



*Epistle from*  
**St. Timothy**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*Sharing our faith by sharing God's love!*

"Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow."

You may recall this famous line from the balcony scene in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Juliet doesn't want the magical moment to end. She has already wished Romeo "a thousand times goodnight," but now they really do have to part.

I first presided over worship at St. Timothy on Sunday, August 5, 2012. Over the past 4 years I have tried my best to serve as your interim pastor, and I have loved every minute of it. I felt a part of the St. Timothy family from day one; and there has never been a time when I doubted your love and support. We have worked hard together; laughed a lot together; at times, cried together. As the song lyric goes: "We are fam-i-ly."

And now, as happens in every family, we enter a new phase in our journey. On Sunday, June 26, I presided at worship for the last time here at St. Timothy. God willing, we will see each other from time to time in the years to come; but we know that what we've had together is over. Yet it is not to be lamented, because it must give way to God's plan for the future, both yours and mine.

So, like Juliet on the balcony, we say "Good night!" But we say it knowing that we are one in the Body of Christ; and that at the last, we will feast together at God's heavenly banquet table for all eternity.

*Pastor Paul*

## **St. Timothy Mission Statement**

Nurtured and sustained by God's love,  
we are called and inspired to share His love with our neighbor,  
to make God's story known, and to help our neighbors near and far  
...so that all may experience God's love.

## July Worship Calendar

Summer Sunday Morning Services – 9:30 a.m.

Date	Day	Special Events	Readings
July 3	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 7</b> Pastor Jerry Rounds	Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20
July 10	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 8</b> Pastor Glenn Simmons	Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 9</b> Vicar Brian Reidy <b>Rite of Wholeness</b>	Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 10</b> Pastor Jerry Rounds	Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 11</b> Vicar Brian Reidy	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### Moving? New Email? Change Your Phone No.?

We constantly struggle in this mobile society we live in to keep up with everyone's current mailing and contact information. We are asking everyone to make sure the information we have is up-to-date by completing the form below and either mail it to the church secretary or drop it in the offering plate.

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for information about our synod

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for information about our national church

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## August Worship Calendar

Summer Sunday Morning Services – 9:30 a.m.g

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Aug. 7	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 12</b> Vicar Brian Reidy	Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
Aug. 14	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 13</b> <b>Rite of Wholeness</b>	Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
Aug. 21	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 14</b>	Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
Aug. 28	Sunday 9:30 a.m.	<b>Pentecost 15</b>	Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



### *Health Topic of the Month* by Charlotte Cruise



#### **Is Your Home Safe?**

More accidents occur in the home than anywhere else. Some tips to maintain a safe home environment:

- Be sure that stairs are clear of toys, books, folded laundry, etc. It is a convenient location to place these items until someone goes up the stairs, but it is not safe.
  - If there are no handrails on the stairs, it is wise to consider having them installed. Check that rails already in place are secure and do not wobble.
  - Candles are a great enhancement to the atmosphere, but they can pose a hazard when children and pets are around. Consider using the new LED candles that look like real ones but erase the danger.
  - If you have a fireplace, have your chimney cleaned at least one time each year. Be sure to burn well-seasoned fire wood.
  - Be sure that TVs and certain pieces of furniture are anchored with anti-tip brackets or straps to reduce the risk of a tipping accident.
  - Use extension cords with caution. Do not use in place of permanent wiring; use on a temporary basis only.
  - Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them periodically. Schedule the tests for the spring and fall when the clocks are turned ahead and back.
  - Clean out the dryer lint screen regularly. Also clean out the dryer vent at least once a year.
  - Always lock your doors when away from the house and do not leave a key hiding under the doormat.
- Most burglars enter the home through the front door.
- Sidewalks provide a prime spot for trips and falls. Have cracked and uneven walks repaired. During the winter months, remove snow and ice accumulation from steps and walks.

Do not become a statistic—stay safe.

*Adapted from Eriesense Spring '16*

## From the Vicar...

Hello my sisters and brothers in Christ,

It was only a few short months ago that I said hello to your congregation. When I first arrived, I thought my stay would be for a very short time. It turns out that I was wrong about my length of stay. Therefore, I must first say thank you. Thank you for the opportunity you have presented to me in being your "pastoral presence" during a year of deep discussion on the future.

With this opportunity comes excitement and nervousness. I am excited about the tremendous learning that I will receive in this next year. I am excited to be in active ministry with your fantastic congregation. I am excited about the horizon of tomorrow for your congregation. I am nervous about being in the pulpit, about presiding at the communion table, about being an effective presence for your congregation.

To help everyone along with this process, I will hold every one of you in prayer. I ask that you please do the same for Pr. Woody Maxon, Pr. Tom Lichner, and myself. I think this is a first good step to next year. The holding up in prayer comes from St. Paul in his first letter to Thessalonica. (1Thessalonians 3:12) "And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you."

This next year may prove to be a difficult time at St. Timothy. I will be walking with you during the process of rediscovering who St. Timothy is in the West End community between Hamilton Street and Lindberg Avenue. I am leaning toward the thought that if we are not feeling stretched in comfort over the next year, then we are not looking deep enough inside ourselves.

Whatever the outcome of our work together in the coming year, it will be fruitful if we base our work on love. Therefore, we must be patient, honest, and open with one another. We should look to build each other up as we seek to do God's work through being good stewards of our selves, our building, our time, and our ministry opportunities which present themselves as possibilities.

Again, I say to you, thank you. I want you to know that while I am scheduled as a part time presence with your congregation, my heart will be with you one hundred percent. Together, we will walk humbly yet proudly toward a new vision, toward the new life of tomorrow.

God's peace I send to all of you,  
Vicar Brian



**DEADLINE**  
for the  
**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER...**  
**AUGUST 15!**

## Significant Happenings

St. Timothy has experienced many significant happenings this Spring as we try to find God's will for the congregation.

We able to fully pay off the loan on the Land of Promise using funds received from UGI Corporation and the Memorial Fund. We negotiated an easement with UGI for the placement of a pressure reducing station (PRS) which is now installed on the Northeast corner of the LOP. We received compensation for the grant of the easement. The PRS will help the overall safety of the neighborhood. The agreement allows UGI the use of the land on a temporary basis, in this case seven years, until upgrades are completed in the neighborhood and the PRS is no longer needed. It will then be removed by UGI at their cost. If we did not grant the easement, UGI would have tried to acquire a portion of the LOP on a permanent basis through the eminent domain process.

We also had to address major problems with our roof. New installations were completed; however,

this exhausted our emergency fund. Council voted at the June meeting to use the monthly "maintenance" envelopes as a means to replenish the emergency fund. Please consider this need with your offerings.

We unanimously voted at a special congregational meeting on June 5th to proceed with the Bishop's proposal to have Vicar Brian and Pastor Woody Maxon of Christ Lutheran provide pastoral leadership and care to us during the 2016-2017 program year as they help us discern God's will for our future.

They will meet with Council and the Outreach Committee right after church on July 31st, Brian's first Sunday with us in his new capacity, to start the discussion about our future. More times to meet with everyone will be planned, so stay tuned.

These are exciting times! Please stay involved and pray for our future as a community of faith.

*Rick Focht, Congregation President*

## Flash Choir – Sunday, July 31

Yes, we're having a flash choir... just like on YouTube, so mark your calendars!! On Sunday, July 31, anyone and everyone who would like to 'be the choir' will gather in the lounge at 9 a.m. to rehearse a very familiar song to sing that day in church. No matter what age or ability you are, come join in the fun of 'making a joyful noise unto the Lord.' Everyone is invited, so be sure to be there!!

This is your big chance to sing in the choir for the Glory of God!!



## Members at Home

We pray weekly for our members at home. Every month we highlight a portion our list of homebound members so that you can send cards, and perhaps visit!

Here is this month's list (*birthday in italics*):

**Elaine Hilbert**, Devon House Senior Living, 1930 Bevin Dr., Allentown, PA 18103 (*October 21*)

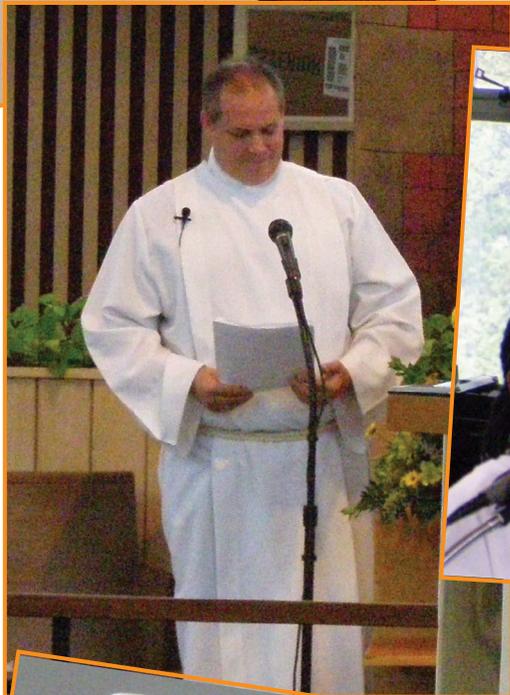
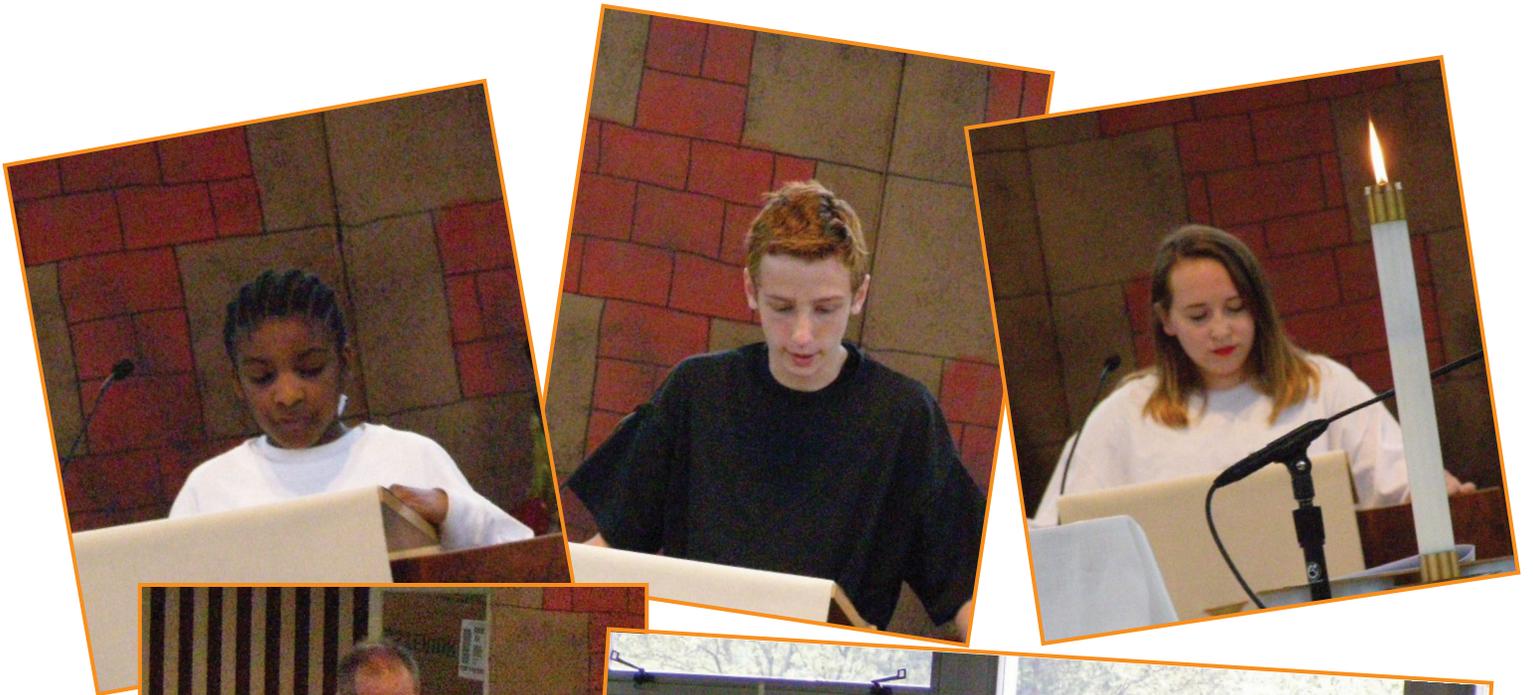
**Mrs. Ruth Reichenbach**, Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Rd., Health Center #541, Allentown, PA 18104 (*June 25*)

**Earl Lichtenwalner**, 3311 W. Union Street, Allentown, PA 18104

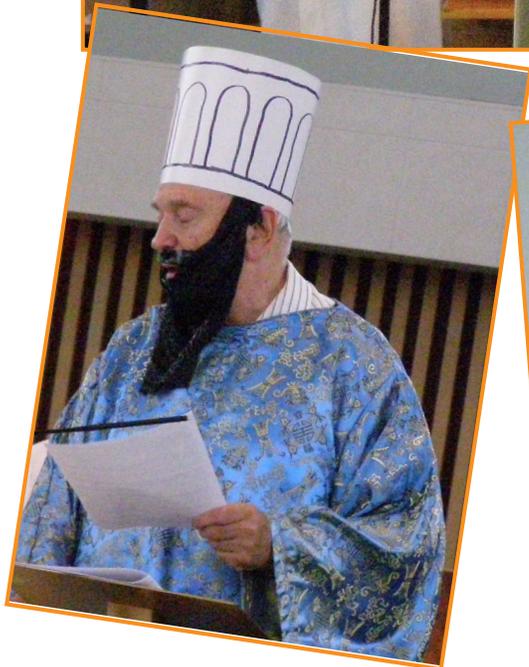
**Mary Schnable**, (At Phoebe) Mail to:1696 Jackson St. Whitehall, PA 18052-4174 (*August 28*)

Birthdays for July and August are:

**Mary Schnable**, (*see above*).



# Children's Day



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## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly Report

The assembly was held June 17-18, 2016, at the PPL Center in Allentown, PA. It was attended by Pastor Braden, and Nancy and George Fennell. The theme of the assembly was 'NEPA Synod: Unleashed for Reformation 2017.' The assembly was filled with inspiring worship, music, reports, and speakers. New members of the synodical council were elected on the first ballot.

The keynote speaker was The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Peterson from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio. She reported that although ELCA membership since 1988 is down 25%, belief in God among Americans has remained the same at 85%. The "nones" are the fastest growing segment in America. She urged us to be spirit-led and bring the gospel of love to all as in the Acts of the Apostles.

We heard reports from representatives of the ELCA, Bear Creek Camp, Portico Benefit Services, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (LTSP). President David Lose reported that the ELCA has 1000 empty pulpits in the US. We should plant the seed in our young people to enter the ministry. His hope is to combine the efforts of LTSP with Gettysburg Seminary, and soon offer full scholarships for full time seminarians. He requested that the seminaries financial budget could be met if every congregation could donate \$1000 a year. Enrollment and optimism are up.

The assembly voted on the following resolutions:

1. That the ELCA develop a plan for designating 20% of all funds in all programmatic units, global and domestic, to support ministries among people experiencing economic poverty, and direct institutions of this church, in particular educational institutions, to develop processes for raising up and equipping leaders to serve in ministries among people experiencing economic poverty; and instruct the Domestic Mission program unit of this church to develop faith formation and worship resources that will support those engaged in initiating and leading ministries among people experiencing economic poverty. ***This resolution passed.***

2. That the ELCA begin divestment of all fossil fuel investments held in the ELCA Endowment Fund

Pooled Trust Fund A; and that the ELCA consider and recommend that Portico add a fossil-free investment fund that excludes the 200 largest fossil fuel companies as an option for ELCA retirement plan participants; and that this synod encourage its congregations and individual members to prayerfully consider their own divestments from fossil fuels, and consider re-investment in sustainable and clean energy. ***This resolution passed.***

3. That the ELCA affirm the commitment to continue its awareness-building, accompaniment, and advocacy on behalf of a peaceful resolution of the conflict between Israel and Palestine. ***This resolution passed.***

4. That all congregations of the NEPA Synod become aware of the domestic and global efforts to end human trafficking; and that the NEPA Synod establish a Social Justice Task Force. ***This resolution passed.***

5. That the ELCA include as part its observance of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and the commemoration of the United Nations International Decade of People of African Descent. ***This resolution passed.***

6. That each congregation of the NEPA Synod be encouraged to address all areas of domestic violence that threaten the lives of men, women and children; and that a Social Justice Task Force collate educational and referral resource information for support. ***This resolution passed.***

7. Resolved that NEPA Synod will close a church only after the church council notifies NEPA Synod that they have exhausted all efforts to remain open. ***Noting that this resolution is inconsistent with the synod's constitution, the resolution failed.***

8. The Committee of Reference and Counsel recommends members of the assembly to give feedback to all Call Forward Together In Christ process at [www.elca.org/future](http://www.elca.org/future).

There being no unfinished business, the assembly closed with the Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy & George Fennell



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of 14 bags of food.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,  
AAEFB

### The Recycling Corner

Have you ever wondered how to recycle some of the items around the house? How to be better stewards of God's earth and help others at the same time? Here are some of our ongoing projects:

ARTICLES	WHERE TO PUT THEM	PERSON IN CHARGE
Sheet blankets . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Quilting committee
Soda cans . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>for Scouts</i> )
Men's socks in good condition . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>Alliance Hall</i> )
Toiletries (from hotels/motels) . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>Alliance Hall</i> )
Card fronts (from greeting cards) . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>St. Jude's Home for Children</i> )
Eyeglasses . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>Center for Visually Handicapped</i> )
Good used sneakers . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>Alliance Hall</i> )
Plastic bags . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>Food Bank</i> )
Styrofoam Peanuts . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>recycled @ Mailbox</i> )
Styrofoam blocks, cups, plates and trays (meat, cookies, etc.) . . . . .		Nancy Fennell ( <i>recycled @ Bethlehem Recycling</i> )
General Mills box tops for education; cash register receipts from Redner's & Fairgrounds Market; Campbell's labels . . . . .	Appropriate boxes in narthex . . . . .	Cheryl Christensen
Rubber Bands* . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>*from newspapers</i> )
Current Calendars . . . . .	Cabinet in narthex . . . . .	Anyone who can use them
Empty printer, fax machine or desktop copier cartridges . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>recycled @ FundingFactory</i> )
Old cell phones . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Nancy Fennell ( <i>recycled @ FundingFactory</i> )
Women's and Men's business attire and accessories... ( <i>for "The Perfect Fit"/"First Impressions for Men"</i> )		
<b>(Must be Clean, Good Condition/gently used laundered/ironed)</b>		
<b>IN SEASON ONLY!!!</b> . . . . .	Coatroom by upstairs restroom . . .	Gloria Hinrichs

**Thanks for your help and cooperation with these projects!**



Worship On Wednesdays

**June 15-August 17 – 7:00 PM**

*Praise band music begins at 6:45 pm*

**Praise Band Music & Message**

Welcome Worship Center Pavilion  
140 South Ott Street, Allentown, PA 18104

*Bring a friend & lawn chair*

**In event of stormy weather we will praise & sing indoors!**

*Refreshments will be served*

**JUNE 15**

**GLORIOUS DAY** (St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church)

**JUNE 22**

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST PRAISE BAND**

**JUNE 29**

**10:10** (First Presbyterian Church of Allentown)

**JULY 6**

**SWIM** (Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, Bath)

**JULY 13**

**GLORIOUS DAY & West Side Collaborative church choirs**—(Gospel favorites)

**JULY 20**

**REZ MINISTRIES**

**JULY 27**

**THE BLEND** (The Barn)

**AUGUST 3**

**BAND BAND** (New Life Evan. Lutheran Church, New Tripoli)

**AUGUST 10**

**NEW CREATION UCC PRAISE TEAM**

**AUGUST 17**

**GRACE NOTES BIG BAND**

*You are invited to an evening of:*

*Guided, Quiet, Reflective Prayer  
using various forms with the theme of  
Freedom*

*Monday, July 11, 6-8 PM  
Spiritual Wellsprings Center*

*Brought to Christ Church by:*

**Pastor Tom Lichner**

**(610) 533-9362**

**[tllichner@rcn.com](mailto:tllichner@rcn.com)**

*Christ Lutheran Church  
13th & Hamilton Streets  
Allentown, Pa. 18102*

*There will be time for sharing and spiritual conversation  
with others, followed by fellowship.  
20-30 people have been participating in these  
monthly gatherings, sponsored by  
**The Spiritual Directors of the Greater L.V.***



# MONTHLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## JULY 2016

Key: [F] = Fellowship Hall [L] = Lounge [P] = Pastor's Office [NV] = Nave  
 [N] = Nursery [LB] = Library [YR] = Youth Room [LP] = Land of Promise

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Pentecost 7</b> 9:30 am-Worship Guest Pastor-Rev. Jerry Rounds ~10:30 am-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	<b>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>5</b> 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L] 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>6</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b> 7 pm-Hiking Club Meeting [F] 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	<b>7</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>8</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Pentecost 8</b> 9:30 am-Worship Guest Pastor-Rev. Glenn Simmons	<b>11 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9 am-Property Committee 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>12</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 3:30 pm-Worship Committee [L]	<b>13</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b> AARP in Parking Lot Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	<b>14</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 2 pm-Daybreak Mission Team 6 pm-Scout Leadership [F]	<b>15</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>16</b> 4-7:30 pm-The Barn [LP]
<b>17 Pentecost 9</b> 6:30 am-St. Paul's Mission Team 9:30 am-Worship <b>Rite of Wholeness</b> Vicar Brian Riedy	<b>18 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F] 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L]	<b>19</b> 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L]	<b>20</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b> 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	<b>21</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>22</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Pentecost 10</b> 9:30 am-Worship Guest Pastor-Rev. Jerry Rounds.	<b>25 OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>26</b> 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L] 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>27</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b> 7 pm-AA [F]	<b>28</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>29</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6-7 pm-Open Word Fellowship [LF or F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>30</b>
<b>31 Pentecost 11</b> 9:30 am-Worship Vicar Brian Riedy ~10:30 am-Congregation Council Meeting [L]						



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<b>7 Pentecost 12</b> 9:30 am-Worship ~10:30 am-Blood Pressure Screening [L]	<b>8</b> 9 am-Property [L] <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>9</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>10</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b>	<b>11</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 2pm-Daybreak Mission Team 6-9 pm-Scout Leadership [F & LP]	<b>12</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Pentecost 13</b> 9:30 am-Worship  <b>Bakers may pick up peaches after worship [F]</b>	<b>15</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F] 7 pm-Mental Health Support Group [L]  <b>SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L] 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>6:30-8:30 pm-Peach Festival [Front of Church &amp; LP]</b>	<b>17</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open <b>7 pm-WOW Service [LP]</b> 7:30 pm-Venture Crew [F]	<b>18</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>19</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Pentecost 14</b> 6:30 am-St. Paul's Mission Team 9:30 am-Worship <b>Rite of Wholeness</b>	<b>22</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>23</b> 9 am-12 pm-Quilters [L]	<b>24</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 7 pm-AA Meeting [F]	<b>25</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open Operation Sunshine in Parking Lot	<b>26</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open 6-7 pm-Open Work Fellowship [LP or F] 6:30-11 pm-Chess Club [L]	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Pentecost 15</b> 9:30 am-Worship TBA-Crop Walk Rally	<b>29</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm-Boy Scouts [F]	<b>30</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open	<b>31</b> 11 am-3 pm-Office Open AARP in Parking Lot			

# SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA



## Yes, we'll gather at the river!

On May 7, the Creation Care Task Force of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod sponsored a kayak and canoe trip down the Schuylkill River. 50 people from nine congregations around the Synod gathered along the river in Hamburg to connect with this historically significant body of water and live out our Baptismal calling to "care for the world God made."

Bishop Zeiser offered reflections on the river's importance to previous generations and encouraged the paddlers be open to how the trip would connect them to God. The Bishop then led a thanksgiving for Baptism at the water's edge just before the paddlers began their journey downriver to Leesport.

Those who remained behind on land sent the paddlers off with song and spent the rest of the morning reflecting on Genesis 1, playing games, and cleaning up trash along the river. It was an energizing day at the river, as we celebrated how God's gift of water sustains our life and vocation.

## Bike for World Hunger



On Saturday, May 21, nearly one hundred participants of all ages – including spunky pups, Loki and Lucy – representing 19 NEPS congregations, were united for a single purpose as they biked, scooted, unicycled, jogged, and walked at the gorgeous Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in the Trexlertown area for the synod's 5th annual "Bike for World Hunger" event.

After receiving the official blessing from Bishop Zeiser, many wheels, feet, and hands headed for the macadam tracks inside the lush green fields, tall trees, and sprinkling of buttercups to start the trek of raising money to erase hunger for good.

Participants were especially motivated by the \$15,000 World Hunger challenge, a pledge from two generous individuals in our synod to match donations up to that amount collected by the time of Synod Assembly (June 17-18).

Many thanks to the World Hunger Task Force for organizing this event; to the Bishop for his tireless support; to those who raised monies through their dedicated efforts; to those whose hearts will be opened to give; and to all who will have a "wheelie" fun time joining us in the future.



Photos courtesy of Chip Bachman

**IMAGINE YOURSELF...**  
**in the world!**  
YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

**Luke Swanson**  
**Young Adult in Global Mission**

Luke Swanson, a member of St. Andrew's, Easton, son of of Pastors Mark Swanson and Laura Csellak, has been called to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission through the ELCA to serve in Argentina/Uruguay.

The program, for young adults between the ages of 21 and 29, allows for young Lutherans throughout the ELCA to be unleashed in the world, embracing and serving their neighbors through celebration of the Gospel, making God's story, our story.

Luke's experience will allow him to connect with our brothers and sisters in the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay, a companion church of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

He is asked to raise \$4000 as a commitment to the global mission of the church. Congregations and individuals are welcome to join in this commitment. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Luke at [lukeswanson9@gmail.com](mailto:lukeswanson9@gmail.com).

## Anniversary Luncheon



The Rev. George P. Zacharda, Jr.

The Rev. Walton R. Horn

On Tuesday, May 24 the synod hosted a luncheon to celebrate major anniversaries of our rostered leaders. Two pastors celebrating the 50th anniversary of their ordination shared some remarks with the group. The Rev. Gilbert B. Furst, who retired in the Chicago area, submitted a video with his remarks.

## Donate Online to Mission and Ministry

The synod has established an account with Vanco Payment Solutions to provide the opportunity to donate online. You can donate to Mission Support, the Witness and Service Grant Program, the Student Education Fund (for rostered leader support), and Youth Event Scholarships.

You can also donate to Disaster Relief, both on the domestic and international level; and you can donate to World Hunger. You can even donate to a project that you designate.

The "Donate" button appears at the top of the synod website. You can also use the QR code shown here. Try it out!



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