-29
Tuesday, June 4	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; Exodus 16:27-36; Acts 15:1-5, 22-35
Wednesday, June 5	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72; 1 Samuel 21:1-6; John 5:1-18
Thursday, June 6	Psalm 130; Isaiah 28:9-13; 1 Peter 4:7-19
Friday, June 7	Psalm 130; Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
Saturday, June 8	Psalm 130; Genesis 2:4b-14; Luke 8:4-15
Sunday, June 9	Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Monday, June 10	Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6
Tuesday, June 11	Psalm 74; 1 Kings 18:17-40; Revelation 20:7-15
Wednesday, June 12	Psalm 74; Isaiah 26:16-27:1; Luke 11:14-28
Thursday, June 13	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9
Friday, June 14	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 1 Kings 10:26-11:8; Hebrews 11:4-7
Saturday, June 15	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20
Sunday, June 16	Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Cor. 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
Monday, June 17	Psalm 52; Ezekiel 31:1-12; Galatians 6:11-18
Tuesday, June 18	Psalm 52; Jeremiah 21:11-14; Revelation 21:22-22:5
Wednesday, June 19	Psalm 52; Jeremiah 22:1-9; Luke 6:43-45
Thursday, June 20	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:1-20; Acts 20:1-16
Friday, June 21	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 29:21-30:15; Acts 21:1-16
Saturday, June 22	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 37:1-13; Luke 21:25-28
Sunday, June 23	Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Cor. 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
Monday, June 24	Psalm 65; Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38
Tuesday, June 25	Psalm 65; Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44
Wednesday, June 26	Psalm 65; Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52
Thursday, June 27	Psalm 30; Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Friday, June 28	Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
Saturday, June 29	Psalm 30; Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37
Sunday, June 30	Lamentations 3:22-23; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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!

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

JOHN 3:16

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Website: www.popburangor.org
Online Coordinator: Heather Scholtes
lotsofsocks@live.com

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:

Larry Rissmiller – President	Brenda Hughes
Connie Iterly - Vice President	Jackie Horn
Tina Johns - Secretary	Traci Rumsey
Kale Baker	Kerri Miller
Sara Godshalk	Jean Janosa
Mary O’Meally	Allison Manicke
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!

July 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, June 11 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.

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

Worshipping the Lord

The old man was bedridden, victim of a stroke. His eyes gleamed mistily as we talked of our little church, its rapid growth, its new building. "Pastor," he murmured, "I'd give anything to be able to come to church one Sunday, but I know I'll never get out of this bed."

Smiling, he went on, "There was a time when I could have come to church every Sunday—but then I preferred to stay in bed."

It is ironic how our sense of values can change. Fortunate is the man who awakens in time to the worth of worship and work in the house of the Lord. (Henry B. Luffberry)

There is the story of a pastor who announced one Sunday to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is the money is still in your pockets."

Stewards Need God's Wisdom

As stewards, we have the responsibility to be knowledgeable and wise. In order to be effective in our stewardship, we need to seek God's wisdom. "For the Lord gives wisdom and from his mouth comes knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6).

God's Word illustrates the poor consequences that result when we think and act foolishly. For example, in Matthew 6:26-27, we read of the man who built his house on the sand, and, when the rain came, the house came crashing down. Wisdom teaches us to build our houses on solid ground.

Yet another example of not acting with wisdom is the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Five



virgins did not remember to bring enough oil so they missed the wedding celebration. By not thinking ahead, they missed the festivities. Jesus didn't condemn these people for their wickedness but rather their lack of preparedness.

Jesus uses the Parable of the Rich Fool to point out more foolishness. In this parable, Jesus tells us about a successful farmer who built bigger barns for the purpose of becoming wealthier. Jesus called him foolish because he didn't acknowledge God as the provider of all that he had. When God took his life, his wealth was meaningless.

Just as Jesus is critical of foolish thoughts and activities, he praises those who act wisely. In the Parable of the Shrewd Manager, Jesus praises the dishonest steward for how quickly and astutely he handled things when he was told that his job was coming to an end. Although the Shrewd Manager was dishonest, Jesus said there are even things that unbelievers do that we as believers can learn from and do. After the master told the Shrewd Manager his job would be ending, he became very wise, creative, and alert with his master's money, and he assured

himself of his temporary earthly future. In the same way, we can use the money God has given us to make friends who will welcome us into eternal dwellings.

As God's stewards, we can best fulfill our calling when we seek and use his wisdom. With God's wisdom, we will build on solid ground; we will acknowledge God as our source of all things, and we will be prepared for Christ's coming again. Because God grants us his wisdom, we can be God-pleasing stewards.

Our Attitude toward Money

Money is what we make it. Money can own us or be owned by us. Money can be our servant or our master. It depends entirely on our attitude. And this is why the Bible says that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom (Matthew 19:24). It is not the rich man's money, but the rich man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, toward himself and his money. Likewise, it is not the poor man's poverty, but the poor man's attitude toward money that turns him away from God, away from other people, and makes him covetous, grasping, and every bit as selfish in his poverty as the wealthy man.

Much of Jesus' teaching focused on money so we need to develop the right attitude toward it and be concerned about its use and misuse. Whether God gives us little or much money, we need to be faithful stewards of it and learn an attitude of contentment. According to the Apostle Paul, we are very rich if we are satisfied with what we have. In 1 Timothy 6:6-10 he wrote:

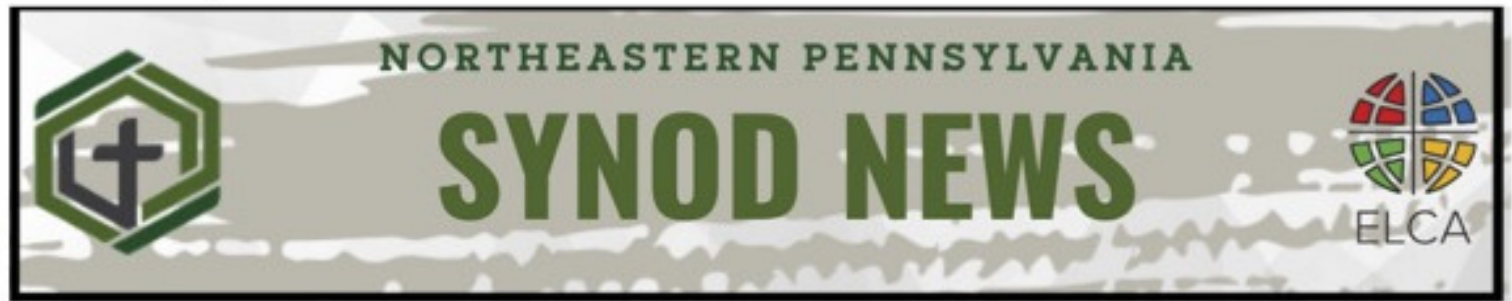
“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”



Unfortunately, so many people have become so eager to have money and the things that money can buy that they have lost much of life's real value and life's real purpose. Poverty is a problem, not only with those who have no money, but also with those who have much. There are many who don't lack money but lack satisfaction because no amount of money satisfies.

As we examine our attitudes toward money, we need to remember that money can do many things, but it can't buy happiness or heaven.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



Worship & Art: A Congregation's Journey

A few years ago, Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale, set out on a journey to be as inclusive as possible. This journey led the congregation to install state-of-the-art cameras (for streaming worship), three 85-inch monitors (for reading the liturgy and music), and a new sound system (that would enable everyone to hear and engage during worship). This was the beginning of the trek to become the congregation God was calling them to be!

The people of Calvary knew they could do more to engage in worship or worshipful experiences so they asked, "How can we engage more of our bodies in worship?" They pondered, brainstormed, and listed ways they could inclusively engage their bodies in worship and Christian life. They decided that creating together would align with their values of inclusivity. This came to fruition through their first collective art project. They began with a Lenten collage that created a dark scene with the tomb of Jesus. The congregation loved the project so much that they asked for more. The next project was for Easter, which included a prominent cross and a rainbow collage surrounding and illuminating the cross. The congregation is currently working on a Pentecost piece that includes a centralized bird erupting from rings of fire. The congregation is in conversation with an art organization to place their piece on display for the wider community to enjoy.



Lent



Easter



Follow Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/calvarylutheranlaureldale> to stay up to date!

New Outreach Ministry is Found at POP's Treasures

POP's Treasures was established by Prince of Peace Evangelical Church in Bangor to create a location where the community/congregants can donate gently used items /clothing. Presented in a "boutique style" store front where the visitors can see creative displays and purchase said items at a fair price.



The outpouring of community involvement has far exceeded our initial plan. The community supports us with items, and they also attend monthly during the sale days. We have had several new members at the church since the boutique was opened May of 2023. Our attendees support us in other posts on Facebook, letting the community at large know of our location. We are constantly reminded how they feel that this is a wonderful program. We also have individuals who come in our doors that ask to help volunteer.

We applied for and received a Witness and Service Ministry Team Grant to help with the costs to prepare a location on our property and purchase a connex container. The container is used to repurpose and store inventory. Items not sold at the boutique, are then stored until we have our spring or fall rummage sale. Items not sold there are donated to a clothing collection box and other organizations. Currently we utilize the 2 back rooms of the church, along with part of the fellowship hall during the days of our sale, which in total in 7 hours for both days.



While our program was set up to respond at the end of the fiscal year. As we hear of a need, we act in trying to make it happen if we can. It is difficult to say how many attend during the sale days. However, recently we provided a free clothing and houseware day that was attended by 200 individuals.

We currently have provided 3 meals at Safe Harbor, a transition shelter for the homeless. We have donated children's toys, and a stroller to the foster care program. There were also monetary donations to a local youth program, animal shelter, Portland food pantry (PUMP), and the purchase of animals from ELCA Good Gifts.

You may wonder if your congregations could do the same. Yes! If the organizers have the faith it will work, be willing to make changes and to realize that there are many paths to take to make it work. Success can be measured by outreach to the community and the programs it helps. We have been blessed beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. If you would like more information, please contact Jackie Horn at baskets@epix.net.

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