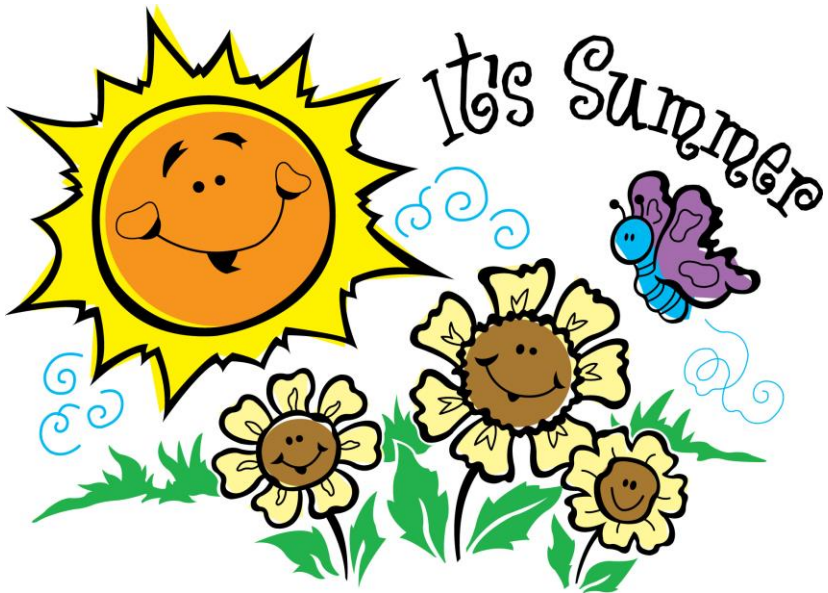


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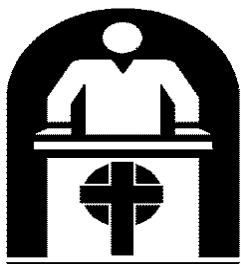
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Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this, we will have entered the season of the church year called Pentecost. Pentecost means the 50th day after Easter. Christians mark the completion of Christ's earthly mission and the sending of the Holy Spirit to oversee the birth of the Christian community. In pouring out the Spirit, Jesus kept his promise to

“send another Counselor.”

The Holy Spirit was also called by Jesus “The Spirit of Truth.” It showed the disciples the meaning of the Old Testament, the significance of Jesus' ministry, and baptized them with the power to carry this Truth to the people of the world. The Holy Spirit is represented in Scripture as a peaceful dove, as Life-giving breath or invisible wind, or as visible fire that transforms what it touches. The Spirit is the Lord's gift to his people to give life, understanding and confidence.

The observance of Pentecost by the Christian Church begins with the Day of Pentecost. It is the climax of the 50 days of the Easter season, the birthday of the Christian Church, and the doorway into the Season of Pentecost. This season extends through summer and fall to the First Sunday of Advent.

The Holy Spirit works within us and throughout the church to extend the ministry of Christ to whom all we meet. May God's Holy Spirit continue to help us spread God's word in this community and beyond.

Pastor Miller

ST. PAUL'S 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

St. Paul's 3rd Basket Social is planned for September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM - 2:00PM. We have already wrapped 51 baskets for this event. A big thank you to those of you who have already donated a basket or basket items for this event. We continue to look for members of the congregation to donate empty baskets, made up baskets, or items to put in a basket. New or nearly new items are preferred. Not only will we have gift baskets at the basket social, but we will also have gift cards. We will be accepting donations of gift cards from a variety of businesses.

We will begin to sell tickets for the basket social starting on May 18th at our St. Paul's Yard Sale. We will continue to sell tickets every Sunday after this date in the narthex after the 9:00 service and prior to the 10:30 church service. Please ask any basket social member and we will assist you with the purchase of tickets. Each sheet of tickets contains 26 tickets. The cost to purchase tickets in advance of the event are 5 sheets of tickets for \$20.00. On the day of the basket social, September 14th, the tickets will cost 5 sheets for \$25.00.

Our next meeting will be on June 5th at 7:00. Feel free to join us! If you have any questions, please reach out to any one of our committee members. The members of the 2024 Basket Social Committee are Carol Derr-Breinig, Melanie Dimovitz, Anita Eisenhard, Rosie Gallagher, Amanda Mesko, Pastor Miller, Peggy Saylor, Becky Theodore, Judy Walker, and Steph Wagaman.

PARISH NURSING NOTE

“Health Tidbits”

June 2024

Peggy Saylor, RN

As we head into the summer season, I thought I would write some “tidbits.”

One question that comes up during the blood pressure checks is “what actually is your blood pressure?”

The blood pressure consists of two numbers. The top number is known as the systolic blood pressure and it measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart beats. The bottom number is known as the diastolic pressure and it measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart rests between beats. In studies comparing the systolic and diastolic, generally the systolic blood pressure has been a better predictor of risk. A normal blood pressure is less than 120/80 mm/Hg. Feel free to take advantage of the blood pressure checks held on the third Sunday of the months to keep track of your readings. We don’t hold the checks over the summer but will resume again in the fall.

With summer months coming up, be sure to have “safe health practices” over the summer. If biking, be sure to wear helmets. When outside, be sure to wear sunscreen even on cloudy days. If swimming, be sure to not swim alone and be sure that if kids are involved, have one designated adult who is observing the kids in the pool.

If there are any subjects that you would like covered in the newsletters, please let me know. While we don’t have all the answers, we usually know where to find the answers!!

Prayer Shawl Group News

Chemo Hat Project



This is a reminder that we have yarn for the chemo hats project –see Judy Noll or Steph Wagaman for yarn. We’ve made sample hats from all of the crochet patterns in the pattern pack, and can help if you get stuck. So far we have 25 hats made!

Project Warm Up America (WUA)

If you are making 7” x 9” rectangles for [Project Warm Up America](#), note that the pieces must be “finished” – i.e. yarn ends sewn in. The Web site has some [pattern suggestions](#), but you can make rectangles in whatever patterns you like. It is a great way to use up partial skeins in your stash. And there are many partial skeins or single skeins in the yarn collection at church.

Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions

Note that our May Plarn session got postponed – it is now scheduled for **May 29 at 1:30PM**. Feel free to join us making plarn, working on a sleeping mat, or knitting/crocheting hats or rectangles. Mark your calendar for **May 29 at 1:30PM** and also **June 18 at 1:30PM**.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Our monthly meeting was on May 8, 2024.

Upcoming Events:

34th Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Convention on May 18, 2024, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lehighton. Registration 9:00 a.m.; worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Registration for event ended on May 11, 2024.

- Sandi Wagaman is our voting member.

Fall Fun and Service Event on September 20, 21, 2024, at Kirby Episcopal House in Mountain Top. \$75.00 overnight guest fee and \$30.00 fee for Saturday Sessions. There will be more information in The Flame which will be published this summer.

Soup and Sandwich, January 2025

We will be resuming the soup and sandwich event that was dropped during Covid. We are discussing having this event the first Sunday in January. The most pressing topic is *scamming* although we are discussing other topics.

Summer Ingathering

- We are still receiving donations for the lunch program for children in the Catasauqua area.

See the bulletin board for information on upcoming events.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

This month we had a Devotional: *Compassionate companions*
Congregations can play a role in mental health ministry by Elise Seyfried. Depression is a mental health condition that can occur even when there's "no reason to be sad." It can also be affected by life circumstances, including loss, loneliness and isolation; and for many their depression hasn't lifted since Covid kept them isolated. The most important thing is for someone with depression to seek professional help so they can be properly diagnosed and treated.

Join us on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting.

SUMMER INGATHERING

Lehigh Mission District is trying something new for this summer. They are reaching out to congregations to support **Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church** in Catasauqua. This church will be running a free summer lunch program in a local park for the children in their community.

Our church will collect the following items:

*Individual salty snack bags (ex. Pretzels, chips, goldfish crackers, Fritos, etc.)

*16 oz. water bottles

*Walmart or Sam's Club gift cards in \$10 increments (any amount) for Trinity to purchase needed supplies

Look for the bins marked Ingathering under the coat rack in the Narthex for putting your donations.

We will be collecting these items until **May 31st**.

Any questions? Ask Sandi Wagaman or any WELCA member.

THE EMMAUS CHORALE CONCERT

The Emmaus Chorale will present their Spring Concert "Count the Stars" directed by Donald Ryan on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, 3002 North 2nd Street, Emmaus, PA 18049. A Free Will Offering will be taken. Refreshments served after the concert.

Musical numbers include:

I Hear A Voice A-Prayin' by Houston

Durafle Requiem, Sanctus by Bright

Medley from Les Miserables arr. Ed Lojesk

2 Brahms Folk Songs

The Cuckoo by Robert I. Hugh

Ain'-a That Good News! By William L. Dawson

Ave Maria by Javier Busto

Will The Circle Be Unbroken arr. by J. David Moore

All I Ask of You (Phantom Of The Opera) arr. Mark A. Brymer

And others....

UPCOMING EVENT

IRONPIGS GAME

The IronPigs game, Sunday, June 23, 2024. Game time is 1:35 p.m. Gates open at Noon. We are in the PenTeleData 3rd Base Party Porch. We have sold 44 of the 45 tickets. The tickets will be printed and handed out on a Sunday morning in the next few weeks.

MARRIAGE ADVICE ACROSS THE AGES

June is the beginning of a popular wedding season. So here's some marriage advice from across the centuries. Clearly, sometimes it depends on context.

- “It is impossible to keep peace between man and woman in family life if they do not condone and overlook each other's faults but watch everything to the smallest point. For who does not at times offend?” (Martin Luther, 16th century)
- “Watch yourself, be the first to ask pardon if you both err, and guard against the little piques, misunderstandings, and hasty words that often pave the way for bitter sorrow and regret.” (Louisa May Alcott, 19th century)
- “The ear is the center of all relationships. It's not the heart, it's not the mind, it's the ear. Listening is the beginning and the end.” (Henry Winkler, 21st century)

On the other hand ...

- “In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf.” (Evelyn Ginsburg, mother-in-law of a Supreme Court justice, 20th century)

And above all:

- Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (St. Paul, 1st century, in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, ESV)

HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For the service, worship is the same as before Covid 19 – i.e. hymns are sung, offering is collected in the pew, and communion is taken at the altar. You will be handing out the bulletin, helping to collect offering, and directing the congregation to the altar and handing them a communion cup. If you would be willing and interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355 or stepbillwagaman@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-398-7000.



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8 Roger Conrad	24 Tracy Grammes
9 Vanessa Eiswerth	25 Jerry Sedlak
9 Sandi Wagaman	27 Shirley Binkley
12 Cathy Waltemyer	29 Becky Theodore
14 Sandy Bennighoff	30 Mari Eiswerth



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13 Paul & Denise Trainor
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15 Dick & Nancy Steltz
16 Steph & Bill Wagaman
17 Ed & Daisy Pearson
18 Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
19 Roger & Kathy Conrad
22 Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
26 Jeffrey & Melody Pavlacka
30 Bob & Kim Bruchak

PASTORAL ACT

FUNERAL

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Betty Moyer on May 21, 2024.

NEED FAST RELIEF? SLOW DOWN!

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, “For fast-acting relief, try slowing down.” Summer doesn’t seem to be the “slow season” it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some “downtime” around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus’ invitation: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it’s like to *not* be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects

together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it's good for the soul!

Puzzle!

Use the list of names to identify each thankful Bible character. Then use the symbol code to complete Psalm 79:13, NKJV.

NAMES: Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Hannah


Led his people through the Red Sea.




Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved.




Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God.

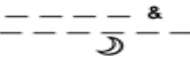



Ravens brought him food.


Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God.




Their brother was raised from the dead.




Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him.




Jesus brought his daughter back to life.



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Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus; We ... will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations. Psalm 79:13, NKJV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
JUNE 9, 2024**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.**



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Pastor..... The Rev. Carey L. Miller
Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

June 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 2024

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or
the Council Person of the Month – Zack Dimovitz 484-560-4858

Sunday, June 2, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Amy Williams

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Jennifer Bentsen

Greeter: Dorothy O'Connors

Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards

Reader: June Kellogg

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Cal Fetherolf, Richard Hartley

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Daisy Pearson

Communion Bread: Joshua Solderich

Greeter: Dick Hartley

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter

Greeter: Bruce Wagaman

Lay Asst: Dick Steltz

Reader: Jennifer Bentsen

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Zack Dimovitz

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher

Greeter: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Dick Steltz

Sunday, June 30, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Rosie Gallagher, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman

Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Communion Bread: Carol Derr-Breinig

Greeter: Rosie Gallagher

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Rosemary Lehman

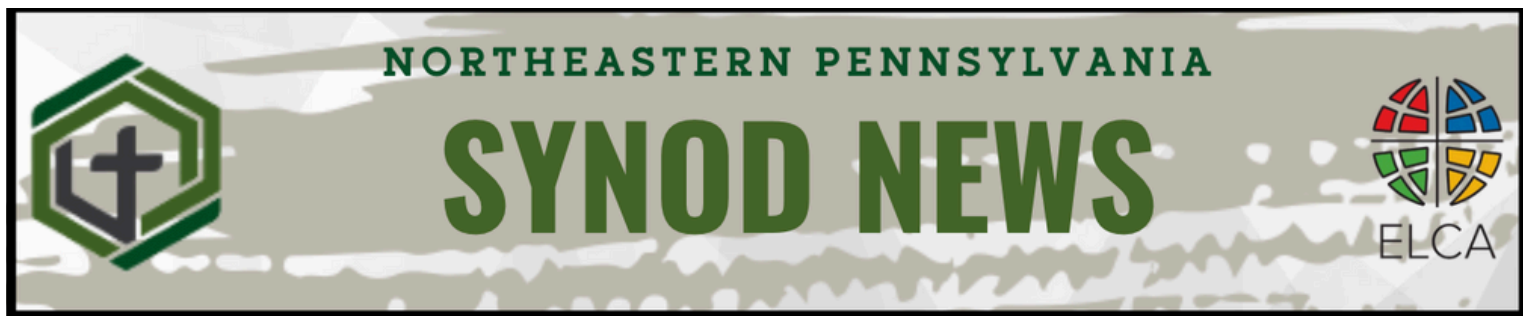


Mother's Day Brunch





**Congratulations and Welcome Confirmands:
Calise Eiswerth, Sarabeth Mesko, Sean Thompson**



Worship & Art: A Congregation's Journey

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

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



Lent



Easter



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

New Outreach Ministry is Found at POP's Treasures

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



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

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



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

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

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

****Visit the synod website at [www. https://nepasynod.org/](https://nepasynod.org/) to find out how to apply for a Witness and Service Grant.**



SUMMER INGATHERING 2024

We want to thank all for your participation in the Summer InGathering. It sure is a blessing to serve God's people near and far!

Looking forward to the Advent Christmas InGathering. Please mark your calendars for Wed., December 4th. More information will follow soon.

CRAFT FAIR

November 16, 2024
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
St. Timothy Lutheran
Church (Ott St., Allentown)

CRAFTERS NEEDED:
Reserve your table now!
Contact Ivy Reynolds at
610-393-1353, no later
than September 1st.

- 8-foot table costs \$25
- Set-up on November 15th, 6:30-8:00 PM
- Checks can be made payable to "St. Timothy's"



Calling All Crafters!

**Thank you for your
support of these
events!!!**



*July/August 2024 LMD NL news
will be due June 10, 2024.*

Please email any information to
lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

Faith and Science in Paradox* Part 1

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

The above title is borrowed from the essay, "Luther on Copernicus and Models for Faith and Science Dialogue" by The Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm. From his essay, the retired professor of Religion at Muhlenberg College offers Faith and Science in Paradox as an approach to enter into dialogue with science and religion.

Let me begin this dialogue with science. In 2024 there was a total solar eclipse. There were meteor showers and a full lunar eclipse. In addition, there were the Northern Lights and a planetary alignment. Then there is the upcoming Andromeda Galaxy collision with our Milky Way Galaxy. According to astrophysicist Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, the astro collision is to take place in 5 to 6 billion years or after the sun burns out.

By now you may question the obvious: Why worry about this when none of us will be around when this collision takes place? Well, here is the purpose of this conversation between faith and science: How does the fate of the universe compare to our religious understanding of God's creation?

Scientists calculated the exact path of totality of the solar eclipse that covered parts of North America. The next total solar eclipse to be seen in the United States is scheduled for August 23, 2044. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has on its calendar the return of Halley's Comet to pass by the Earth in 2061. These calculations are worked out to a science. Since they don't post a real danger to our belief, we enjoy their continual celestial appearance in our skies.

Keeping in mind these upcoming astro events, science appears to have also calculated the end of the universe as we know it. Scientists' predictions of our evolutionary universe stand in contrast to religious beliefs of God's hands in creation. This particular celestial encounter appears to be the doom of humanity and the universe.

My question: Is the predestination of our solar system an expression of its free will to come to its inevitable end? Here then is Dr. Timm's approach of faith and science in paradox.

The religious belief and understanding of God's creation and that of humanity as we know it will cease to exist. This is quite a paradox to a religious belief in which there is the expectancy of an eternal life. Here then lies faith and science in paradox and the relevancy for the discussion. *(continued on the next page ⇒)*

2024 Worship on Wednesdays

7:00 PM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)
at the pavilion or inside during inclement weather

WE WELCOME ALL OUR FRIENDS OLD AND NEW
It is always a JOY to worship together !

June 12- Valley Collective

June 19- Union Praise Band, Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville

June 26- St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church 11:00 Music Group, Orefield

July 3- The Cedar Routes, Orchard Hills Church, Breinigsville

July 10- SNA Band (Saturday Night Alive Band); Steel City Mennonite Church, Bethlehem

July 17- Nativity Lutheran Praise Team, St. Michael's Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Allentown

July 24- Christ Lutheran Church Hellertown Praise Band

July 31- The Dulcimer Boys

August 7- The Blend, The Barn Faith Community, Allentown

August 14- Grace Notes Gospel Big Band, Lehigh Valley

August 21- St. Timothy Lutheran Church ANNUAL PEACH FESTIVAL (6-7:30 PM)

Each week a freewill offering will be taken & those funds will be given to a specific group.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD MUSIC, THE WORD & FELLOWSHIP!!!

See attached flyer to post.



(continued from the previous page)

In his essay Dr. Timm writes, "there are indeed times when faith and science conflict with each other - or at least, times when differences between religion and science need careful examination."

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones,
Lehigh Mission District Dean

* "Luther on Copernicus and Models for Faith and Science Dialogue" by The Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm, May 16, 2016 in Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology.

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Hope you are all happy and healthy and ready to do some traveling! Attached is the newsletter for the 2nd half of 2024 – check for details about upcoming trips.

There are about five seats left for our trip to the Great Smoky Mountains, so if you are interested, don't wait!



CROP Thank You!

Thank you for helping our 2023 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise a grand total of **\$31,437!**

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Kitchen will each receive **over \$3,929** for their vital ministries. And, our food insecure neighbors who have survived floods, drought, war, and other disasters are receiving life-giving assistance.

Also, we received a **Church World Service Certificate of Appreciation** for being "A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top event to end hunger and poverty around the world." **44th in the country!**



Upcoming Trips Include:

July 26, 2024 (Friday) – Shawnee Playhouse – CABARET (Cost: \$100)

August 21, 2024 (Wednesday) – Sight & Sound – DANIEL (Cost: \$145)

October 18, 2024 (Friday) – Dutch Apple – HAIRSPRAY (Cost: \$120)

November 12, 2024 (Tuesday) – Magic and Wonder Theatre – HOLLY JOLLY JUKEBOX (Cost: \$110)

December 12, 2024 (Thurs) – Hunterdon Hills - A PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS (Cost: \$125)

Please Save These CROP Dates!

Greater Allentown **CROP Hunger Walk:**
Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.,
with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m.
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church,
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

To register your team and/or yourself, or to learn more about the life-saving work of Church World Service, go to: crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa

CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:
Sunday, August 25, 2024, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
(to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation)
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Allentown

Many Thanks to Our Generous Sponsors!





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2024 JULY TO DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please note a few changes to our Day Trip CANCELLATION policy:

- 1. If you cancel your reservation prior to the Payment Deadline – Full Refund
2. If you cancel your reservation after the Payment Deadline, but provide a paying replacement traveler - Full Refund
3. If you cancel your reservation after the Payment Deadline, but cancellation is due to a hospitalization – Full Refund
4. If you cancel your reservation after the Payment Deadline and none of the above can be applied – 50% Refund
1. Website – www.LMDopsunshine.com – Read about all the upcoming trips, register for trips on-line, contact us
2. Office Phone – 610-435-9155 – Register for trips, Call with questions. Office hours are Mon and Wed. 11 AM to 3 PM. You may leave a message and someone will get back to you.
3. E-Mail Address – LMDopsunshine@aol.com – Questions, Make a reservation, Update your personal information
4. Follow up any reservation with a check made payable to Operation Sunshine and mail to the office at:
Operation Sunshine
1933 Hanover Ave.
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5. When making a reservation, please be sure to include your name and phone number (Cell Phone Preferred) and the names of your traveling companions so we can be sure to seat you together. Also, include your meal choice should one be required.

July 26, 2024 (Friday) – Shawnee Playhouse – CABARET

Wilkommen! Bienvenue! Welcome! Enjoy great music and dancing to the lively tunes of “Cabaret”! Set in 1929–1930 Berlin during the twilight of the Jazz Age as the Nazis rise to power, the musical focuses on the hedonistic nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub and revolves around American writer Clifford Bradshaw's relations with English cabaret performer Sally Bowles, a character made famous by Lisa Minelli on Broadway. A subplot involves the doomed romance between German boarding house owner Fräulein Schneider and her elderly suitor Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit vendor. Overseeing the action is the Master of Ceremonies at the Kit Kat Klub, and the club itself serves as a metaphor for ominous political developments in late Weimar Germany. Buffet Luncheon at Shawnee Inn prior to the show.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy’s at 10:30 AM – Return approx.. 6:00 PM

Cost \$100 Payment Deadline – Thurs., June, 27

August 21, 2024 (Wednesday) – Sight & Sound – DANIEL

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible’s most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres®. Lunch at Shady Maple Buffet prior to the show.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy’s at 10:00 AM – Return approx.. 6:15 PM

Cost \$145 Payment Deadline – Thurs., July 11, 2024

October 18, 2024 (Friday) – Dutch Apple – HAIRSPRAY

It’s 1962 and Baltimore’s Tracy Turnblad, a big girl with big hair and a bigger heart, wins a spot on the local TV dance program. Overnight she is transformed from an outsider to a teen celebrity. The upbeat score includes “You Can’t Stop the Beat,” “Good Morning Baltimore,” and the title song “Hairspray.” Lunch at the Dutch Apple Buffet with its fabulous Dessert tables.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy’s at 10:00 AM – Return approx.. 5:30 PM

Cost \$120 Payment Deadline – Thurs., Sept. 19, 2024

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November 12, 2024 (Tuesday) – Magic and Wonder Theatre – HOLLY JOLLY JUKEBOX

Everybody gather around the yuletide jukebox as we put the "rock" around your Christmas tree!! Get ready to tap your toes, clap your hands, and dance down the aisles to the greatest rock and roll renditions of all of your favorite holiday tunes. This high energy song and dance review is sure to put everyone young and old in the holiday spirit. So grab your quarters and head on down to Shirley's soda shop at the Magic and Wonder Theater this season for Holly Jolly Jukebox! Experience the best of both Jukebox Hits and Christmas. The first half of the show features the greatest rock n' roll hits of the 50's & 60s; and then get ready to embark on a journey of Christmas wonder during the second half of the show, as you enjoy all of your holiday favorites! Lunch Buffet at the theater prior to the show.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy’s at 10:45 AM – Return approx.. 5:45 PM

Cost \$110 Payment Deadline – Thurs., Oct. 10, 2024

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December 12, 2024 (Thurs) – Hunterdon Hills - A PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS

Each year Hunterdon Hills unveils a Playhouse original written especially for HHP by award-winning writers. Filled with original stories, hilarious and heartwarming, this show is designed to be the perfect complement to your holiday season. There’s something for everyone – traditional holiday favorites, pop Christmas hits, seasonal spirituals, spectacular dance numbers, and more, all backed by our renowned HHP orchestra. Enjoy a delicious luncheon which you choose from the Hunterdon menu on the day of the performance.

Bus Leaves St. Timothy’s at 10:45 AM – Return approx.. 5:00 PM

Cost \$125 Payment Deadline – Thurs., Nov.14, 2024

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MULTI-DAY TRIP

SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF TENNESSEE – SEPTEMBER 15 – 20, 2024 (6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS)

Come join us on a fun-filled trip to the Great Smoky Mountains. We will be overnighing in Roanoke, VA. **Package includes** 5 nights lodging (including 2 overnights in Virginia down and back), 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners including **Dolly Parton’s Stampede Dinner Show**, 3 additional shows, Titanic Museum, Smoky Mountain Tour, Tour and Tasting at Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine, Free time in Gatlinburg, Bush’s Best Beans Visitor Center, Birthplace of Country Music Museum, Sunspot Studios (Stanton, VA) .

\$1050 PP BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
\$1400 BASED ON SINGLE OCCUPANCY
A \$100 PER PERSON IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING
FINAL PAYMENT DUE JULY 10, 2024

For a flyer with the full itinerary and trip insurance information, please contact the office at 610-435-9155.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MULTI-DAY TRIP

Destination – SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF TENNESSEE

Dates – SEPTEMBER 15 TO 20 (SUNDAY TO FRIDAY)

Enclosed check for \$ _____

Number of Reservations _____

Name _____

Roommate _____

Address _____

For Office Use Only

\$ _____ Date Rcvd. _____ Ck. # _____

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