

Prints of Peace



*A note
from the pastor*

Someone contacted me recently, to ask me this question:

"I've started reading the daily readings [printed in the newsletter]; is there supposed to be a connection between them? Why did we read Psalm 133 three days in a row? What's the purpose of the readings? Where do they come from? I try to find a way they tie together but most days I don't see it."

Great question! I responded to her, and I thought you all might appreciate an explanation as well. I started printing and emailing these monthly lists of readings about a year ago, when the lockdown began. Since we weren't meeting for worship, I thought a list of daily readings might be helpful to some of you. When we started creating newsletters again, I started sharing them there. But where did I get them from? They are the **Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings**. To explain that, I need to share a little history.

A *lectionary* is a list of readings assigned for each Sunday and Festival (such as Christmas or Ascension) in the church year. Since the late 1970s, a number of mainline Protestant churches (including the ELCA) have worked together to create the **Common Lectionary**, which was later adapted into the **Revised Common Lectionary**. Based in large part on the post-Vatican II Roman Catholic Lectionary, the Revised Common Lectionary follows a three-year repeating cycle. Each year is focused on one of the gospels: the year of Matthew (A), the year of Mark (B), and the year of Luke (C). The gospel of John is read here and there throughout all three years, particularly during the Easter season. An Old Testament reading, a Psalm, and a (non-gospel) New Testament reading are also assigned for each Sunday and Festival. This Revised Common Lectionary is currently used by most mainline Protestants.

Some time later, the commission created a set of **daily** readings that connected with each Sunday's readings. Because of the importance of Sunday, they decided that each week of readings would "surround" a Sunday. To do that, readings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday "lead up to" the upcoming Sunday, to help readers prepare for Sunday. Readings on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday "lead out from" the previous Sunday, to help readers reflect on and digest what they heard on Sunday. Through these readings, a reader has the opportunity to read a vast expanse of scripture, all pointing to Sunday as the center. (You might notice that starting this month, I've formatted the daily readings in weeks from Thursday – Wednesday, instead of Sunday – Saturday, to make this more clear.)

I don't know much about specific choices in the daily readings, but I've noticed some patterns. There are always two psalms chosen for each week, one for Thursday-Saturday, the other for Monday-Wednesday. One of those Psalms is always the Psalm read in worship on Sunday, and the other is a Psalm that is similar in tone. Also, the Old Testament and New Testament readings often "fill in the gaps" between the readings on Sunday -- they'll often be the chapter leading up to what we hear on Sunday, or the chapter afterward. They help in giving context.

I hope this is helpful, illuminating, or at least interesting. I hope you find the daily readings to be meaningful and helpful. And I also hope that you'll continue asking me questions like this! I love to respond to these sorts of things!

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes



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

- Laraine Brands, May 2
- Blake Kornafel, May 2
- Benjamin Itterly, May 4
- Jacob Krock, Jr., May 4
- Linda Waszmer, May 6
- Jean Janosa, May 6
- Chris Begies, May 8
- Owen Jennings, May 8
- Joan Deichmann, May 11
- Paul Martocci-Smale, May 11
- Manus Smith, May 11
- Terry Stiso, May 12
- Hannah Flyte, May 12
- Cahley Van Why, May 13
- Mary Hendershot, May 16
- CJ Kizer, May 19
- Bobbie Fraunfelter, May 22
- Dorothy Lobb, May 24
- Richard A. Kessler, May 25
- Travis Parsons, May 25
- Christa Martocci-Smale, May 26
- Saundra Smith, May 26
- Benjamin Manicke, May 27
- Meredith Smith, May 29
- Linda Antonioli, May 30
- Brent Heitzman, May 31

ARE YOU GETTING PASTORMAIL?

Pastor Scholtes sends out emails to the congregation almost every day. These *Pastor-Mails* 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 be added to the list.



In-person (9:45 on Sundays)

All in-person worship services will include many alterations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including (but not limited to) altered seating arrangements, the wearing of masks, no singing, and so forth. If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.

Online

At some point each Sunday afternoon, the service from that morning will be available online at our webpage: popbangor.org/video-worship.

Facebook

Like us at Facebook (facebook.com/popbangor), and you can view the same online worship services there.

Telephone

Call the toll free number 1-877-POP-2-POP (877-767-2767) anytime to hear the audio of our most recent online worship service.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Recommendations from the Scholarship Committee were discussed. Council took action, revised and approved changes to their duties. Change language (b ii. And b iii) of the duties of the Turtzo Scholarship Committee: Create an application form, receive applications, review them and select qualified applicants. Award the total amount each year in equal amounts to no more than three qualified applicants who have the highest scores of the criteria used from the eligibility guidelines. If there is only one qualified applicant, 100% of the annual disbursement available is awarded to the qualified applicant. If there are only two qualified applicants, 50% is awarded to each of the annual disbursement available. Also to declare a moratorium on further changes to the scholarship portion of the ANTHONY D. AND JEANNE M. TURTZO PERPETUAL FUND document for a period of five years.
- Review of the Endowment Fund Proposal with Jim Jennings as a revisit from 2020.



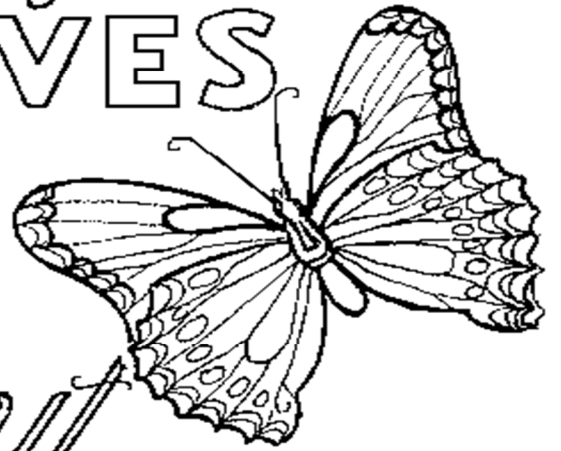
Thursday, April 29	Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8
Friday, April 30	Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25
Saturday, May 1	Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32
5th Sunday of Easter (5/2)	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Monday, May 3	Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26
Tuesday, May 4	Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18
Wednesday, May 5	Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
Thursday, May 6	Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
Friday, May 7	Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
Saturday, May 8	Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45
6th Sunday of Easter (5/9)	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
Monday, May 10	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday, May 11	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday, May 12	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
Ascension of Our Lord (5/13)	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 14	Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday, May 15	Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11
7th Sunday of Easter (5/16)	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Monday, May 17	Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11
Tuesday, May 18	Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9
Wednesday, May 19	Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24
Thursday, May 20	Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
Friday, May 21	Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
Saturday, May 22	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39
Pentecost (5/23)	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Monday, May 24	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Tuesday, May 25	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wednesday, May 26	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23
Thursday, May 27	Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8
Friday, May 28	Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11
Saturday, May 29	Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27
The Holy Trinity (5/30)	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Monday, May 31	Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8
Tuesday, June 1	Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wednesday, June 2	Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25



For **GOD**
so **LOVED**
the world that
He gave His **ONE**



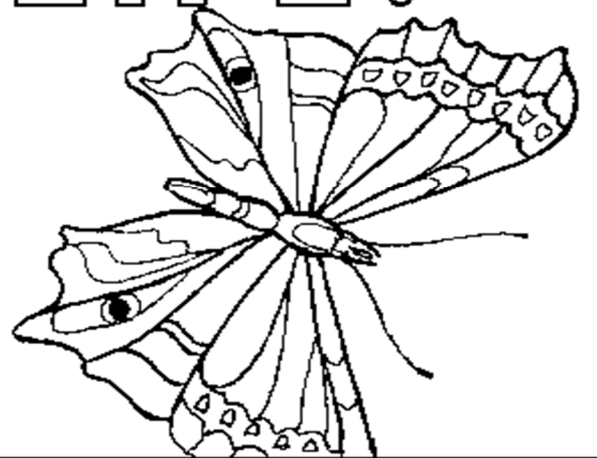
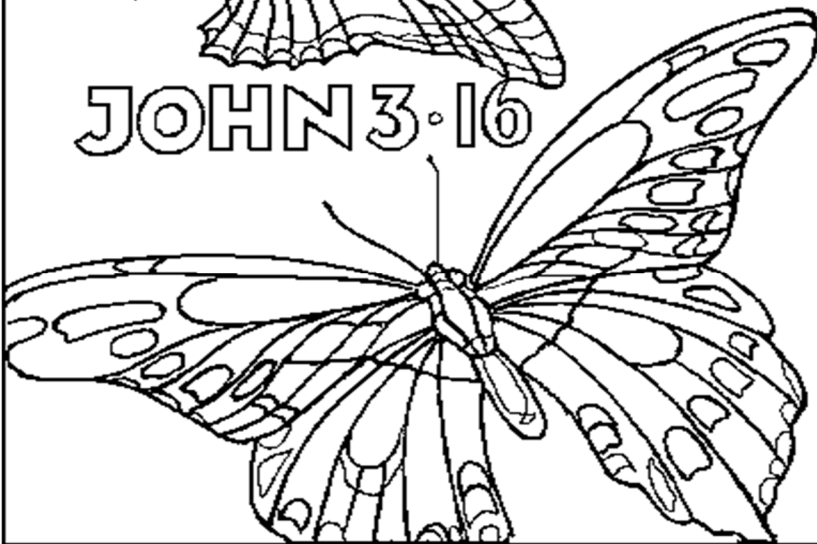
and only **SON**
that whoever
BELIEVES



in **HIM**
shall not
perish but
have

ETERNAL
LIFE.

JOHN 3:16



Samuel and Linda Zeiser Fund for Leaders Endowment



To honor the retirement of Bishop Zeiser, Prince of Peace would like to make a contribution to the Samuel and Linda Zeiser Fund for Leaders Endowment. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarship assistance to persons studying for ordained ministry. To make a contribution to this gift you may drop your marked donation in the offering bucket, mail your donation to the church or contribute on line (select the option “Zeiser Foundation”). Bishop Zeiser was pastor of Prince of Peace for fourteen years, and so we would like to raise \$1400, which is \$100 for each year of his service with us. Donations will be accepted until **April 30th**.

Photo of: Linda and Bishop Samuel Zeiser with their grandchildren James, Lillian, and Sadie.

Earlier in the winter our BSA scout troops offered to help with snow removal. While we might still get some snow, they're all looking toward spring right now! The scout troops are now offering help with spring yard work to people in the community, whether members of Prince of Peace or not. They will be available on Saturdays over the next few months. If you, or a neighbor, would like help with this, please contact Dave Karner at davidkarner1@gmail.com or 484-280-8657. Please know, this is a service opportunity for the scouts, not a fundraiser. They're not looking for payment! What a generous way to share God's love with the community!



Honor Your Mother and Special Ladies for Mother's Day—May 9th

Since we are not back to having weekly Announcement Folders just yet, we've come up with 3 special ways to observe Mother's Day—in memory of and in honor of Mothers and special ladies! The names received will be listed in a display on the bulletin board by the church offices, a special document will be emailed on Pastor's email group and be published in the June Newsletter. The suggested donation is \$1.00 per name, which will benefit the Sunday School. Donations may be placed in the offering buckets or mailed with your offering—just put a note designating that it is for Mother's Day. (**Please don't mail cash.**) To make sure that the postal service doesn't delay my getting the names on time: email the names to poplcbangor@gmail.com or call me at the church office: 610-588-2355 (leave a message and your telephone number if it's after hours) or drop the form in my after hours basket on my office door. - **Annette Buss**



Deadline for names to be included is: Sunday, May 2nd

Please print

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

BY: _____

Use extra paper if more space is needed.



I am attempting to compile a list of items that have been donated to Prince of Peace either in Memory of, or in Honor of loved ones. If you have information or photos that would be helpful in this search please let me know. I can be reached by email at tcbpai@gmail.com or cell at 610-554-2381. (Thank you to those that have already reached out to me!) —*Connie Itterly*



They are trying to have a complete photo library of each confirmation class. The missing years are: 1972, 1982, 1986, 1988-1998, 2009, 2016, 2018, 2019. We can make a copy if you have an original. The committee really wants to have a complete collection. Please contact any of the committee members: Denny Horn, Jackie Horn, Connie Itterly, John Martocci, and Brenda Stauffer.

Dear P.O.P.,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and called me as I'm recuperating from spine surgery.

I appreciate all your thoughtfulness very much. —*Petrina Billger*



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.

Date:	Greeter	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Usher	Power Point
Sunday, May 2	Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey	Sherry Hock	Laraine Brands	Sue Reinhart, Kale Baker, Brooks Baker, Sara Godshalk	Jim Jennings
Sunday, May 9	Sue Reinhart, Connie Itterly	April Miller	Tina Johns	Brenda Hughes, Traci Rumsey, Bob Gist, Kale Baker	Cathy Mullen
Sunday, May 16	Traci Rumsey, Kale Baker	Brooks Baker	Connie Itterly	Marlene and Butch Stana, Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings
Sunday, May 23	Brooks Baker, Brenda Hughes	Kim Jennings	April Miller	Traci Rumsey, Bob Gist, Connie Itterly, Sue Reinhart	Tina Johns
Sunday, May 30	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Janet Martocci	Marlene Stana	Brooks Baker, Kale Baker, Brenda Hughes, Connie Itterly	Antonioli Family
Sunday, June 6	Brooks Baker, Brenda Hughes	Connie Itterly	Kale Baker	Marlene and Butch Stana, Sara Godshalk, Vivian Fahr,	Jim Jennings

A CALL FOR WORSHIP USHERS—Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

We began to worship in-person again in November, and a small group of devoted people offered to be ushers in our new "COVID-style" worship. I did not try to recruit anyone specifically, because I did not want anyone to feel pressured into attending in-person worship if they didn't feel comfortable doing so.

But the truth is, **we need a few more ushers**. Our current list of ushers has shrunk slightly, and those on the list are now scheduled almost every week. Now that more and more of us are vaccinated, perhaps some of you now feel comfortable attending.

So I ask you to consider: would you be willing to be an usher? The role currently includes arriving early to worship, guiding people to their seat, encouraging people to follow the safety guidelines, and dismissing them for communion and to leave at the end. Training will be provided.

This is an important ministry, especially now, and I thank you for giving it some prayerful consideration.



Because your love
is better than life,
my lips will
glorify you.



Psalm 63:3 NIV

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Worship and Holy Communion Schedule:
Sundays at 9:45 a.m. — See Page 2 for details!
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- **Pastor: Rev. Michael J. Scholtes 610-588-2314,**  
**PastorMJS@gmail.com**
- **Organist/Music Leader: Martin Yazdzik**
- **Treasurer: Joyce Weishaupt**
- **Financial Secretary: Mary O’Meally**
- **Sexton: Brittnee Brown**
- **Parish Nurse: Justine Cesari, 610-730-7895,**  
**cesarijustine1080@gmail.com**
- **Church Secretary: Annette Buss**

**Church Secretary’s Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday 9am–Noon Thursday: 1 to 4 pm  
Church Secretary’s email: [poplcbangor@gmail.com](mailto:poplcbangor@gmail.com)

**Church Council Members:**

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| Georgia Suranofsky - President | Dennis Horn     |
| Connie Iterly - Vice President | Luke Hoff       |
| Marlene Stana - Secretary      | Scott Schipps   |
| Dave Karner                    | Kathy Williams  |
| Traci Rumsey                   | Chip Harrison   |
| Benjamin Manicke-Youth Rep.    | Bruce Antonioli |
| Pastor Michael Scholtes        |                 |

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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

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

**EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE  
APPRECIATED!**

**Deadline date for the  
June 2021 Newsletter is:**

**May 11th.**

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

*Or give a handwritten items to  
Annette Buss*

**\*\*Items received  
after the deadline  
will go into the next  
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# SYNOD NEWS

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## NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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**Our Synod is trying something new – and we need you!** As many of you will know, our 2021 Synod Assembly (SA21) was scheduled to be at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. COVID canceled that plan. Our Synod Assembly for this year is to be virtual once again and is scheduled for June 4 & 5.



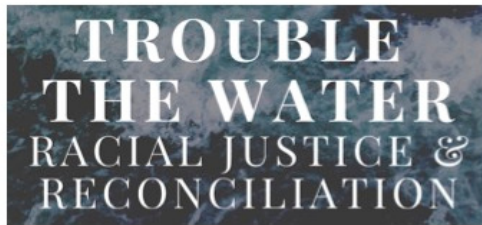
Our theme for SA21 is “Growing Young and Vital.

It will showcase our commitment to the nation-wide church renewal program called “Growing Young”. It will also introduce our three-pronged Synod-wide emphasis on the “Vital Signs,” signs of life and thriving among us. These Vital Signs are: **Loving the Land, Healing the Hurt, and Engaging the Stranger**. Our goal was to invite many churches and ministries in the Synod to participate by bringing your ministries in the three areas to display at the Kalahari Resort. **So, what to do, now that SA21 is virtual?**

**Introducing NEPA Ministry Lab 2021!** (MinLab for short.) MinLab is your opportunity to spotlight how your churches or organization’s ministries are already showing evidence of these Vital Signs. Where is your congregation shining as a “Jesus-Centered Community” (Growing Young)? Think of this day exactly as the name implies: *a ministry laboratory*. 1.) we give you a display area. You showcase your ministry in that space exactly how you choose. It is up to your creativity. 2.) this is your opportunity to mingle with others doing ministries like yours. And, 3.) perhaps most importantly, be inspired by others doing ministry around one of the other vital signs.

We will hold the event mainly outdoors at the Lutheran Center in Allentown – our Synod headquarters – on August 14, 2021 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. More details about exactly when and how to participate will be coming soon. **This is where you come in!** How can your churches or organization’s ministries help all of us in our synod to see the signs of life among us?

This is your opportunity to proclaim to all the signs of life that are active in your local community. To inspire others to partner with you, or to start a ministry of their own. To show the rest of us how it works, right where you are planted. There will be lots of fun and excitement on full display. We will use as much of the Lutheran Center’s parking lot and property as we can to accommodate all who



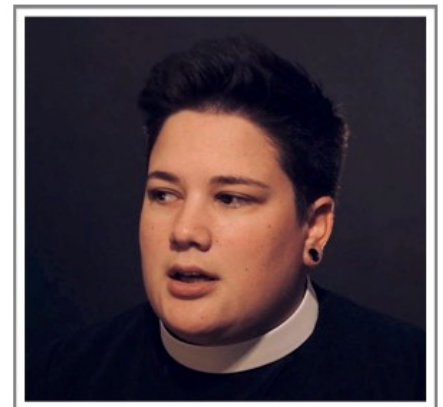
Registration is now open for the Trouble the Water: **Racial Justice & Reconciliation** event on Saturday, May 22. This is a completely virtual conference with our keynote speaker, the Rev. Cecee Mills, and featured speakers the Rev. Marsha Williams, Dr. Helen Davis, the Rev. Melissa Pohlman, and as both a workshop leader and preacher for the event we have the Rev. James Thomas. This is a day of **worship and workshops** to better grow in our understanding of racial justice and reconciliation that is open to all people: Pastors, Deacons, staff, lay member, non-church people, etc. Some of the topics of the workshops are a biblical view against racism, white privilege, how congregations can support communities during social unrest, & what is implicit bias is all about. **Register** from the synod's website. Please register and join us for this important and timely event. A suggested donation for the event is \$25 per person.

want to participate. There will be music – with an emphasis on Growing Young and Vital. Does your church have a ministry in music that reached out to others? Please bring that gift to share with us. There will be food – with an emphasis on food insecurity – an excellent example of all three of our vital signs. Loving the Land by using locally sourced ingredients; Healing the Hurt by sharing generously with those in need; Engaging the Stranger by showing love and compassion to “the least of these”. Join us!!

*-Dan Raudenbush, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown*

## *Meet the Staff:* Rev. Lauren Wolfe Blatt

I joined the synod staff in January as the **Director of Communication and Events**. I also serve full-time at St. John's, Mahoning, which is a small rural congregation nestled in the Mahoning Valley farmlands. I received my undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Alvernia University, my Mdiv from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and I am currently working on my DMin from United Lutheran Seminary. I was ordained in 2017 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, and I love pastoring God's people.



I enjoy spending time at home with my wife, Hannah, our dogs (Riley & Sirius), and our cats (Finnegan & Tank). In my leisure time, I enjoy anything related to Pokemon, reading, video games, and completing projects around the house!