

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



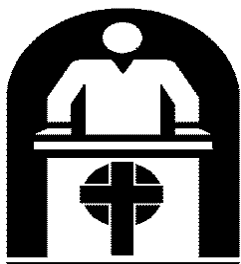
SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Dear Members and Friends,

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love***. We will begin this emphasis on **October 6th**. As God's people, we have been given the high honor of being his stewards. As his stewards, we are called to manage faithfully all that we've been entrusted with according to God's will and benefit. Because

of God's generous gifts of grace, faith, and love, we can accomplish all that God asks us to do. God works in and through us as we become his hands, feet, and mouth. Each week during this three-week emphasis, we will be focusing on one of the three virtues, grace, faith, and love.

In week one, our focus is on God's undeserved kindness and love which the Bible calls grace. God's grace comes from God through Jesus and his work for us. It is not something we have a right to. Jesus obtained it for us. We get it freely because of the obedience and sacrifice of Jesus. This saving grace also enables and motivates us to be God's stewards. The power of God's grace in our lives compels us to use our time, talents, and money in ways that glorify God.

In week two, we are reminded that it is through faith that we have access into God's grace and a new relationship with him. Through faith, God changes us, and we are born anew of him. Not only does faith justify us and give us peace with God (Romans 5:1), we are told by James and other writers that faith produces works (James 2:18). Faith leads to action. Through faith, we are empowered to fulfill God's purposes. Our deeds as stewards are evidence of our faith.

The third week we will focus on the virtue of love. Love ought to follow faith. Love seeks the welfare of others. *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us"* (1 John 4:11-12). God's love in Christ will compel us to do things that appear foolish to unbelievers. God's love prompts us to give freely of our time, talents, and treasures to help others and extend his kingdom.

I hope and pray that God will use the sermon messages on ***Transformed by Grace, Faith, and Love*** to draw you closer to him as we focus on grace, faith, and love.

Pastor Miller

PARISH NURSING NOTES

“COVID-19 Updates”

October 2024

Peggy Saylor, RN

As we enter the fall months, it is a good idea to revisit the subject of COVID-19. According to the infectious disease specialists at St. Luke’s Hospital, the summer months saw an increase of infections. The good news is that the hospitalizations have remained extremely low and severe infections have been almost exclusively seen in patients with other serious medical conditions or those with immunocompromising diseases. Specialists are uncertain what will happen with the upcoming colder months but are expecting intermittent rises in the number of cases.

That being said, let’s look at the annual update of the COVID-19 mRNA vaccine that has been approved by the FDA.

- It is recommended for everyone ages 6 months and older.
- It appears to be well matched with the current strain but strains may mutate.
- It is expected to provide some protection against mild infections for several months after given.
- If you have had a COVID infection in the past 90 days, the infection itself provides a robust “booster” effect.
- It is expected to provide protection for a longer period of time against severe illnesses in high-risk groups (elderly, diabetic, pregnant women, etc.)

For those individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive a mRNA vaccine, there is also a protein-based vaccine from Novavax that is approved for administration. You can discuss any concerns or questions with your primary care provider regarding the type of vaccine that is best suited to your needs.

All U.S. households will be eligible to order and receive 4 free COVID-19 tests at the end of September. The website that will be used is www.COVIDTests.gov. Watch for more information as to when these will be available.

Please be proactive with your health needs and protect yourself!!

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Thankoffering Sunday as been set as November 17th this year. Offering envelopes will be distributed for donations on November 17th.

The In-gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024, St. Paul's has 2 specific organizations for which we will be gathering items. The list of wrapped gifts will be distributed to our church shortly. *For detailed information see the In-gathering article in this issue of The Parish News.*

We will be resuming our Soup and Sandwich Sunday, the first Sunday in January, January 5, 2025, with a snow date of January 12, 2025. Judy Wanfried will be our speaker and discuss The Last Supper Art.

The NEPA WELCA Fall Fun and Service Event on September 20, 21, 2024, at Kirby Episcopal House in Mountain Top with a topic of Soul Care was attended by Sharon Bortz and Daisy Pearson along with 12 other overnight guests. Everyone had a wonderful dinner on Friday evening, followed by a craft session, then a pajama party. On Saturday, we enjoyed a bountiful breakfast, worship, craft session, great lunch, followed by an afternoon craft session before gathering for our closing.

NEPA WELCA Spring Justice Event theme *TBD* is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at Hope, Tatamy.

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

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

Our September Bible study was on *Receiving grace, Session one, Is grace real?* by Heidi Haverkamp. This was the first session of Gather's fall Bible study series on the Letter to the Ephesians. In this three-part study, we'll explore whether grace is read (September), how God's power works in us (October), and grace-filled living, ancient and new (November).

Join us on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and continue discussion how God's power works in us.

2024 LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

St. Paul's is once again participating in the Lehigh Mission District Ingathering to be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Instead of a list of items to donate to 10 different agencies, each congregation has been assigned two agencies to focus their donations. St. Paul's will be collecting items for the **Boys and Girls Club of Allentown** and the **YMCA Warming Station**. Our WELCA group will be responsible to deliver our items directly to these two organizations rather than gathering at a site to sort and pack them. We will do the sorting of your donations right here at St. Paul's on Monday, December 2, at 10:30 am. Contact Sandi Wagaman (610-203-8085) if you would like to volunteer to be a delivery person.

We will once again also be purchasing gifts for specific individuals for two organizations. We have not received the assignment yet. An announcement will be made in church and in the November newsletter. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Choose a name from the sandwich bags on the table, sign your name and phone number on sign-up sheet. There are instructions included in the bags for what to purchase and how to wrap them. We will deliver the wrapped gifts to St. John's Lutheran Church in Emmaus on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 between 9:00-10:30. We also need volunteers to help deliver these items to St. John's.

Place all items for the **Boys and Girls Club of Allentown** and **YMCA Warming Station** in the plastic bins marked INGATHERING in the Narthex. Wrapped gifts should be placed on top of the coat rack. Please check off your name on the list when bringing the wrapped gifts.

Deadline to bring items for both of these parts of the mission will be Sunday, December 1, 2024.

Contact Sandi Wagaman if you have any questions. 610-203-8085.

(See the insert for the list of items needed.)

ST. PAUL'S 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

The Basket Committee would like to thank ALL of the people in our church community for helping to make this year's Basket Social a great SUCCESS!! We could not have done it without each and every one of you. We would like to thank all of you who helped with setup prior to the event, the day of the event, and with cleanup. Thank you to everyone who donated baskets and gift cards, and everyone who provided the delicious baked goods. And also, thank you to everyone who helped on the day of the event. Again, this event could not have been so successful without ALL of YOUR HELP and GENEROSITY.

Basket Social Information:

of Items:

167 baskets	69 gift cards
12 kid's baskets	5 specials
1 grand prize	

Summary on the amount of money that was raised from this event:

\$4,243.00	Ticket Sales
\$ 890.00	Specials (Michael Kors Purse, Smokeless Fire Pit, Eagles Merchandise, Hand-made quilt, Wine Basket)
\$ 485.00	Grand Prize (\$1,000.00 Visa gift card)
\$ 571.50	Kitchen Sales
\$ 442.55	Baked Goods Sale
\$ 550.00	Donations

\$7,182.05	Total sales
\$ 275.00	50-50 money disbursed to Caring Dam Hearts and ticket winner
	Not included with earnings from basket social.

\$7,457.05 total

In addition to the donations made by members of our congregation, we would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their generous donation of gift cards, baskets, and/or food items.

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List of corporate sponsors:

1760 House	Macungie Diner
Airport Diner	Mark's Sandwich (Kutztown)
Applebee's	Mediterranean Café and Grill
AutoZone	Nothing Bundt Cakes
BJs Brew House	Outback
Bliss Salon	Perkiomen Animal Hospital
Caring D.A.M. Hearts Thrift Boutique	Philadelphia Eagles
Chris's Family Restaurant	Picasso Pizza
Firefly Book Store	Rita's
Gemini Nail	Raising Cane's
Giant	Schmoyer's Funeral Home
Hometown Diner	Texas Road House
Jak's Downtown Diner	Tony's Restaurant
Jersey Mike's	Vynecrest

The members on the Basket Social Committee are: Pastor Miller, Steph Wagaman, Anita Eisenhard, Melanie Dimovitz, Carol Derr-Breinig, Amanda Mesko, Peggy Saylor, Becky Theodore, Judy Walker, and Rosie Gallagher.

PET BLESSING

We will have a Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 1st. We'll gather at 12:00pm outside at the pavilion for refreshments and baked goods will be available for sale. The blessing will take place at approximately 1:00pm. You may bring your pet or a picture of your pet to be blessed. Each pet will receive a small token gift. There will be a dog and cat basket raffle and \$50.00 gift card raffle for PetSmart and Giant. Proceeds will go to PA Caring Hearts.



PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS

Chemo Hat Project – Many thanks to all of you who made hats! We have **47** chemo hats thus far. Just a reminder that this project is wrapping up at the end of October. Bring completed hats to church on **Sunday, November 3** for blessing of the hats.

Project Warm Up America (WUA) - Also thanks to all who have been making the 7" x 9" knitted or crocheted rectangles! So far, we have **172** rectangles. We are joining forces with Lutheran Home Stitchers on this project – and they have made **100** rectangles. This project is also wrapping up at the end of October. Please bring your completed rectangles to church by **Sunday, October 27**.

Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions – We are looking forward to getting back to Plarn. Join us on **October 15 at 1:30PM**. It is a fun and productive working session.



8 Ginger Hallock	23 Garret Pavlacka
13 Patrick Cope	24 Helen Kessler
15 Amy Williams	25 Sean Thompson
16 Claudia Haughney	27 Linda Dietrich
16 Esther Seibert	29 Allison Thompson
21 Anthony Pisauro	29 Judy Walker



3 Keith & Becky Theodore
6 Kevin & Dominique Clark
6 George & Julie Sanchez
14 William & Sharon Heminitz
25 Carl & Esther Seibert, Jr.
28 Steve & Amanda Mesko

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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

October 20th – Potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

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.

THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

Dear Cindy & Members of St. Paul's,

Apologies for this late message, as we have both been very busy with the start of the new school year and extracurriculars. We first want to say thank you to you and the church for your support with our donation drive!! We truly could not have done this without your help and without the help of all your patrons who contributed with their donations. We are proud to say that through the St. Paul's Lutheran Church we have raised a total of about \$750.00 worth of physical donations!! With this being our first ever drive, over 200 items were donated and we could not be happier with the results.

A little more than a week ago, we visited the Bethlehem Valley Youth House and dropped off the supplies. We were met with a large amount of support and thanks from the volunteers and the children living there displayed their gratitude and excitement. Included in the newsletter are some photos from our trip and our efforts in organizing all the supplies and money that was donated. Please feel free to share these with the members of the church if they're interested and please share our eternal gratitude in their efforts towards helping the Valley Youth House. We went into this very ambitious with low expectations, but the church has blown those expectations through the roof! We are entirely grateful!

With the large success of this drive, we hope to continue helping the Bethlehem Valley Youth House and/ or other local homeless shelters by raising money and items throughout the rest of the year. As the weather starts to get colder, one of the most essential items at these local shelters is winter clothing and jackets. We would love to set up a winter clothes drive at the church to collect jackets, mittens, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, etc. for the Valley Youth House and/ or other local children's shelters in the coming months. Regardless and most importantly, thank you and the entire church for your constant support, belief, and help in our cause. We couldn't have reached this immense number of donations without you!!

Many Thanks,
Sathana S. & Sydney K.

(Watch the bulletin and email for collection dates and more details.)

Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.
Then write the numbered words in the correct
blanks below to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

WORDS

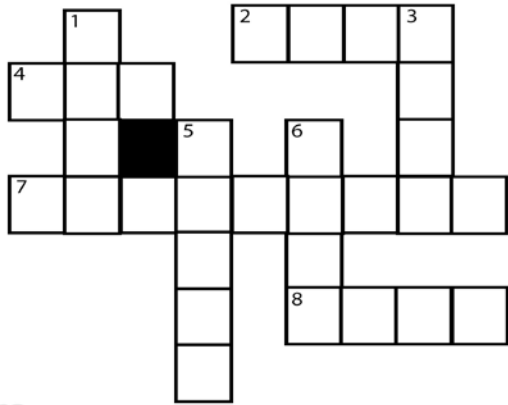
EARTH, CREATURES,
MADE, THEM,
FULL, HOW,
LORD, YOUR

ACROSS

2. Rhymes with gem.
4. Rhymes with cow.
7. Rhymes with features.
8. Rhymes with cord.

DOWN

1. Rhymes with pour.
3. Rhymes with fade.
5. Rhymes with worth.
6. Rhymes with pull.



_____ many are _____ works, _____ !
4 1 8
In wisdom you _____ all;
 3 2
the _____ is _____ of your _____ .
 5 6 7

Psalm 104:24, NIV

Answer: How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Psalm 104:24, NIV

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
OCTOBER 13, 2024**

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



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HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
EMAIL: office@stpaulsbbv.org
Website: www.stpaulsbbv.org**

STAFF

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

October 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 2024

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month - Sharon Bortz 610-248-5385

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Lacey Edwards, Amy Williams

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Sharon Bortz

Communion Bread: Steph Wagaman

Greeter: Rosie Gallagher

Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Lacey Edwards

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Calvin Fetherolf

Altar Guild: Rosemary Lehman

Communion Asst: Tom Kellogg

Communion Bread: Joshua Solderich

Greeter: Calvin Fetherolf

Lay Asst: Bob Bruchak

Reader: June Kellogg

Sunday, October 13, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Anita Eisenhard, Peggy Saylor

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Daisy Pearson

Communion Bread: Ken & Janine Ritter

Greeter: Dorothy O'Connors

Lay Asst: Sharon Bortz

Reader: Daisy Pearson

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Melanie Dimovitz, Zack Dimovitz

Altar Guild: Jennifer Bentsen

Communion Asst: Peggy Saylor

Communion Bread: Bob Nickisher

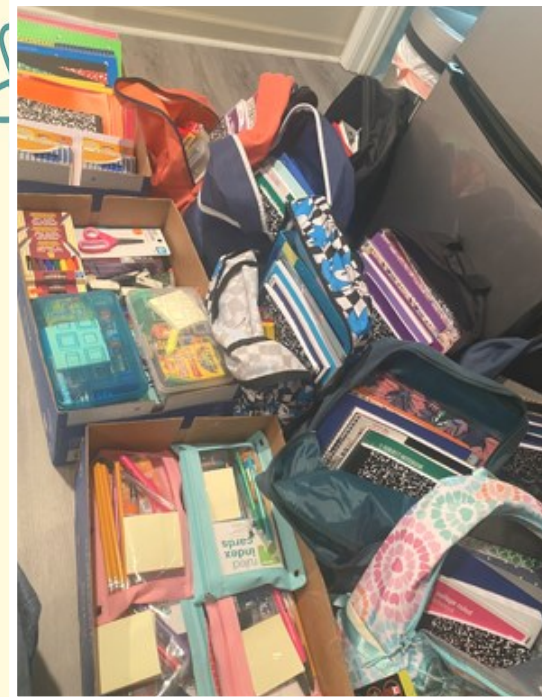
Greeter: Mary Schneider

Lay Asst: Daisy Pearson

Reader: Dick Steltz



SCHOOL SUPPLIES



August 2024





Special Music



Sharon Bortz & Susan Ferguson

September



Zack Dimovitz & Richard Steltz—Trumpets

Judy Noll—Organ

August



2024



FALL BASKET



SOCIAL



YMCA WARMING STATION

Microwave shelf-stable single serving meals

Instant coffee

Powdered creamer

Sugar

Travel size toothpaste

Small size body soap (hotel size)

MENS

Underwear -Medium to Ex. Large

Socks

Deodorant

WOMENS

Underwear – Medium to Ex. Large

Socks

Deodorant

Plastic forks, spoons & knives

Quart and Gallon sized Ziploc Bags

Paper cups/Napkins/ Small sized plates

TIDE PODS only (not liquid or powder)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

Christmas Plates

Christmas Napkins

Plastic Cups (cold drinks)

Plastic Forks, Spoons and Knives

Plastic Tablecloths

Christmas Candy

Candy Canes

PERSONAL ITEMS

Bar soap

Shampoo (medium size bottles)

Socks for boys and girls (all sizes)



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

How can we say 'Thank You': Wanishita

Native American elders Fritz and Pat Bower led much of the Corn Harvest Festival services this Grandparents' Day weekend at Zion Spies Lutheran Church. But this started months ago, on Earth Day Fritz and Pat Bower met me with the service they had originally crafted for their congregation (initially at Reformation, Reiffton. They are now members of St. Mark's, Birdsboro and have held this service there).

Picture this 4-year-old who sits in the front every week and eagerly reached for the bells... across the aisle, from a woman in her 70's who had never been in the building before. Both danced to the hymn. The Bowers in their full regalia of Lenape and Cherokee traditional dress met the 67-year-old man with Down syndrome exuding his ever-present reverent spirit as he and his cousin, carried to the altar, the abalone shell full of copal incense which bore the sins and burdens of the congregation; to be burnt while confession and forgiveness were proclaimed... "let our prayers rise before you as incense..." (Psalm 141:2).



How can we say 'Thank you' to God for this abundant harvest of produce and community? "Wanishi Kishelëmienk, we thank you, Creator".

(In the Unami language of the Lenape)

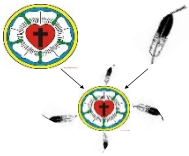
Our congregation had practiced in choir, and worship to get accustomed to a service led in English but with phrasing familiar to Native Americans and, using the First Nations Version of Scripture. Worship included families from Scouts and Day Camp. The stew for the Harvest Festival Feast was made in part from 3-sisters-crops (corn, beans, squash) that Day Camp grew.





The rest of the pot-luck was as diverse as the body of Christ: pickled-beet eggs, wild rice, , and ... pop-corn! “You can’t have a Corn Harvest Festival without corn”. Kids made colorful corn cobs from fuzzy-sticks while learning about the varieties of native species. We partnered with Widoktadwen; committed “to promoting the visibility of Native Americans ...through community education, leadership, and activism.” Rev. Bruce Osterhout found Widoktadwen last fall, as we met with the Council to introduce a concept called 6261, as a possible way to re-invigorate our under-used buildings & acres of forest, while serving our

community in need of healing from flooding which closed a school, pandemic and rural/urban strains. Now, a year later we share church building space and programming as we work together to build Community (the literal meaning of Widoktadwen in Bodewadmimwen, the Potawatomi language) and the Way of Jesus. How can we possibly say enough thank you’s & “Wanishita” to God for these abundant gifts? We will keep planting, tending, and caring for God’s growth.



Graphic & translations courtesy of Fritz & Pat Bower

Na yukwe nē guski kēsiki luwen. (This now is all I have to say.)

Kishelēmukonk kēmīlēl wēlānkuntēwakàn, (The Creator bless you and give you peace.)

XahēliKshikàna (Fritz Bower)

Submitted by: Fritz & Pat Bower, Amanda Funk, and Rev. Rebecca Knox

CONGREGATION FINANCE WORKSHOP



November 9
9:00am to 12:00pm

Hybrid Workshop: Lutheran Center (2354 Grove Rd, Allentown) & Zoom

The NEPA Synod Finance Committee is organizing a complimentary workshop for congregation finance leaders. Registration details will be available soon through the synod’s weekly e-news and website. The workshop will also be recorded and made accessible afterward.

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Lehigh Mission District NEWSLETTER

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Dean
The Rev. Jean L. Huber, Assoc. of the Bishop
Elizabeth Leibenguth, Mission District Chair
Linda Gery, Newsletter Editor

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610-704-5133
484-550-0057
610-395-5535

OPERATION SUNSHINE

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

1933 Hanover Ave,
Allentown, PA 18109

Open: Monday 11-3 and
Wednesday 11-3

Phone: 610-435-9155
Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com
www.LMDopsunshine.com

Paula & Dick Skelly,
Co-Trip Coordinators



Dear Travelers,

Our shows are sold out for this year, but keep an eye out for next year's newsletter scheduled to be released in November. Thanks for traveling with Operation Sunshine.
~Paula & Dick

Trinity Memorial Church invites you:
(535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown)

CLOTHING CLOSET

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

Sat., Nov. 23rd, 10AM -12:30 PM

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



Save
the
dates

November 2024 LMD NL news will be due October 14, 2024.

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

Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders Calendar 2024-2025

Dear Lehigh Mission District Rostered Leaders,

Our Rostered Leaders monthly Wednesday meetings are at 10:30 A.M. at the Lutheran Center on 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, Pennsylvania, 18109. All events will be held at the Lutheran Center unless otherwise noted. Here is a 2024-2025 Rostered Leaders Calendar of upcoming topics, presenters, and events.

2024 Calendar:

October 9, 2024 - Topic: P C B

Presenter: The Rev. Richard Baumann

November 13, 2024 - Topic: Indigenous Religious Traditions & Ecology

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Roger Timm

December 12, 2024 - LMD Advent Worship & Breakfast at 8:00 A.M.

Muhlenberg College Egner Chapel, Allentown

2025 Calendar:

January 8, 2025 - Topic: Insights from the Allentown Collaborative

Group Presentation

February 12, 2025 - Topic: State of Lutheran Social Ministries

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Woody Maxon

March 12, 2025 - Topic: Calls to Ministries

Presenter: The Rev. Jira Albers, Licensed Lay Ministry Director

April 9, 2025 - State of the Synod

Presenter: Bishop Christopher deForest

May 4, 2025 - LMD Spring Assembly at 4:00 P.M.

Lutheran Center, Allentown

May 30-31, 2025 - Synod Assembly (location TBD)

Theme: Connect the Dots!

June, July, August - OFF

Event updates will be made available at our meetings and on the LMD Newsletter.

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean



St. John's Church Fall Basket Social

(1028 Church Street, Fogelsville)
October 4, 2024 (Preview Night)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM and
October 5, 2024
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tickets may be purchased and placed both days, take-out food items & baked goods will be available only on the 5th.

100+ baskets, 50+ gift cards!
Ticket pricing (1 sheet = 25 tickets): 1 sheet/\$10, 2 sheets/\$20, 3 sheets/\$25.
Winners will be drawn at the end and contacted by phone.

Everyone is welcome!!!

See attached flier.



Zion Lehigh Lutheran Craft Bazaar

(8269 Spring Creek Rd, Alburtis)
November 2, 2024
9 AM to 2 PM

There will be Crafts, Bake Sale, Lunch, Basket Raffle and Grandma's Attic.

Call: 610-395-1215



St. Timothy's Lutheran Church Craft Show

(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)
November 16, 2024
9 AM to 3 PM

If you have questions or would like to register for this event please contact Ivy Reynolds at 610-393-1353.

The cost of an 8-foot table is \$25.00 and checks made payable to "St. Timothy's".

Set up will be November 15, 2024 from 6-8:30 PM.

See attached flier.



Lehigh Mission District Christmas InGathering Reminder:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church (501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)

If you have any questions regarding the InGathering please contact Penny at 610-390-9694.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Planning Meeting and to the many people who make this ministry happen! We are glad to be able to serve others in need and help our agencies.



Zion Lehigh Lutheran & the Alburtis Lion's Club All-You-Can-Eat SPAGHETTI DINNER

(8269 Spring Creek Rd, Alburtis)
Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 4-7 PM

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, and beverage. Call: 610-395-1215.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church CASH BINGO

Sunday, November 10, 2024
1:00 PM - doors open at 11:30 AM
at Fearless Fire Company
(1221 S. Front Street, Allentown, PA)

Food and baked goods available.
Ticket Price: \$30 or \$35 at the door.
See the attached flier for details.



Thanks for Making a Difference for Neighbors in Need!

THANKS to CROP Hunger Walk teams who have REGISTERED for the

45th Annual Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 13, 2024

1:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 1 p.m.
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104)

If you haven't already done so, please:

**REGISTER your CROP Hunger Walk TEAM
www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa

**SPREAD THE WORD with emails, social media, mission minutes, newsletters & bulletins.

DISTRIBUTE the CROP Walker/Donor and Sponsorship FLYERS (attached).

**INDIVIDUALS and BUSINESSES/GROUPS:
REGISTER and/or DONATE at
www.crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa



AWARDS:

**FREE T-SHIRT for INDIVIDUALS who raise \$150 or more by 10/13/24

(T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the 10/13/24 CROP Hunger Walk.)

**GOLDEN SNEAKER, SILVER SANDAL, BRONZE BOOTIE awards for TEAMS that raise the most money percentage-wise relative to their 2023 totals.

The CROP Hunger Walk is a great intergenerational fellowship and service event for families, youth groups, adult groups, businesses, organizations, and congregations.

Two route options from which walkers may choose: a 10K route and a "Golden Mile" route (with refreshments available for both).

Like us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/AllentownCROPWalk/

The Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk helps food-insecure neighbors locally through the Conference Kitchen and the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank.

Our CROP Walk funds also support Church World Service's life-saving disaster assistance, displacement assistance, and long-term development assistance with our neighbors in need throughout the United States and around the globe.