

Prints of Peace



November 2024

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There are several very special opportunities for our congregation in the next month, and I hope you have the chance to participate in some or all of them!

First off, join us on Sunday, October 27, but not at Prince of Peace! We have **canceled Sunday School and worship at Prince of Peace** that day. We've done that because our neighbors at Christ Lutheran Church in Stone Church are celebrating 250 years of ministry that day! What an incredible milestone! So, instead of joining us at Prince of Peace that day, plan to attend worship at **10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran** (703 S Delaware Dr., Mt. Bethel). There will also be a catered luncheon to follow. I am so delighted that we are doing this. There was a time when congregations saw themselves as rivals and wouldn't dream of coming together in this special way. I am delighted to see that those times are over, at least around here. I am convinced that the future of the church is going to be all about partnerships and working together, and this celebration is an excellent step toward that future!

Second, join us on Sunday, November 3 at 9:45 a.m. for **All Saints Sunday**. Each year on All Saints Sunday (the first Sunday in November), we remember all those who have died in the past year, as well as all those who have been baptized in the past year. We light candles and sound chimes. We cry and we rejoice. We celebrate with those who have been baptized, who have now begun their lives in Christ. And we celebrate with those who have died, whom Christ has now brought into eternal life. This is a very moving service, and I hope you can join us, as we remember together that Christ is our past, our present, and our future.

Third, join us on Sunday, November 10 at 9:45 a.m. for **Harvest Home**. This special service will feature lots of "harvest" decorations, as well as a special musical setting with dulcimers. Also, join us that week on **Wednesday, November 13** at 10:30 a.m. for a special **Harvest Home "Lessons and Carols" Service**, followed by a **luncheon**. What a great way to celebrate how God has blessed us so richly this year.

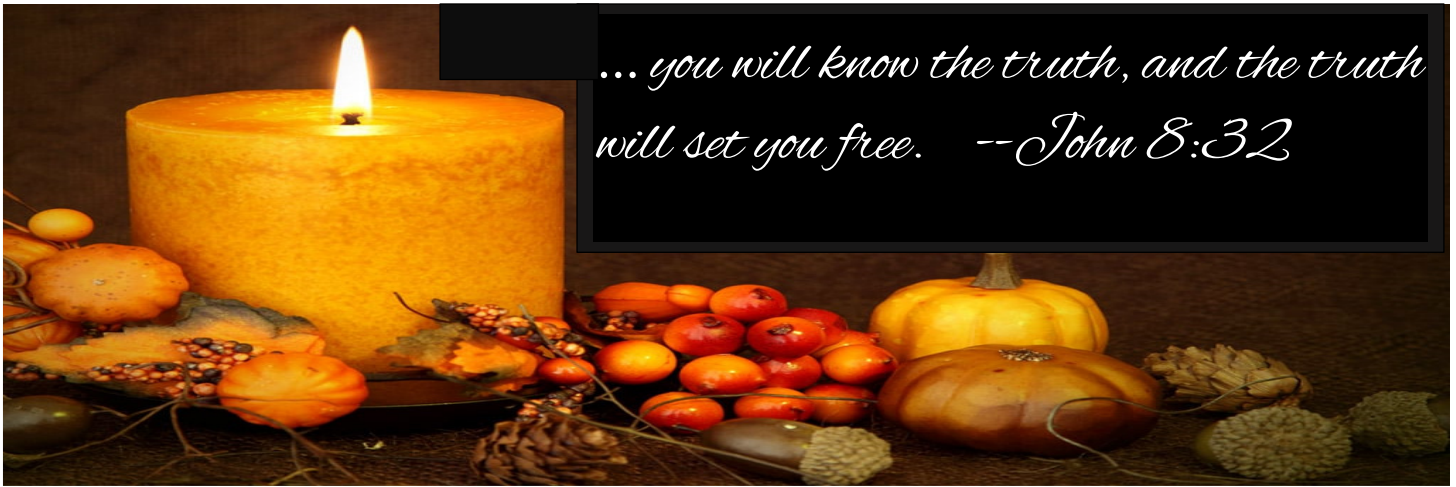
Fourth, join us on Sunday, November 17 for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** right after worship. At that meeting we will hear about all the amazing things that God has done in our midst throughout the past year, as well as make faithful plans for what we think God might be up to among us next year. Join us!

All of these events have something in common – they are all about recognizing the way God has been active in our midst and offering our thanks and praise for God's good work. Join us in this month of celebration. See you soon!

In Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Scholtes





... you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. --John 8:32

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| Friday, November 01 | Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 19:32-37; Romans 3:21-31 |
| Saturday, November 02 | Psalm 119:1-8; Numbers 9:9-14; Luke 10:25-37 |
| All Saints Sunday (11/3) | Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6; John 11:32-44 |
| Monday, November 04 | Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10 |
| Tuesday, November 05 | Psalm 51; Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1; Acts 7:17-29 |
| Wednesday, November 06 | Psalm 51; Micah 6:1-8; John 13:31-35 |
| Thursday, November 07 | Psalm 146; Numbers 36:1-13; Romans 5:6-11 |
| Friday, November 08 | Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Hebrews 9:15-24 |
| Saturday, November 09 | Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 |
| Sunday, November 10 | 1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 |
| Monday, November 11 | Psalm 94; Ruth 1:1-22; 1 Timothy 5:1-8 |
| Tuesday, November 12 | Psalm 94; Ruth 3:14-4:6; 1 Timothy 5:9-16 |
| Wednesday, November 13 | Psalm 94; Ruth 4:7-22; Luke 4:16-30 |
| Thursday, November 14 | Psalm 16; Daniel 4:4-18; 1 Timothy 6:11-21 |
| Friday, November 15 | Psalm 16; Daniel 4:19-27; Colossians 2:6-15 |
| Saturday, November 16 | Psalm 16; Daniel 4:28-37; Mark 12:1-12 |
| Sunday, November 17 | Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8 |
| Monday, November 18 | Psalm 13; Daniel 8:1-14; Hebrews 10:26-31 |
| Tuesday, November 19 | Psalm 13; Daniel 8:15-27; Hebrews 10:32-39 |
| Wednesday, November 20 | Psalm 13; Zechariah 12:1-13:1; Mark 13:9-23 |
| Thursday, November 21 | Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a |
| Friday, November 22 | Psalm 93; Ezekiel 28:20-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 |
| Saturday, November 23 | Psalm 93; Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18; John 3:31-36 |
| Reign of Christ (11/24) | Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Rev. 1:4-8; John 18:33-37 |
| Monday, November 25 | Psalm 76; Daniel 7:19-27; Revelation 11:1-14 |
| Tuesday, November 26 | Psalm 76; Ezekiel 29:1-12; Revelation 11:15-19 |
| Wednesday, November 27 | Psalm 76; Ezekiel 30:20-26; John 16:25-33 |
| Thursday, November 28 | Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 |
| Friday, November 29 | Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22 |
| Saturday, November 30 | Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24 |

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!

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Prince of Peace's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 11:00 am. The agenda will include elections of council members, consideration of the 2025 budget, consideration of Endowment Sub funds for 2025, and any business from the floor.



RECENT PASTORAL ACTS

Funerals: Janet M. Lee, September 18 (covering for St. John's, Pen Argyl)
Orphia Jelinek, September 28 (non-member)
Linda Kessler, October 11

Baptism: Hallie Shrift, October 13

COME
Worship
WITH US

On-site (9:45 a.m. on Sundays)

Online / Facebook

Watch our worship each week at our website (popbangor.org/video-worship). Or watch it on our Facebook page (facebook.com/popbangor). Please note: Our phone-in worship option is now discontinued.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Jennifer Grusso, November 2
Emma Confalone, November 3
Julia Antonioli, November 4
Joanne Schipps, November 4
Brandon Harrison, November 5
Kathy Griggs, November 5
Anthony Diabo, November 5
Sarah Harrison, November 7
Robert Johns, November 8
Mary Dry, November 8
Georgia Suranofsky, November 9
Alissa Kornafel, November 11
Wayne Bisher, November 13
Stacy Powell, November 13
Tami Manicke, November 14
Maureen Suprick, November 16
Kerri Miller, November 17
Emma Steigerwalt, November 17
Kevin Hall, November 17
Jared Reto, November 18
Sherry Hock, November 20
Yvonne Gist, November 21
Larry Rissmiller, November 22
Ashlyn Oessenick, November 22
Wayne Shuman, November 23
Maci Hock, November 23
Bonnie Scholtes, November 23
Marlene Stana, November 27
Sherwood Jones, November 28
Robert Gist, November 28
Stephanie Shoemaker, November 28
Joseph Daley, November 30

DWELLING IN THE WORD

This special form of Bible Study returns! We will gather every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to dive into scripture. This special method of Bible Study requires absolutely no prior knowledge of the Bible. Bible newbies and Bible veterans, as well as everyone in the middle, are welcome. We will meet in the Conference Room at the church. If you prefer to join us remotely, a Zoom link will be available – just let me know. –*Pastor Scholtes*



November Rummage Sale

November 8th and 9th will be our fall rummage sale! We are making plans to unload the trailer of items on Saturday, October 26th at 9 a.m. and place them in fellowship hall in preparation for the sale. Beginning on October 28th through November 6th we will meet at 9 a.m. to start setting up for the sale. Help is needed on sale days and of course cleanup on Saturday the 9th at Noon. Please mark your calendars to plan on helping with this monumental event!! POP's Treasures will also be open at the same time, so YES, we need your HELP!!!! Consider giving some time to help during this activity!!! Questions: Jackie @610-810-7268

Your Generosity in Action



Your giving to mission support helps do God's work in the world. This past year we received a grant to help with the cost of the storage units for POP's Treasures. Visit our website <https://www.popbangor/giving> to read about POP's and other ministries funded from grants funded with Mission Support giving from congregations in the Synod.

Here's the link to hear more from Bishop DeForest.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJqt7Kc1gjs>



We celebrated the 50th anniversary of World Hunger in a big way! Our goal was met and surpassed! As you can see in the photo, we purchased pigs and chickens to name a few. Your contributions purchased 55 animals and on top of that POP's Treasures added 101 more! I think the barn is filled to help others with your generous support.



The Joyful Noise collection in September totaled \$35.00 Year to date we have collected \$686.00 Thank you for your continued support. The bucket is always on the counter in the narthex for donations at any time!



We continue to collect items for Slater Family Network. Children in the Bangor Area School District that experience food insecurity may come and be assisted. Your donations help provide needed items. Just drop the item in the basket and off it goes to SFN!



It is that time of year when we have the opportunity to show our gratitude to our staff. During the year they use their time and talents to support our congregation. Why not include a monetary gift this year using the envelope you see here?

Thank you!

Save the Date: Please join the Endowment Fund Trustees on Sunday, November 10th.

We will meet in the fellowship hall after church for about 1 hour to get updated on the fund operations during the year. Attending will give you up to date information, time to ask questions and a preview of the portion during the annual meeting that you will participate in on November 17th. There will be light refreshments along with good information!



You have the opportunity to use the offering envelope or endowment envelopes on the counter in the narthex to make a contribution as we continue to grow the fund. Growing the fund ensures the continued efficient operation of the organization, the maintenance and repair of our property holdings, and the execution of our ministry programs. We will be deciding at the annual meeting how 2025 funds will be used.

Dear Prince of Peace Church, Thank you for the wonderful card shower you sent, and still remembering Ethan and me in your prayers. Things are still challenging with Aaron and my Mom's issues, but we are still struggling through. I think of all of you virtually every day (though as usual, half the names escape me), and hope God keeps you close and firm in his love and light all the days of your lives. Thank you, —*Tina Smith*

Thank you: During life's many struggles we are faced with pain and sadness. The loss of a loved one is never a road we wish to tread. The thoughtfulness of kind words, cards and flowers were greatly appreciated. By the grace of God, prayer, and the many wonderful relationships found here at POP, have truly helped me during this sorrowful time. Many thanks to all for the compassionate expressions of sympathy you have shared with myself and my family. —*Jacqueline Horn*

Thank you: Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us. We extend our deepest thanks during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express, and it will always be remembered. —*The Family of Linda Kessler*

OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Return of 4H club. They will be returning to using our building for their meetings
- Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 17 @ 11 a.m.
- Watch out for some new signs coming soon
- Reminder we will be worshipping at Stone Church on October 27th 10 a.m.



P.U.M.P News:
Cereal and mac n' cheese are always staples P.U.M.P. needs, at this time of year they are also requesting items for Thanksgiving, i.e.: stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, etc. Thank you for your continued generous support of P.U.M.P.

Real Readers: Join Us! We meet at 2 p.m.

November 7 – “The Children’s Blizzard” by Melanie Benjamin (Wanda)

December 5 – “Mr. Dickens and His Carol” by Samantha Silva (Sherry)

Real Readers Releases Their Book List for 2025

Our 21st year as a book group begins in 2025, and this year’s list has a little bit of everything for everyone.

New members are always welcome!

Questions? Please feel free to speak to Karen Karner, Janet Martocci or Sherry Hoch for information.

January 2 – “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhom (Linda)

February 6 – “Only One Life/The Drowned Girl” by Sarah Blaedel (Wanda)

March 6 – “By Any Other Name” by Jodi Picoult (Patti)

April 3 – “The Teacher” by Freida McFadden (Cindy)

May 1 – “The God of the Woods” by Liz Moore (Jean)

June 5 – “Finding Dorothy” by Elizabeth Letts (Sherry)

July 3 – “The Measure” by Nikki Erlick (Sandy)

August 7 – “Tell Me Everything” by Elizabeth Strout (Terry)

September 4 – “Demon Copperhead” by Barbara Kingsolver (Janet)

October 2 – “The Secret Life of Sunflowers” by Marta Molnar (Karen)

November 6 – “The Housemaid” by Freida McFadden (Mary)

December 4 – “All He Ever Wanted” by Anita Shreve (Maureen)



Join us for Sunday Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall:

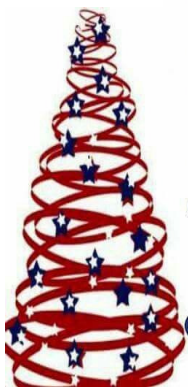
Come join us and bring someone with you! Coffee hours are hosted each week by two or more people. If you are interested in hosting coffee hours, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall. Hosting involves setting up coffee and tea and supplying baked goods/snacks.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



Join us for the Fall Worship Service and Luncheon: Wednesday, November 13th



After an extended absence, the fall luncheon is making a return. Sue Reinhart and Cathy Mullen have graciously offered to host it. There will be a worship service on Wednesday, November 13th at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the Narthex. We hope to see you there! "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20



Remember those that cannot be home for Christmas and are still in harms way. May God be with them all.

Gearing up for our Christmas Card Ministry for our Military:

It's that time of year again when we remember our military. As many of you know Holly Blakeslee and her "soldiers" write Christmas cards to our military. Last year her goal was 10,000 cards and I believe over 13,000 were sent to the soldiers. She needs your help again this year. Would you like to participate in this ministry? All you have to do is write a card, you don't have to sign your name unless you want to, you can write "Greetings from a friend", or something like it. On the outside of the envelope write: American Soldier. Cards need to be at the church by **November 15th**. There is a box in the Narthex to place your completed cards. If you need cards, see Holly Blakeslee. Social Ministry thanks you for your support of this very important ministry.

| Date: | Greeters | Lay Reader | Assisting Minister | Ushers | Power Point and Camera | Acolyte | Offering Counters | Pew Tenders |
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| Nov. 3 | Sue Reinhart, Vivian Fahr | Sara Godshalk | Tina Johns | Kale Baker, Brooks Baker | Antonioli Family | Isabel Baker | Connie Itterly | Sherry and Maci Hock |
| Nov. 10 | Lisa & Wayne Jones | Mark Grusso | April Miller | Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes | Cathy Mullen | Fabian Vargas | Brenda Hughes | Traci Rumsey |
| Nov. 17 | Georgia & John Suranofsky | Kim Jennings | Laraine Brands | Marlene & Butch Stana | Tara Flyte | Ben Scholtes | Tina Johns | June Jones |
| Nov. 24 | Traci Rumsey, Brenda Hughes | Brooks Baker | Connie Itterly | Sue Reinhart, Sara Godshalk | Jim Jennings | Alex Scholtes | Jean Janosa | Sara Godshalk |
| Dec. 1 | Connie Itterly, Kale Baker | Kale Baker | Marlene Stana | Sherk & June Jones | Tina Johns | Landon Horn | John Suranofsky | Sherry and Maci Hock |

Communion Assistants:

- November 3** April Miller, Marlene Stana
- November 10** Jim Jennings, Diane Hahn
- November 17** Tina Johns, Brooks Baker
- November 24** Laraine Brands, Marlene Stana
- December 1** April Miller, Laraine Brands

- November Altar Guild:** Janet Martocci, Sue Reinhart
- December Altar Guild:** Kim Jennings, Sara Godshalk

Bread Baker/Providers:

- November 3:** Sue Reinhart
- November 24:** Karen Karner



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**

Sunday School has resumed! 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (Please be prompt!)
Children ages 2 - 11 are invited to join us.

Youth 12 and older are invited to participate in both our **Confirmation Program and Youth Group**. Contact Pastor Scholtes or Chip Harrison about Confirmation and watch for more info about Youth Group!



POPS (Prince of Peace Seekers) gathering continues from 10 a.m. -Noon, in the Conference Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks are available. We meet for a time of spiritual growth, discussion, and fellowship. We have some topics planned to spark your spiritual imagination!

Pastor Scholtes continues to lead a book study on *The Sacred Pulse: Holy Rhythms for Overwhelmed Souls* by April Fiet, during the month of November. There will be no gathering on Thanksgiving Day. I am so thankful for this group of Seekers.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Karner or Janet Martocci.



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

– 1 Chronicles 16:34

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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,**
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- **Administrative Assistant: Annette Buss**
Admin. Asst’s Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.–Noon
Thursday: 1 to 4 pm
Admin. Asst’s email: poplcbangor@gmail.com

Congregation Council Members:

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| Larry Rissmiller – President | Brenda Hughes |
| Connie Itterly - Vice President | Jackie Horn |
| Tina Johns - Secretary | |
| Kale Baker | Kerri Miller |
| Sara Godshalk | Jean Janosa |
| Mary O’Meally | Allison Manicke |
| Rev. Michael Scholtes | John Martocci |

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!

December 2024 Newsletter is:
Tuesday, November 12 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.***



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LWR Ingathering: Can you believe we filled the Truck!



On Saturday, September 21, the NEPA Synod hosted our first local Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering to collect Mission Quilts and Kits destined for the Baltimore warehouse. Congregations collect donations and assemble various LWR kits – Personal Care, School, Baby Care or Fabric kits – for their “God’s Work. Our Hands.” service projects. Quilts are typically made all year long with a celebration Blessing of the Quilts and Kits through the fall season. Our LWR Ingathering was scheduled to coincide with these activities, to collect donations and coordinate transportation to the Baltimore warehouse. As a new venture, we were very curious to see the turnout from local churches.

As is typical with our Synod, the response was AMAZING! During our 3 hour collection period, cars, trucks and vans kept coming filled with as many boxes as could be carried! Most congregations brought Personal Care Kits totaling 570 kits from Trinity Lutheran in Robesonia, St. John’s Lutheran in Stroudsburg, Trinity Lutheran in Topton, Trinity Lutheran in Perkasio, Zion Lutheran in Womelsdorf, Emmanuel’s Lutheran in Emmanuelville and St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown. The largest quantity donated were School Kits totaling 595 kits from Zion Lutheran in Womelsdorf, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Northampton and St. Stephen’s Lutheran in Bethlehem. Fifty-four (54) Mission Quilts were collected from St. John’s Lutheran in Slatington, St. Paul’s Lutheran in Douglassville and St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown. Fourteen (14) Baby Care kits were collected from St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown.

On October 12, through the generous donation of Kristi Parcel-Smith of Remax in Allentown, we drove her company’s truck to





Christ Lutheran Church in Reading to collect donations from three additional churches. We added more boxes containing 207 Mission Quilts from Reformation Lutheran in Reading and Robeson Lutheran in Plowville. We also added 110 Personal Care Kits from Nativity Lutheran in Reading and St. Paul's in Reading. We continued our journey on to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata where volunteers loaded our boxes onto a tractor-trailer headed to Baltimore on Monday, October 14. What an amazing outpouring of love for our neighbors in need!

Typically, LWR Quilts and Kits are sent around the world. Following Hurricane Helene, LWR Quilts and Personal Care Kits are being distributed throughout the devastated areas in the Carolinas and Georgia. Donations at our Ingathering represent only a portion of the total contributions to LWR from our Synod, as some congregations ship their donations directly to the Baltimore warehouse or attend a closer Ingathering. Several of our churches bring their donations to an Ingathering in Auburn, PA, and three churches delivered their donations directly to Bergstrasse Church.

Submitted by: Eileen Lane, St John Lutheran, Allentown

MISSION DISTRICT
**TOWN HALL
 CHEW & CHAT**

Each of the 9 mission districts of the Northeastern PA Synod will host open conversations with Bishop Christopher deForest, VP Nancy Reichelt, and DEM Deacon Kat Tigerman. These Town Hall events will be held on different evenings at various locations. All congregation members and rostered ministers within the respective mission districts are invited to attend.

To find out when your mission district town hall meeting is, visit godslve.org/events