

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



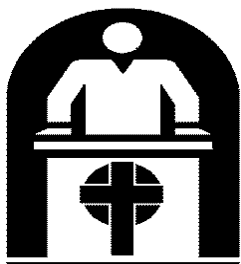
SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Members and Friends,

“According to an ancient story, there were four men walking through the woods when, suddenly, they came across a high wall. Intrigued, they built a ladder to see what was on the other side. When the first man climbed to the top, he cried in delight. The same thing happened with both the second and the third men. When the fourth

reached the top, he smiled at what he saw: lush, green gardens with fruit trees of every kind, streams teeming with fish, and animals, wild and tame. But he then thought of his family, friends, and neighbors and went back to share with them the good news he had discovered.” (From *Stories and Parables for Preachers and Teachers*, Paul J. Wharton)

This is a simple but timeless story. Isn't that the message of Easter? Go and tell. During this season of Pentecost, we read in scripture how Jesus is revealed to us and how the gospel has affected so many lives. We come to church to hear and experience God's Good News. As the story above illustrates, we then go and tell others of the Good News. Go and tell. That's our mission.

Pastor Miller

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER IN MINISTRY

Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church has reached out to our church to see if we might want to share and cooperate on various events that are planned throughout the year. Our council has accepted their invitation to work together in planning various events and share information with each other.

The first event is:

PICNIC AT LOCKRIDGE FURNACE – August 18th at 10:00 am.

There will be a worship service at Lockridge Furnace Park at 10:00 am and a meal to follow. We do not have to offer any food. Food will be provided by Zion Lehigh Lutheran Church. There will not be a 9:00am or 10:30am service at St. Paul's on that day.

ST. PAUL'S 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

St. Paul's 3rd Basket Social is planned for September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM - 2:00PM. We already have 113 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 are now looking for donations of **gift cards**. We would like to begin collecting donations of **gift cards** from a variety of businesses.

Tickets for the basket social are being sold every Sunday 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 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.

On the day of the basket social, the basket committee has decided to make the drawing of the winning tickets private, only to the basket social committee. This will allow the committee to expedite the process of pulling the winning basket ticket and gift card numbers and organizing the baskets to be ready for pick up. The committee also felt that this will also expedite the process of cleaning of the church after the event, in order to have it ready for church service on Sunday. Therefore, baskets will be ready for pick up on the following dates and times:

Saturday, Sept. 14 - 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Monday, Sept. 16 - 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Our next meeting will be on Monday, July 22nd at 7:00. We will be wrapping baskets from 6:00 - 7:00 and the meeting will begin 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.

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 **32** hats made!

Project Warm Up America (WUA)

Thanks to all who have been making the 7” x 9” knitted or crocheted rectangles. It is a great way to use up partial skeins in your stash. Don’t forget that there are many partial or single skeins in the yarn collection at church.

Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions

I delivered three more plarn mats to Denise Martinez of Caring DAM Hearts, and she was very enthusiastic to receive them. She has opened a new boutique store in the South Mall – if you are in the area, stop by and check it out. I got the full tour of their boutique and programs, and they are doing great things. Our July Plarn session will be on Tuesday, **July 16 at 1:30PM**. Join us creating plarn, weaving on the looms, or bring your knitting/crocheting. It is a fun and productive working session.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

June 30th – potluck luncheon following the 10:30 am service

July 19th – Movie Night – “Arthur, the King” at dusk (exact times will be announced closer to the date)

July 21st – Potluck luncheon following 10:30 am service – Comfort food!
Bingo will be played after lunch

August 4th – Allentown Municipal Band – 7:00pm

August 16th – Movie Night – A MARVEL OR DC movie at dusk (exact time will be announced closer to the date)

August 18th – 10:00 am – Worship & Picnic at Lockridge Furnace Park
(no services at St. Paul’s)

September 14th – Basket Social – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

1:00 pm Allentown Municipal Band Concert

October 6th – Pet Blessing – 12:00 pm picnic, 1:00 pm Pet Blessing

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Upcoming Events:

Meeting over the summer months was discussed and it was decided that we would meet in July and August. July 10th and August 14th.

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 is a limit of 25 overnight guests. Registration forms will be included in The Flame publication due out in mid-July.

The board is looking into resuming the cluster meetings and there will be more information in the upcoming months. The topic of *Scams* has been discussed.

Spring Justice Event theme *TBD* is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at either Hope Tatamy or Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Ashland, PA.

35th Annual Convention is scheduled for June 14, 2025, tentatively at St. John's, Nazareth.

Check the bulletin board for up-to-date information on upcoming events.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

This month our Bible study was on *After certainty* Session one *Curiosity* by Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. This three-part Bible study series focuses on what it means to live in faith after certainty. Our series began with a look at curiosity.

Join us on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and Bible study on Community and then on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, for our meeting and Bible study on Compassion.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,

Over the past year, I've had two knee replacements and two cataract surgeries. I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, flowers, cards, and prayer shawl. It's been difficult at times, but I knew so many of my church "family" were thinking about me and praying for me. With most of the healing behind me, I hope to get back more balance and stamina. As most of you know, I'm a very active retiree!

Yours in Christ,
Daisy Pearson

SAVE THE DATE!!!! HARVEST SUNDAY



We will be celebrating a Harvest Sunday at St. Paul's on September 29, 2024, to commemorate the gathering in of harvest.

As part of this celebration, we are calling for **non-perishable** food donations. All food items will be donated to the food bank.

Complete information will be in the September Parish News.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



CATHEDRAL FLOOR PLAN — Traditionally, a cathedral is laid out in the shape of a cross. The lower section or nave (from Latin for *ship*), along with the transepts (the arms of the cross), is where the congregation sits. The choir sits on either side of the chancel. Despite our common terminology, the sanctuary (from Latin for *holy*) isn't the full worship space but the area right before the altar. The location of the lectern, from which Scripture is read, and pulpit, used for preaching, may vary.

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.

A DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

“Dependence does not destroy human personality,” writes Donald F. Baillie. Instead, people are “never so fully and so truly personal as when [they are] living in complete dependence upon God.” Jesus modeled this type of living by depending completely on his heavenly Father.

In that light, let it be declared and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere depend on one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order depend on everything else.
- That the Earth and all planets and stars are mutually dependent.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own role in fulfilling God’s plan.

A RESTFUL FAITH

A seminary professor was discussing ways — besides reading — to encounter Scripture. “The idea was to ‘experience’ it as though we were there,” recalls Stan Purdum, then a student. The professor asked students to relax in lounge chairs, close their eyes and imagine they were along the Sea of Galilee as Jesus fed the 5,000. In a soothing voice, he invited participants to smell the lake, feel the breeze on their faces, taste the bread the disciples were distributing and hear Jesus’ voice. “Somewhere in that, I got too comfortable,” says Purdum. “Suddenly the exercise was over, and the professor was asking for feedback. The classmate next to me raised his hand and said, ‘I was really getting into it until Simon Peter here [pointing at me], started snoring in my ear.’”

The class had a good chuckle, and Purdum gained a new perspective. “Spirituality isn’t just something to understand but also something to experience. If nothing else, that day I experienced my faith as very restful!”



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| 14 Briana Mironov | 28 Anita Eisenhard |
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| 25 Kim Bruchak | |



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| 16 Ginger & Bill Hallock |
| 24 Bruce & Peggy Saylor |

**PASTORAL ACT
FUNERAL**

Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Sandra Huegel on June 7, 2024.
Pastor Carey officiated at the funeral of Joyce Bastian on June 18, 2024.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Betty Moyer:

- William & Gayle Chrvala
- Melanie Dimovitz
- Rosemary Lehman
- Dorothy O'Connors

- Marion Reichard
- Charles, Alecia & Allyson Smith
- Bruce & Sandi Wagaman

Puzzle!

THE WATER OF LIFE

A cold drink helps us beat the summer heat. Complete this puzzle for a reminder of what Jesus offers to quench our thirst.

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Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer: "Let the one who is thirsty come, and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."
Revelation 22:17, NIV



BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.



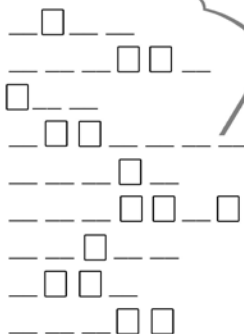
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How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them _____;
the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the _____, vast and spacious,
teeming with _____ beyond number —
living things both large and small.

Psalm 104:24-25, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
AUGUST 11, 2024**

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




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Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

July 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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July 2024

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Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Ken Ritter
Altar Guild: Janine Ritter
Communion Asst: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak
Greeter: Mary Schneider
Lay Asst: Bob Bruchak
Reader: Sandi Wagaman

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Carl Seibert
Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman
Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz
Communion Bread: Dorothy O'Connors
Greeter: Rosie Gallagher
Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards
Reader: Tom Kellogg

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Rosie Gallagher, Judy Walker
Altar Guild: Esther Seibert
Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor
Communion Bread: Esther Seibert
Greeter: Cal Fetherolf
Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson
Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Zack Dimovitz
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen
Communion Asst: Daisy Pearson
Communion Bread: Pat Spencer
Greeter: Carol Derr-Breinig
Lay Asst: Dick Steltz
Reader: Daisy Pearson

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Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Cal Fetherolf, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Tom & June Kellogg

Greeter: Janine & Ken Ritter

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: June Kellogg

Sunday, August 18, 2024

No worship services at St. Paul's

Joint worship service with Zion Lehigh at 10:00AM in Lock Ridge Park in Alburdis, followed by a picnic.

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Peggy Saylor

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: Anita Eisenhard

Greeter: Peggy Saylor

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, August 25, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Carl Seibert, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

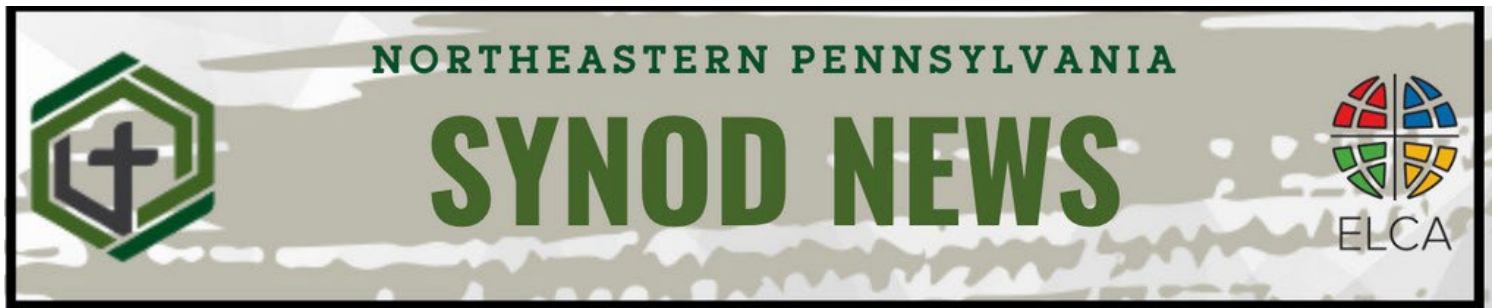
Communion Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Communion Bread: Bruce & Sandi Wagaman

Greeter: Lacey Edwards

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Lacey Edwards



Celebrating Success!

The Conclusion of the 37th Synod Assembly



On Saturday, June 8, over 376 Lutherans gathered in person and virtually to participate in the 37th Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. The theme, “Hungry for Life Together in Christ,” celebrated the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger and highlighted the hunger ministries that congregations are implementing within their communities. Pastor Eileen Smith LeVan, who co-chairs the NEPS Hunger Team along with her husband, Brian, presented how our congregations are improving hunger issues through

ministries like food pantries, community gardens, and weekly food distributions. The ELCA representative, Marie Anne Sliwinski, Senior Director for Building Resilient Communities, expressed how Lutheran Disaster Response, AMMPARO, God’s Work Our Hands, and our synod are helping individuals not only in our country but around the world through mission support and volunteer work.

Deacon Kat Tigerman introduced six congregations in Reading discerning themselves to be the first pilot 6261 community. “Our small sterling congregations are making the effort to talk, share, and consider the future,” says Bill Knox of Hope Lutheran, Reading. Many shared how their congregations are growing in friendship, community, and faith. Members of the Assembly also gave \$2,365 towards ELCA World Hunger. The three resolutions passed by the synod



assembly can be found at godslove.org/assembly2024. Congratulations to Jim Doxsey, Rev. Dana Heckman-Beil, and Amy Mietelski on their election to the Synod Council! The Assembly also elected the following voting members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ: Bishop Christopher deForest, Nancy Reichelt, Mark Stana, Seth Noggle, Betty Jane Schaefer-Hassler, Ron Mordosky, Jackie Williams, Stephanie Druckenmiller, Rev. Brian Beissel, Deacon Dawn Talley, Rev. Tom Scornavacchi, Rev. Lauren Applegate, Rev. Chris Druckenmiller, Rev. Ken Melber, Jr., Don Boyer, Stephen Hikes, Jean Sandberg, Rev. Nelson Quinones, Amanda Melber, Alicia Wood, Elizabeth Leibenguth, and Maria Marcano. To rewatch the excitement, visit the assembly webpage.

Witness and Service Team Grants are a Hugh Help!

Submitted by Georgia Suranofsky

During the assembly, we learned that over 2/3 of those congregations attending the in-person event, have either a food or garden ministry! Here is just one story about an amazing food ministry.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry (MCFM) was created in 2002 to provide a local, community-based source of food to those persons and households in the Governor Mifflin School District experiencing hardship or need, giving them sustenance and aid in the way of food and clothing on a temporary basis one a month.

I was told by Janet Reese, Board Member and one of the MCFM founders, that this food ministry is set apart by their lack of involvement with state or federal programs which in turn allows them for the past 22 years to pray with clients, distribute information on what is happening at their churches and invite the clients, share the gospel and inspirational materials with the families.

4 local churches including St. John's Evangelical Lutheran-Mohnton, New Life of Shillington, Calvary United Methodist and Zion Evangelical Congregational Church are the sponsors of the ministry Zion is the host church where donations are collected, stored and then distributed. Community donations supply most of the non-perishable food and paper products

distributed to MCFM clients. 8 local churches and several organizations also provide non-perishable food, volunteer distribution tasks and money.

Food distributions prior to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas include grocery store gift cards for clients' use to buy perishable items and clients receive a gift also. In tears, 1 woman told the President of the food ministry, "I have never received a Christmas gift."

Last year, the community food ministry experienced a dramatic increase in the average number of households served per month going from 84 over 100. The number climbed in December 2023. This was the busiest month ever, serving 149 households representing 482 people.

Gail Colahan, a member at St. John's Evangelical in Mohnton remembered the grants that are available

through the Witness and Service team and applied. The grant was approved for use this year and is providing meat and produce for the 12 monthly distributions.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry would not be successful without God's helping hand and the wonderful support received from volunteers, organizations, and churches that donate their time, money, and food," When we all share the burden of trying to make a community a better place, it lightens the load.



Take a minute to view some photos of the ministry by [clicking on this link](#).

You can find information on the [synod website](#) about the grants available from the Witness and Service Team. Your mission support giving makes these grants possible.

Thank you for your continued support!



BASKET SOCIAL

September 14, 2024
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(Breinigsville)

There will be over 100 baskets, five specials, various gift cards, a \$1,000 gift card grand prize, and a variety of kids' baskets. (If you bring your kids and purchase any tickets, kids aged 10 and under will receive free tickets for these baskets.) There will also be a 50/50 drawing. And bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a large Paper Products Basket. Refreshments and bake sale items available. You may also bring a chair and enjoy the Municipal Band of Allentown concert at 2:00 PM.

You do not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484-221-0445 or email her at anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com. For more info and ticket pricing, visit our Basket Social Web page at: <http://www.stpaulsbrville.org/basketsocial>

**FUNDRAISING
EVENT**

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.



September 2024 LMD NL news
will be due August 12, 2024.

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

← Photo of The Rev. Nelson & Jessica Quiñones

Loving

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

Prior to 1967 if you were an interracial couple in the United States, you were not allowed to get married in many states.

That's 57 years ago that interracial marriages between a person of color and whites could not get married in the United States.

What happened if an interracial couple did get married outside of their state?

In Easton, Pennsylvania, a Jewish woman married a Black man. Here's the account from the Easton Express Newspaper:

"Family and the law 100 years ago saw problems with blacks marrying whites, at the time when some states had laws which outright prohibited this "miscegenation."

"Two accounts in June 1884 relate how Pauline Lewis, "the Jewess" and John Good, "the mulatto," eloped from Easton and got married in New York. When they return, her enraged father had them both arrested and jailed, him for surety of the peace and her with being incorrigible."

"At a crowded magistrate's hearing, women in the Lewis family "cursed Pauline and Good in the most unrestrained manner. Pauline's father gave Good a punch in the mouth before Good's friends broke it up."

"Two days later, Good had posted bail and Pauline was free because her father dropped the charges against her. Pauline was told to choose between her father's family and Good."

"I love Good a thousand times more than you," she said. She moved her clothing and effects to Good's home. Her family disowned her."

Jailed. Punched. Disowned. Anti-miscegenation laws were public humiliation attacks on interracial marriages.

While some states granted Blacks and Whites could marry one another, some churches, too, allowed interracial couples in worship without being turned over to the authorities. Parish records from the former Christ Lutheran Church, Easton appears to have had interracial couples worshipping during the mid-1860's and baptized their mixed-race children. *(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!

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 for complete schedule & details.



Trinity invites you:

Trinity Memorial Luth. Church
(535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown)

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10 AM
12 week Bible Study starting 6/9

CLOTHING CLOSET

Free Clothing. Donations Accepted. 1st & 3rd Saturday.
Hours: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PANERA BREAD GIVE AWAY
Pick up on Mondays at 10:00 AM

BASKET SOCIAL

Sat., Oct. 19, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 20, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th, 6-8:00 PM

LITTLE SHOPPERS SHOP

Saturday, November 23rd
10:00 AM -12:30 PM

Questions? Call the church office at 610-797-4774 or email tmlcadmn@gmail.com



(continued from the previous page) The case that brought interracial laws to the United States Supreme Court was the Loving v. Virginia case where Mildred Loving (a black woman) and Richard Loving (a white man) were arrested for getting married.

The Supreme Court decision in the case struck the remaining states' anti-miscegenation laws as unconstitutional. Since 1967 interracial couples were allowed as their right to marry who they love.

I wrote this in loving memory to Pauline and John Good, Mildred and Richard Loving, and to all interracial couples.

With Love,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

Easton Express Newspaper. "Easton Woman Recalls Heritage: A Mixed Marriage" Morning Call, February 10, 1985.

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Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

Attached is the newsletter for the rest of 2024, check for details about upcoming trips. Great Smoky Mountains trip is now SOLD OUT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ADVENT/CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Wednesday, December 4, 2024
St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)

A **planning meeting** will be held
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM
St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)

Thank you for your support with this ministry!



CROP REMINDERS:

CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:

Sun., Aug. 25, 2024, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
(to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation/group)
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:

Sun., 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 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.

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!