

# PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



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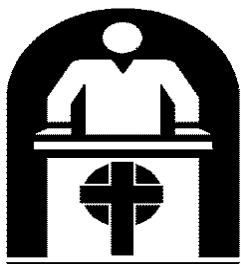
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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this, we are in the midst of the appointed gospel texts for Sundays that most pastors dread. If you remember, we had 5 Sundays where the Gospel mentions bread. Speaking of bread, do you have a favorite bread? Take a moment and imagine its smell, how it feels as you tear into it, the endorphins coursing through

your brain as you take your first bite. What was it that you imagined? Was it like the biscuits they serve at Red Lobster? Or like they *used* to serve at Ruby Tuesdays? Was it sourdough, or spicy rye? Or was it focaccia, that sponge of butter and herbs? Or maybe it was the way your mother made you toast and jelly when you were a child?

Now take that experience with bread and multiply it by a few million and you'll have an idea of what Jesus is offering you. He offered it to 5,000 people. In some gospel accounts, that's just the men in the crowd, not counting women and children. I don't know if it's possible to grasp the love Christ has for you, but Jesus meets us where we are. Instead of comparing himself to the greatest philosophers, teachers, theologians or heroes of his day, he compares himself to bread; simple, ordinary bread. It's a delicious place to start our contemplation of Christ.

Blessings,  
Pastor Miller

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

You might have noticed that you did not receive the traditional mid-year statement of your giving this summer.

This was partially missed because of several personal issues as well as being more cognizant of the monetary expense of mailing them out.

If you would like to have an accounting of your giving before the end of the year, please let me or Cindy know and one will be generated for you.

Sandi Wagaman

## ST. PAUL'S 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

Our **Basket Social** is coming soon! It will be held on **September 14, 2024 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM**. The Social will include refreshments, bake sale, and a band concert by the **Municipal Band of Allentown at 1:00 PM**. We have a variety of baskets, currently 140 baskets, to choose from – ranging from baby gifts, crafts, food gifts, gardening, bird-watching, spa items, tools, etc. There will be something for everyone! Check out our [pictorial directory](#) found on our [website](#) to preview our baskets.

- There will be a large Paper Products basket (paper towels, toilet paper, wipes, etc). Everyone who brings a donated food item will receive a ticket towards winning the paper.
- There will be a variety of kids' baskets. If you bring your kids to the Social and have purchased any tickets, kids aged 10 and under will receive free tickets for bidding on these baskets.
- There will be a 50/50 drawing. Proceeds will benefit Caring D.A.M. Hearts in Slatington.
- There are 5 Specials – items which are more valuable than the regular baskets. Our Specials are: a Michael Kors purse and wallet, a fabulous Eagles basket with many valuable items including tickets to a game, a beautiful homemade quilt made by Judy Walker, a wine basket, and a smokeless firepit.
- There will be many Gift Cards from local restaurants and retail stores. We currently have 29 gift cards/certificates donated.
- There will be a Grand Prize – \$1,000 VISA gift card.

**HELP WANTED:** In order to make this event successful we are in need of any willing persons to help with **setting up** prior to the event and **clean up** immediately following the event. We are also in need of anyone who would be willing to **set up chairs for the band concert** the day of the event. If you are interested in helping with any or all of these, please see the sign up sheets located in the narthex or call Cindy in the office and she can add your name to the sign-up sheet(s). We are grateful for any time you can give.

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**BASKET and GIFT CARD/CERTIFICATES DEADLINE:** We appreciate all of the donations of baskets and gift cards. In order to update the directory and to prepare the basket, our **last day** for accepting baskets and gift cards/certificates will be on **September 8th**.

**OTHER WAYS TO DONATE:** We are still looking for donations of paper products and are looking for baked goods for the bake sale. There is a bin in the Narthex for paper products, and a sign-up sheet for the bake sale.

### **WINNING BASKET PICK-UP INFORMATION:**

On the day of the basket social, the basket committee has decided that the drawing of the winning tickets will be done privately by 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. 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

## **SECOND FIDDLE**

A fan once asked conductor Leonard Bernstein what instrument is hardest to play. “Second fiddle,” he quickly replied. “I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm ... now that’s a problem. And yet if no one plays second, we have no harmony.”

The church certainly needs both leaders and followers. And everyone should be flexible and ready to pivot quickly.

It’s also important to have other arrows in our quiver — something biblical figures often demonstrated, according to Pastor Frank Ramirez. Although Amos was a high-profile prophet, he probably intended to return to being a shepherd and tending sycamore trees. Nehemiah, the emperor’s cupbearer, had a second chapter helping to restore Jerusalem’s walls and greatness. The apostles also had multiple roles, with careers in fishing and tax collecting before they left to follow Jesus.

What might your next life-chapter look like? How can you use it to bring glory to God?



# PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS

## Chemo Hat Project

Thanks to all who are making hats. We made a dent in the yarn – but there is still some left! (See Judy Noll or Steph Wagaman for yarn.) So far we have **47** hats made! This project will wrap up at the end of October.

## Project Warm Up America (WUA)

Also thanks to all who have been making the 7” x 9” knitted or crocheted rectangles. So far, we’ve collected **139** rectangles. The crafting group at the Lutheran Home of Topton is also participating in this project. This project will wrap up at the end of October.

## Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions

We’ve been working away on creating mats – several crocheted mats are in process, and we completed our first (half) mat on the loom. There was a bit of a learning curve with using the looms, but we worked out the kinks. Please see the Plarn picture page included in this newsletter. **NOTE: There is no Plarn session in September; the next Plarn date will be October 15 at 1:30PM.** Join us creating plarn, weaving on the looms, or bring your knitting/crocheting. It is a fun and productive working session.

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PATRIOT DAY

Three months after the 2001 terrorist attacks, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 as Patriot Day. Every year, we pause to remember the lives lost and changed on that autumn morning.

The resolution requests that each year the president issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate activities. Those include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence and flying the U.S. flag at half-staff.

In his 2023 proclamation President Biden said, “Together, may we continue to demonstrate that the rights and freedoms that those terrorists sought to destroy on September 11, 2001, remain unwavering — strengthened by generations of Americans who have dared all and risked all to defend, protect and preserve our democracy.”

# WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

We met over the summer and had lively discussions and Bible Studies.

We will be resuming our Soup and Sandwich Sunday, either the first or second Sunday in January 2025. We will have more information when the presenter confirms the date. Topic will be *Religious Art*.

## Upcoming Events:

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 were included in The Flame publication and are available. Registration deadline is September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

35<sup>th</sup> 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

## **September meeting has been rescheduled.**

Join us on Wednesday, **September 18**, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Basket Social – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

1:00 pm Municipal Band of Allentown Concert

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Potluck Lunch following worship

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Pet Blessing – 12:00 pm picnic, 1:00 pm Pet Blessing

# PARISH NURSING NOTES

“Immunotherapy to Treat Cancer”

September 2024

Peggy Saylor, RN

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! As I thought about what topic to write on for this month’s newsletter, I decided to explore the subject of immunotherapy for treatment of cancer. Several individuals have talked to me about immunotherapy and I realized that I didn’t know exactly what immunotherapy was.

Immunotherapy has been approved to treat many types of cancer but still is not as widely used as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy.

Immunotherapy is a cancer treatment that helps your own immune system fight cancer. It is known as a type of biological therapy meaning that it uses substances made from living organisms to treat cancer.

Our immune system normally detects and destroys abnormal cells and seems to prevent or curb the growth of many cancers. Immune cells called tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes or TILS are sometimes found in and around tumors and are a sign that our immune system is responding to the tumor. Immunotherapy helps the immune system to better act against cancer.

There are several types of immunotherapy used to treat cancer. Immune checkpoint inhibitors, T-cell transfer therapy, monoclonal antibodies, treatment vaccines and immune system modulators are described in further detail in the article that I listed at the bottom of this article.

Immunotherapy can be given intravenously, by mouth, or topical in a cream which is sometimes used in very early skin cancer. Most treatments can be done in a doctor’s office, clinic or outpatient unit in a hospital. The duration of treatment varies by the type of treatment you receive and how your body reacts to it. Some types of immunotherapy are given in cycles which include a period of rest to give your body a chance to recover, respond to the treatment and build new healthy cells.

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As with most types of treatments, there are side effects with immunotherapy as your immune system is revved-up to act against cancer which also acts against healthy cells and tissues in your body. Health care providers can help patients to manage the side effects that may occur.

Researchers continue to focus on ways to improve immunotherapy for cancer treatment to find solutions to resistance, find ways to predict one's response to treatment and reduce side effects. More detailed information can be found on the National Cancer Institute's website.

Side note: Blood pressure checks will start again on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Information from: [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov). Accessed on 8/6/24.



On Sunday, July 28, 2024 Alexander Backstrom became a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Alex is the son of members George & Julie Sanchez. We welcome Alex to our St. Paul's family.

## 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. For this special service, the church will be decorated with fall décor and harvest items. We will sing hymns of celebration and give thanks for our bounty.

As part of this celebration, we are calling for **non-perishable** food donations. You can bring canned goods and other non-perishable items to church Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> or September 29<sup>th</sup> and place items in the box in Narthex marked "Harvest Home". All food items will be donated to the food bank.

Help us to celebrate Harvest Sunday on September 29<sup>th</sup> and bring food donations for those in need.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the Allentown Food Bank and for your generous donation of 50 pounds of non-perishable items. Your gift and support are very important and vital to our ongoing mission.

*Jennifer Kelley,*

Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank Board Volunteer

## 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](mailto:stepbillwagaman@rcn.com) or call the church office at 610-398-7000.



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| 5 Laurin Mironov      | 25 Luca Caricari      |
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| 18 Jim Eisenhard, Sr. | 26 Steve Mesko        |
| 20 Lisa Newhard       | 27 Jennifer Bentsen   |
| 21 Emily Danner       | 27 Sharon Heminitz    |
| 21 Calise Eiswerth    | 28 Paula Smith        |



- 5 Skip & Anita Eisenhard  
20 Earl & Irene Wenz

### MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Betty Moyer: Carol Derr-Breinig

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Joyce Bastian:

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| Terry & Louise Bastian  | Larry & Susan Schmoyer               |
| Keith & Darlene Brown   | Alethia N. Smith                     |
| Linda Davies            | Michael & Cheryl Smith, Sr. & family |
| Melanie Dimovitz        | Richard Smith, Jr. & family          |
| John & Pamela Freehafer | Mary Ann Spangler                    |
| Glenn & Debra Hoffman   | Loretta Wiltraut                     |
| Rochelle & Joseph Homa  | Henrietta Younger                    |
| Carolyn Lagler          | Anna Belle Zibura                    |
| Patricia & Tom Petco    |                                      |

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL LAUGHS

These education-themed riddles will make the return to classrooms more fun!

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| Why was the arithmetic book so sad?               | <i>It had too many problems.</i> |
| What school supply is in charge of the classroom? | <i>The ruler</i>                 |
| What does the English teacher make for breakfast? | <i>Synonym rolls</i>             |
| Why doesn't the school library have a clock?      | <i>It tocks too much.</i>        |
| What is the blackboard's favorite drink?          | <i>Hot chalk-olate</i>           |

# PUZZLE



## AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

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 YOUR A FEET  
 MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

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Psalm 119:105, NIV

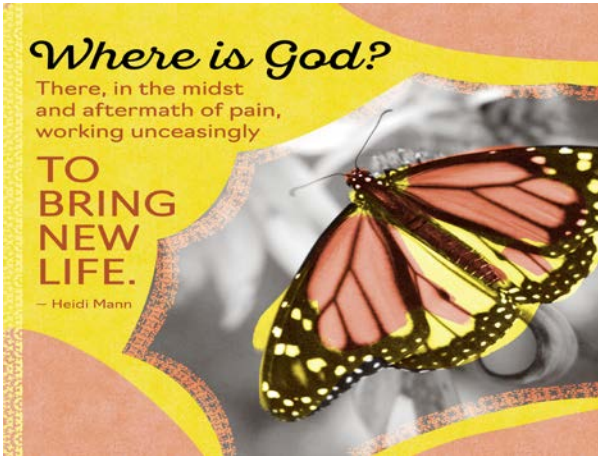


If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Answer: Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path; wisdom

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER IS  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

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



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**STAFF**

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



# September 2024     St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

## September 2024

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month - Melanie Dimovitz 484-649-5705

### Sunday, September 1, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Judy Walker, Rosie Gallagher

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Communion Asst:** Tom Kellogg

**Communion Bread:** Jennifer Bentsen

**Greeter:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Lay Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Reader:** Tom Kellogg

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Tom Kellogg, Peggy Saylor

**Altar Guild:** Rosemary Lehman

**Communion Asst:** Sandi Wagaman

**Communion Bread:** Lisa Newhard

**Greeter:** Carl & Esther Seibert

**Lay Asst:** Lacey Edwards

**Reader:** Rosemary Lehman

### Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Zack Dimovitz, Ken Ritter

**Altar Guild:** Janine Ritter

**Communion Asst:** Peggy Saylor

**Communion Bread:** Helen Post

**Greeter:** Zack Dimovitz

**Lay Asst:** Daisy Pearson

**Reader:** Dick Steltz

### Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Cal Fetherolf, Carl Seibert

**Altar Guild:** Amy Williams

**Communion Asst:** Bob Bruchak

**Communion Bread:** Alice Bastian

**Greeter:** Sharon Bortz

**Lay Asst:** Rosemary Lehman

**Reader:** Cal Fetherolf

### Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

**Ushers:** Frank Bennighoff, Melanie Dimovitz

**Altar Guild:** Esther Seibert

**Communion Asst:** Anita Eisenhard

**Communion Bread:** Carol Derr-Breinig

**Greeter:** Frank & Sandy Bennighoff

**Lay Asst:** Dick Steltz

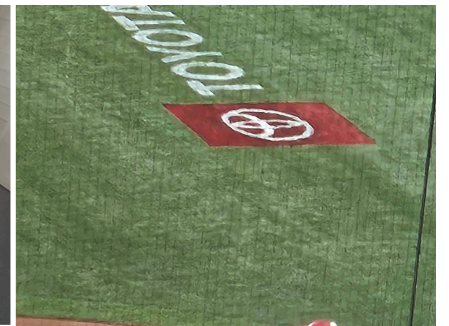
**Reader:** Jennifer Bentsen



# Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs



# Sunday, June 23, 2024





# Summer Music



Daisy Pearson, Sandi Wagaman, Sharon Bortz, Susan Ferguson



Jennifer Bentsen



Daisy Pearson, Piano; July Noll, Organ



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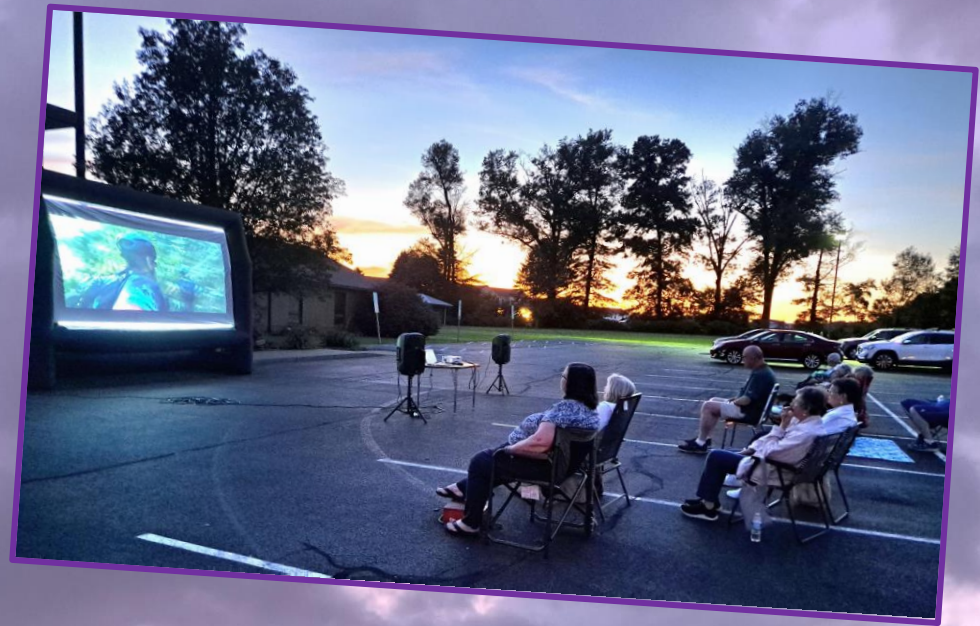
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## A Tapestry of Love: Unveiling the Impact of Our Quilting Ministries



The results are in for our Quilt Survey - and it is AMAZING the wonderful gifts of comfort and love that our congregations across the Synod share with others. Each year more than 1000 quilts, lap blankets, baby quilts and other blankets are made and donated to a host of charities from the 17 congregations who shared their stories. And the wonderful stories we have to tell! The **oldest** quilting ministry was shared by **Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Lehighton** - Trinity Knotters. They started in 1965 from an article about using coats and suits to make quilts. Initially, they started sewing at home and then moved into Luther Hall where they still meet today. They have a brick on the Good Samaritan Plaza at the Baltimore LWR Headquarters. Their quilts are shared with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and locally for graduating students, Carbon County Action Committee, Sanctuary for Veterans and

others. In addition to quilts, they make baby, personal care and school kits for LWR. Our Quilting groups have posted some very impressive numbers! The most annual quilt volume was posted by **Christ Lutheran in Hellertown** providing 180 quilts and lap quilts to a variety of organizations including Project Linus, Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, their internal faith community and fundraising. **St. James Lutheran in Coopersburg** – started in 2013 - reported 155 annual quilts donated to Turning Point, Bethany Ministries and to LWR prior to the pandemic. They have also made baby and personal care kits for LWR. **St. John's Lutheran in Slatington** reported 135 quilts and lap robes donated to LWR and to Chemo Bag, Gracedale, Topton Lutheran Home, Ripple, Sayre Center for Children, Kids Peace, Light House and Rescue Mission. **St. John's Lutheran in Hamburg** reported 100 quilts donated to LWR and the Topton Home.





Our Quilters are very talented, making a host of additional items to benefit our community.

**Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Tipton** – Compassionate

Crafters - makes a wide variety of crafts including fidget blankets and sleeves, crafters critters, prayer lap blankets and shawls in addition to quilts! Their handmade items are donated to LWR, Lutheran Home, Lehigh Valley and St. Luke's Hospitals and Arden Court. Newly started in 2022, the Compassionate Crafters donated 114 items that year and 218 items in 2023!

Our quilts are shared near and far – across the USA and around the world.



**St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran in Reinerton** – Tyers of Comfort - have made over 2000 quilts since their start in 1999. Among the groups to whom they

donate quilts is the Navajo Lutheran Mission in AZ and LWR. The group is led by Kathryn Lewis, founder and chairperson, who is 90 years old and going strong! Tyers of Comfort also have a sidewalk brick at the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. These are just a few of the stories

from our Quilting family across the Synod and there are more stories to tell from the rest of the groups – we will include them next time.

*Submitted by: Eileen Lane, Quilting Ministry Volunteer at St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown*



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**Sept 21**

**9:00am to 12:00pm**

2354 Grove Road Allentown, PA



On **September 21st**, to facilitate donation of quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief, we are hosting our **first LWR Ingathering at the Synod Office**. If Allentown is a convenient drive from your location, we will be collecting boxed quilt and kit donations from 9AM till Noon. A truck will be parked at the Synod office for you to drop off your donations. We will also have refreshments so you can meet other quilters and kit makers while you are there. Let's see if the NEPA Synod can fill the truck!