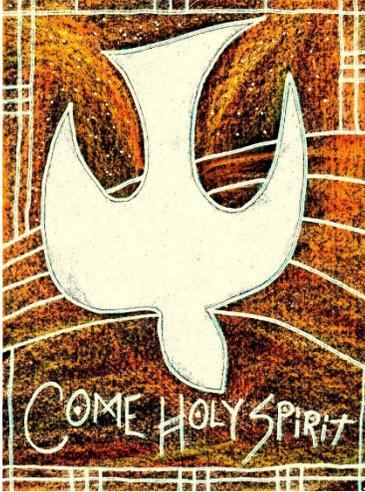


Prints of Peace



This month I want to talk a little bit about spirituality and Pentecost. First off, what is *spirituality*? It's a difficult thing to define. Some people say, "I'm spiritual but not religious." I think what they're saying is that they believe in God (in some form or another), but don't participate in any formal religious rituals or gatherings. So, spirituality has something to do with believing in God. We might think of spirituality as the part of us that yearns for something deeper, something *more* than everyday life. The part of us that reaches out for connection and meaning in life. The part of us where God connects with us.

We might think of spirituality as one aspect of who we are. We are a *body*, a *mind*, and a *spirit*. As a body, we move and interact with the world. As a mind, we think, figure things out, and ponder. And as a spirit, we yearn and connect with God. The movement, the stirring, of our spirit is spirituality.

Or we might think of spirituality as an *action*, as whatever activity or undertaking brings us closer to God or brings us closer to our understanding of God. That might include things like prayer, scripture reading, worship, acts of kindness, generosity, meditation, and more.

However, you think about it, spirituality is connected to our *relationship with God and with God's people*. I've made it a goal for this year to offer new opportunities for you to explore spirituality at Prince of Peace. That's why we focused on the Psalms throughout Lent. That's also why we had three extra services during Holy Week, which were very spiritually centered. I have some other ideas for activities coming up later this year, so stay tuned!

And in May there is a church holiday that is very spiritual – in fact, it's centered on the *Holy Spirit*. This holiday is the **Day of Pentecost**, which is always fifty days after Easter Day. This unique day celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the first disciples and coming anew into our lives today. Pentecost is fifty days after the Resurrection for at least two reasons: for one thing, fifty is seven times seven (plus one). That means it's a "week of weeks." This is a very holy and special number in biblical understanding – seven symbolizes perfection, so seven times seven is total perfection! Also, the book of Acts tells us that it was fifty days after the resurrection when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in a miraculous way – alighting on them like tongues of fire, giving them the ability to proclaim God's good news to people who spoke many different languages!

Pentecost is a day to celebrate the way the Holy Spirit acts in our lives. Martin Luther outlined five things the Holy Spirit does for us: the Spirit *calls us*, *gathers us together*, *enlightens us*, *makes us holy*, and *keeps us in the faith*. The Spirit is indeed doing all those things through the people of Prince of Peace! Come and celebrate that day. And explore your spirituality throughout the year – God loves you and wants a deep relationship with you. Your spirit yearns for that.

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes

When we put *God* first,
all other things
fall into their *proper place*.



Wednesday, May 1	Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
Thursday, May 2	Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
Friday, May 3	Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
Saturday, May 4	Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45
6th Sun. of Easter (5/5)	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
Monday, May 6	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday, May 7	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday, May 8	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
Ascension Day (5/9)	Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 10	Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday, May 11	Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11
7th Sun. of Easter (5/12)	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Monday, May 13	Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11
Tuesday, May 14	Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9
Wednesday, May 15	Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24
Thursday, May 16	Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
Friday, May 17	Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
Saturday, May 18	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39
Day of Pentecost (5/19)	Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-35; Rom. 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Monday, May 20	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Tuesday, May 21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wednesday, May 22	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23
Thursday, May 23	Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8
Friday, May 24	Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11
Saturday, May 25	Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27
The Holy Trinity (5/26)	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-7
Monday, May 27	Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8
Tuesday, May 28	Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wednesday, May 29	Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25
Thursday, May 30	Psalm 81:1-10; Exodus 31:12-18; Acts 25:1-12
Friday, May 31	Psalm 81:1-10; Leviticus 23:1-8; Romans 8:31-39

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!



Current Social Ministry Project

First, thank you for your generous response to our first quarter project, Valor House. The project through June is Valley Youth House. They believe every young person deserves a place to belong. When youth go to them, they are guaranteed access to all the resources, support, and aid they can provide to help them live well. Each youth receives a "welcome basket" upon arrival containing various items, too many to list here. We would like to partner with Valley Youth House by providing some of the items that go in the basket, here are just a few of the items to donate: toothbrush & toothpaste; floss; razors (male & female); wash cloths; deodorant; bar soap with travel soap holder; ChapStick, body lotion; face wash; shampoo/conditioner; cotton swabs. (You can find a complete list of items on the counter in the Narthex). You may place your items in the basket in the Narthex. Social Ministry thanks you for your continued support of all our projects and ministries. Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. — *Mary O'Meally*

The POP scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the Anthony D. and Jeanne M. Turtzo scholarship application form is now available for completion.

All POP college students entering their second, third or fourth year of college/university for the 2024/2025 school year are eligible. The scholarship will be awarded to up to three students. Application forms and instructions can be downloaded from the church website at popbangor.org, or alternatively send a request by e-mail to poplcbangor@gmail.com. Completed applications are due **Monday, May 6, 2024.**



MOTHER'S DAY is almost here – May 12th!



Would you like to remember/honor your Mother and/or Women who are special to you by listing their name in our announcement folder, on the bulletin board and in the June Newsletter? A yellow 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, May 5th.** 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

Thank You!

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and kindness extended to us during the illness and recent passing of our loved one Derek Powell.

—*Stacy, Evan, Carolyn and Holly*

POP's Treasures made a post on Facebook to collect luggage for a children's shelter in Bethlehem. The children come to the shelter with their belongings in a plastic bag. By providing luggage to these children, they are able to put their treasured belongings in luggage when they leave. By putting the word out, we collected a car full of luggage where many were stuffed inside of one another. After the car left, we collected more luggage for another delivery. We also have set aside children's toys for those in the foster care system. The many gifts we have received have allowed us to touch so many in need! —*Jackie Horn*

Many thanks to all who donated, volunteered, and gave of their time with our 1st clothing and houseware giveaway. To say this event was a success is an understatement! After the doors opened, within the first 15 minutes we had 100 people picking out their treasures. Over 200 in attendance helped to really clean out the items we had to give away. The community donated items, clothing left over from our last rummage sale, and a lot of items from the boutique helped fill the tables for this wonderful outreach. Maybe we will do another one in August, which will give us time to save up and rest up! —*Jackie Horn*

Thank you: Your kindness is greatly appreciated. —*Joyce, Ann and Jay Chamberlin*

Dear POP Members, thank you for the lovely card shower with all your kind words and well wishes. Your cards on my mantel are a cheering display. I miss seeing you all regularly on Sundays and hope to be able to return once my condition improves. Thanks again for your heartfelt wishes. —*Joan Deichmann*

Thank you to everyone at Prince of Peace for their cards, phone calls and visits. They are greatly appreciated!
--*Jim and Lois Neiley*



An Excerpt from PastorMail: 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. —Pastor Scholtes

Date:	Greeters	Lay Reader	Assisting Minister	Ushers	Power Point and Camera	Acolyte	Offering Counters
May 5	Georgia and John Suranofsky	April Miller	Bob Schuette	Marlene and Butch Stana	Tara Flyte	Isabel Baker	Brenda Hughes
May 12	Traci Rumsey, Connie Itterly	Brooks Baker	Kale Baker	Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk	Antonioli Family	Alex Scholtes	John Suranofsky
May 19	Brenda Hughes, Brooks Baker	Kim Jennings	Marlene Stana	Vivian Fahr, Traci Rumsey	Tina Johns	Landon Horn	Connie Itterly
May 26	Sherk and June Jones	Janet Martocci	April Miller	Georgia and John Suranofsky	Kim Jennings	Alex Scholtes	Tina Johns
June 2	Sara Godshalk, Sue Reinhart	Kale Baker	Laraine Brands	Connie Itterly, Brenda Hughes	Cathy Mullen	Isabel Baker	Jean Janosa

Communion Assistants:

- May 5 Marlene Stana, Brooks Baker
- May 12 Jim Jennings, April Miller
- May 19 Diane Hahn, Connie Itterly
- May 26 Tina Johns, Laraine Brands
- June 2 Brooks Baker, Marlene Stana

May Altar Guild: Carolyn Leidy, Terry Stiso

June Altar Guild: Janet Martocci, Susan Reinhart

Bread Baker/Providers:

- May 5 Connie Itterly
- June 2 Janet Martocci



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

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**.

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



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.

Sunday Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

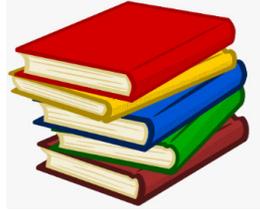
Come join us and bring someone with you! Coffee hours are hosted each week by two or more people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Hosting involves setting up coffee and tea and supplying baked goods/snacks. Members of the Coffee Hour Team are available to help if needed: Karen Karner, Janet Martocci, Cathy Mullen and Sue Reinhart.



**JOIN
US!
We
meet
at
2 p.m.**

Real Readers Book List:

- May 2 – “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby VanPelt (Linda)
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)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Saturday, May 18 for a special Blessing of the Animals service. We will gather at 10 a.m. in the church grove. (Just off the back of the church parking lot.) All appropriately leashed animals are welcome with their owners. If you would like your pet’s name to be mentioned, but cannot attend, please get names to Pastor Scholtes by May 15.



DID YOU KNOW?....

You can use online giving to make a gift to the Endowment Fund at any time.

Here is how easy it is:

1. Go to the Church website: popbangor.org
2. Choose “GIVING”, then in the middle of the page click on the button to make a contribution
3. Choose Endowment Fund, click on the button to start giving
4. On the next page, if you already have an account, log in or click on sign up to open a new account in the top right-hand corner of the screen
5. Follow the directions to complete amount, frequency and date to make payment, click add to basket
6. The next page show your basket, if amount if correct, click on continue to payment button
7. On the next page, choose the option to pay by credit card or checking account. If you are setting up a new account, you will have to enter this information. Click on the button to continue to review.
8. On the final page, review and click on submit



If you need assistance or want information on how to make a contribution via text messaging or mobile phone, call Georgia Suranofsky @ 610-703-0638.

*The Joy of the Lord
is my Strength.*



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:

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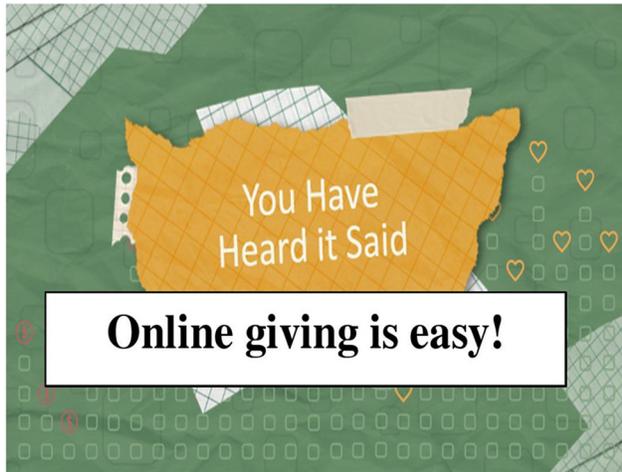
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Stewardship News



Here is how easy it is:

1. Go to the church website: popbangor.org
2. Choose "GIVING", then in the middle of the page click on the button to make a contribution
3. Choose General Fund, click on the button to start giving
4. On the next page, if you already have an account, log in or click on sign up to open a new account in the top right-hand corner of the screen
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If you need assistance or want information on how to make a contribution via text messaging or mobile phone, call Georgia Suranofsky @ 610-703-0638. You can also use online giving to make contributions to the Memorial Fund, Building and other funds.

You will find a thank you note from the synod for our mission support giving in 2023 on the next 2 pages. We are doing God's work with our hand by continuing to give.

**The Joyful Noise donations in March totaled \$89.00.
So far this year we have collected \$262.36!
Thank you for your continued support!**



Thank you to all of our faithful congregations...

for celebrating God's gifts by submitting their 2024 Mission Support Intention Statement and their contributions. If you have not yet returned this intention statement, I encourage you to please do it now. Your synod uses these numbers to determine how much money will be available in the coming year to support the many ministries and programs that take place across Northeastern Pennsylvania, that would not be able to happen without your partnership and financial support. Together we can do so much more than we can do alone. This flyer talks about two of the ministries that your Mission Support contributions helped support in 2023. To learn about what other ministries your Mission Support contributions helped make possible, go to <https://www.elca.org/Resources/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action> or invite one of our "God's Hands, Our Work Storytellers" to come and speak to your congregation. Thank you again for your generosity and your willingness to partner with your synod. Blessings to all.

Debbie Skinner, Mission Support Coordinator – Northeastern PA Synod



On Saturday September 23, Growing Young of Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod partnered with St John's Lutheran in Nazareth with an event called SowSession: Empathy Today.

Jen Bradbury from Fuller Youth Institute facilitated the workshop providing examples and guidance on how to help answer questions of Gen Z youth through grace, love and mission. Youth need to see we are here to journey *with* them. We should not approach situations thinking we are here to fix anything, but rather to listen and show empathy. Youth need individuals they can trust and feel safe around. They need individuals to remind them they are enough because of Jesus, and that they belong with God's people. And most importantly they are invited into God's greater story. Participants of the Sow Session left with a wealth of knowledge on how to begin showing more empathy towards youth today. The Growing Young concept helps congregations retain and attract youth, young adults and families into a Jesus-centered community and it is a way to revitalize your congregation's ministry. What would it look like to show more empathy towards people we do not know or understand or who may think differently than we do? Jesus was and is always there to journey *with* us no matter what or where we are in life. Showing youth, we are there to journey *with* them is one way you can begin Growing Young too. Thanks for the support!

~Stacey Burke, Growing Young Coordinator~



Pursuing a call into seminary and ministry can be very difficult as a second-career student, with all the upheavals and unexpected changes that brings. Change is never easy, but with the generous financial support we received, it made a lot of the difficult financial decisions a lot easier. That is something for which we both will be forever grateful! ~Lisa and Jennifer~

The tuition assistance made a real difference in helping to alleviate some of those worries and allowed Lisa Dubay and now the Reverend Jennifer Toburen to follow a call into ministry without the financial fears causing anxiety. How do you go from two full time careers, having a home in Michigan, family that is still there, and then uproot everything you know? It's difficult, but when the Holy Spirit calls, you might be slow about following, but you still follow. Because synods and congregations like you have been **supporting** the seminary in such an important way, you helped ensure that we did not incur deep financial debt as we followed this call into ministry. The easing of this financial burden allowed us to relocate to Pennsylvania, find new jobs, and immerse ourselves in the new journey more easily.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Phillip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" [John 6:5]

Where indeed? The question asked by Jesus lies behind our synod theme for 2024: "HUNGRY FOR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST." These days, we all have hungry questions. *"How can we keep our congregations going into the future? Where will we find pastors? To whom will we pass on the faith – and who will share the work?"* The answers can be equally daunting, just as Phillip replies: *"Six month's wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."* [John 6:7]

But this is where Jesus steps in, and the miracles begin. He feeds the 5000, and he feeds us still today. I know it for a fact, because I see Christ working miracles in the stories of faith and generosity listed here and being played out very day across our NE PA Synod. God gives the gifts, and you turn around and share. And thousands are fed – in body, mind and spirit. Leading to miracles of **GROWING YOUNG, GAINING STRENGTH, and GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE** – God's Vital Sign Goals for our life together in NE PA.

Thank you, beloved Family of God! May Jesus keep challenging us, and calling us to trust him, to give and share in his name, and to be his hands and feet, to feed his people and support his mission and ministry, in every congregation and across our synod.

Bishop Christopher deForest



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

- Blake Kornafel, May 2
- Laraine Brands, May 2
- Jacob Krock, Jr., May 4
- Benjamin Itterly, 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
- Theresa Stiso, May 12
- Cahley Van Why, May 13
- Mary Hendershot, May 16
- Clarence Kizer, Jr., May 19
- Bobbie Fraunfelter, May 22
- Dorothy Lobb, May 24
- Richard A. Kessler, May 25
- Travis Parsons, May 25
- Saundra Smith, May 26
- Christa Martocci-Smale, May 26
- Benjamin Manicke, May 27
- Meredith Smith, May 29
- Bonnie Buskirk, May 29
- Linda Antonioli, May 30
- Tina Smith, May 30
- Brent Heitzman, May 31

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Prayer Chain has been very busy.
2. Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheets in the narthex for the Jacktown event to be held on May 18-19.

BackPack BUDDIES



Because Hunger Doesn't End on Friday

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*



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.

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12



For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
Plans to *Prosper* you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a Future
-Jeremiah 29:11

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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**
 - **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 Itterly - Vice President	Jackie Horn
Tina Johns - Secretary	Traci Rumsey
Kale Baker	Kerri Miller
Sara Godshalk	Jean Janosa
Mary O’Meally	Jill Hill
Rev. Michael Scholtes	Allison Manicke

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!

June 2024 Newsletter is:

Tuesday, May 14 at Noon

****Please submit items in a Word Document not PDF format, thank you!****

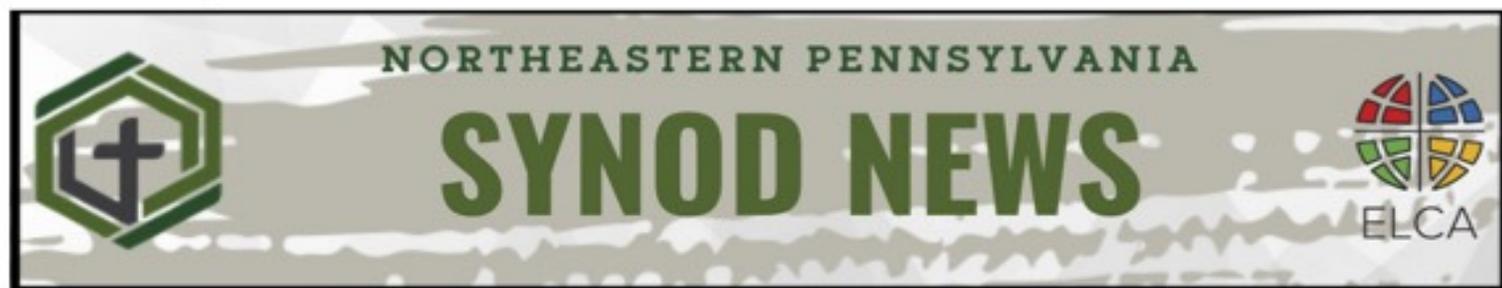
You may email your submissions to
poplcbangor@gmail.com

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.



WE ARE CHURCH
TOGETHER

2024



TOP
STORY



STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

Experiments in
Ministry

A story from the Central States
Synod

As you read this story, what connects with you?
What experiments are occurring in your synod
and congregation?

How often have you heard folks in congregations lament that they just don't have the resources or learning opportunities they need to be strong leaders and vital congregations? The [Central States Synod](#) wondered how it could help address those needs and make access easy. That led to the beginning of the [Ministry Lab](#). The synod envisions the lab as a place to ask questions, learn, work with different "tools" or resources, and experiment to see what works. A lab is not just a depository for resources; it's an active place where one can gather and engage with others.

When visiting congregations, attending conferences or meeting partners, staff and leaders in the Central States Synod diligently listen to folks to identify common needs and areas of growth so that they can equip and support ministry. The goal of the Ministry Lab is to provide *"resources and tools so that we may live out God's purpose, united with Christ, as we walk the way of Jesus."*



The lab has three areas of focus: *good order*, meaning leadership, policies, building use, stewardship and meeting protocol; *means of grace*, including biblical interpretation, worship, communication and welcoming; and *living faith*, such as community engagement, social statements, collaboration and technology. Since the Ministry Lab began in fall 2023, it has offered opportunities focused on Scripture interpretation, ideas for worship and preaching during Advent, and leadership development. People learn through active engagement, not passive observation, so the Learning Lab is always lively. Some opportunities are "one and done" whereas others consist of multiple sessions.

Moving forward, the Ministry Lab is excited to offer an open conversation with the Rev. Susan Candea, bishop of the Central States Synod, about the upcoming ELCA social statement *Civic Life and Faith*, a Collaboration Lab in May and a Communications Lab in the fall. Anyone anywhere can check out and learn from the Central States Synod Ministry Lab. [See what's available now!](#)

Remember that a portion of offerings given to Central States congregations becomes Mission Support for the synod and allows staff and leaders to address congregations' needs and interests through the Ministry Lab, today and into the future.





BEAR CREEK CAMP

Join us for May Play Day
and Family Work Day

MAY PLAY DAY & WORK DAY

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am - Work Day Begins
 11:00 am - May Play Day Begins
 Rec hall open (foosball, ping pong, etc.)
 Nature center open
 Hiking/exploring
 Main camp tour
 12:00 pm - Free Lunch for All!
 1:00 pm - Gathering in the Courtyard
 Q&A about BCC Summer Camp
 1:00 - 3:00 pm - Activities Continued
 Guided hike on Lenape Trail
 Camp store open
 Rec hall open
 Boating

Join us for an open house day at BCC, Saturday, **May 4th from 11am-3pm!** Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, craft, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is available to all and there is no cost.

Prior to May Play Day, starting at 9:00am, everyone is invited to help with projects around camp as we prepare for summer. All skill levels are welcome and lunch is provided.

Registration for both May Play Day and Family Work Day is available at the link below. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.

