



SYNOD COUNCIL UPDATES

Meeting Date: August 3

The Synod Council met on August 3. On the tail of our Synod Assembly, plans for next year's assembly have begun to take shape. We affirmed the importance of walking together with our Synodically Authorized Worshipping Communities and Synodical Authorized Outreach Ministry.

Updates were given by the bishop on the excitement surrounding the [Licensed Lay Ministry](#) program as well as the ["6261" ministry communities](#). Financially, Mission Support is slightly behind budget.

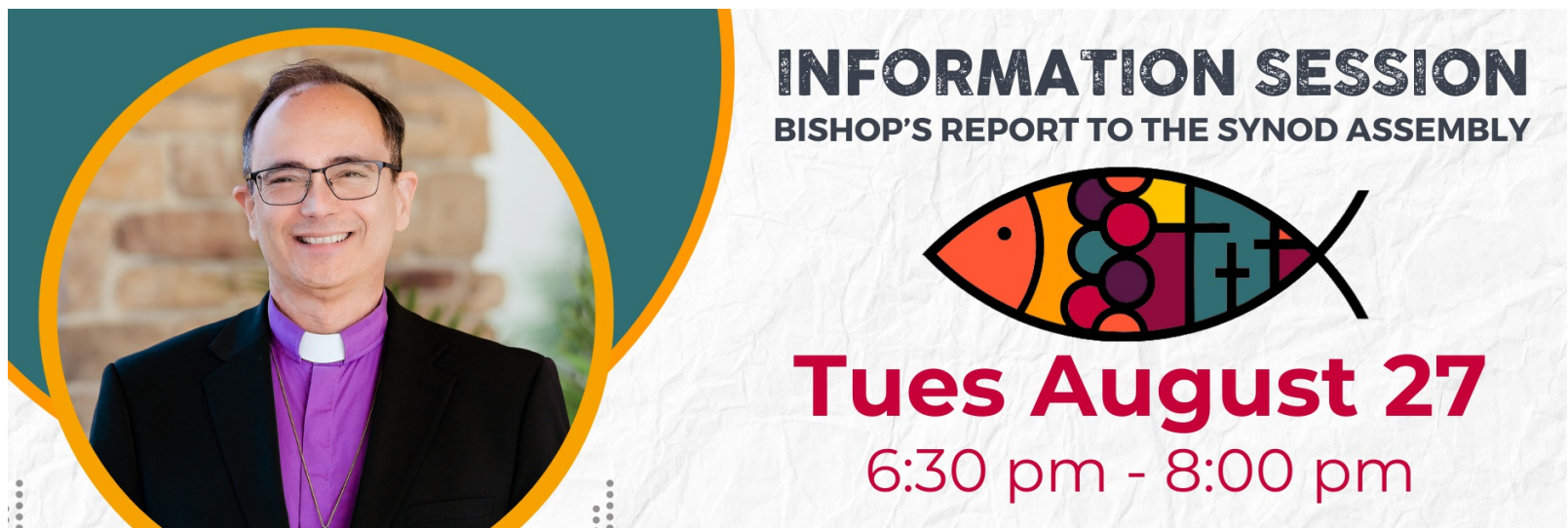
The Synod Council will next meet on October 12 and appreciates your continued prayers.




August 2024 Mission Support Memo

In our [August 2024 Mission Support Memo](#) we hear about how the ELCA Youth Gathering is both a place of faith formation and empowering each of us to share faith and inclusion in our church. You also have a great opportunity to attend Stewardship Kaleidoscope in September, even online so check out the memo to find out more.

[Click here for full article](#)



INFORMATION SESSION
BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY



Tues August 27
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

The poster features a circular portrait of a man in clerical attire on the left. The background is a light, textured grey. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The fish logo is a stylized fish with a colorful pattern of circles and crosses on its body.

All Voting Members from last June's Assembly has been sent a Zoom link to interact live. And everyone can watch LIVE via YouTube that night. A recording will also be made for later viewing.

[YouTube Link](#)



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

The banner has a yellow background. The text 'God's work. Our hands.' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the text are five square icons in a row: a blue square with two white silhouettes of people, a green square with a white line-art of a hand holding a plant, a yellow square with a white wrench, a red square with a white envelope, and a purple square with a white hammer. Below the icons is a yellow bar with the date 'September 8, 2024' in a black, sans-serif font.

It is that time of year again! To raise awareness of the **God's Work Our Hands** projects across the broader community, Eileen Lane is preparing an article for submission to The Morning Call newspaper and would like to share specific information about any service project activities planned by area churches. Last year (2023), we had 3/4 page filled with projects by member churches in The Morning Call newspaper. With all the planned activities among our congregations, we think we can fill an entire page in the newspaper this year!

How will your congregation be observing GWOH Sunday?

Will you be hosting a service project or other activity? **If you are willing to share information and photos about your GWOH observance, please email (eileenlane100@gmail.com) with details that can be included in a newspaper article including:**

Church name and address

Service project title or description

Name and phone number of contact person for more information

We will also submit to The Morning Call and other publications as appropriate. Editors frequently revise submissions, so the information you supply might not be published exactly as you supplied.

[ELCA Resources](#)



The Rev. June E. Wann

October 13, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church

3355 MacArthur Rd Whitehall, PA



New and Updates:

- > **The family of Rev. George Kinney** on the death of his daughter, Anne.
- > **The family and friends of Rev. David Newhart** who entered into eternal life.
- > **The family and friends of Greg Rissmiller (brother-in-law of Rev. June Wann)**, who unexpectedly passed away.
- > **The family and friends of Dorothy (Dottie) Tomlinson**, widow of Rev. John Tomlinson, who mourn her passing.

Continuing in Our Prayers:

- > *currently no continuing prayers*

If you are in need of prayer please send request to info@nepsynod.org Individuals remain on the prayer list for at least four weeks unless the synod is informed of their need to remain on the prayer list by resubmitting the form.



MINISTRY TEAMS



Aug 18 (2pm-7pm)

LEHIGH VALLEY PRIDE

The SteelStacks: 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem

Click the link below to volunteer
at the NEPA synod booth

Volunteer

Photo taken at NEPA PrideFest on June 23, 2024



MINISTRY PARTNERS

**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION**
Building men for Christ

As a follow up to the recent NEPA Synod Communications survey, we'd like to explore more deeply the presence and interest in starting up Men's Groups within NEPA Synod congregations. Specifically, we'd like to establish a community for sharing best practices to help existing Men's Groups thrive, while also assisting congregations with an interest for starting a Men's Groups with resources, experiences and mentors to do so.

Accordingly - would a representative of your congregation please take the 5-10 minutes to fill out [this easy-to-complete survey](#)? As a bonus, there are photographs from successful Men's Groups embedded within the survey. This survey will close at the end of August, 2024. And - if you take the time to fill out this survey, you will hear back!

George Freestone

One Facilitator (of several) of the Men's Group at Advent Lutheran Church, West Lawn, PA

CLICK HERE FOR SURVEY



Lutheran
Disaster Response

REBUILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Berks county experienced flood damage in July 2023. Can you help with general construction including installation and removal of skirting, drywall, and insulation?

AUGUST 14 8:30 AM - 4 PM	AUGUST 15 8:30 AM - 4 PM	AUGUST 24 8:30 AM - 4 PM
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Registration required:
berksrecoveryvolunteers@gmail.com

The Antietam Valley Unmet Needs Roundtable exists to help survivors of the July 9, 2023 storms in Berks County, PA. It is a partnership of Antietam Valley Community Partnership, Pennside Presbyterian Church, Lutheran Disaster Response, and PA SouthEast Conference, UCC.

Lutheran Disaster Response and our partners are helping families in Berks County recover from last year's flooding. Volunteers save us thousands of dollars in labor and allow us to help more people. Will you join us?

Pixels for Peace:

Digital Peacebuilding Webinar



August 27 @ 6 - 7p.m. OR September 12 @ 12:30-1:30

As Christians, we are called to be peacemakers. This work is deeply needed in digital spaces, where conflicts and disinformation too often drive apart congregants and friends. Common Ground USA and Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) invite you to Pixels for Peace to understand how our digital worlds are shaping polarization and what we can do individually and together to build peace online.

Pixels for Peace will cover:

How and why digital spaces shape the way we understand the world and each other

How forces of disconnection try to manipulate online audiences

What works to respond to online division and hate

[Register here for August 27 at 6pm!](#)

[Register here for September 12 at 12:30 pm!](#)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Ingathering: Quilts and Kits

September 21 9:00am to 12:00pm

*Lutheran Center
2354 Grove Road Allentown, PA*

We are coordinating our Ingathering with the Lower Susquehanna Synod through Sue Gordon. At the Ingathering we will have a truck parked at the Synod parking lot from 9AM till Noon on Sept 21st - rain or shine. We can collect any LWR Quilts and Kits (Personal Care, Baby, School or Fabric) that should be transported to the LWR Baltimore Warehouse. **All items must be boxed and labeled per the LWR guidelines which can be found by click on the button below.**

Any questions can be directed to Eileen Lane at 610-442-3805 or eileenlnae100@gmail.com

[LWR Guidelines](#)



New Listings:

> no new listings

Repeat Listings (Date listed):

Parish Administrator (8/6): New Life, New Tripoli is searching for a Parish Administrator to provide assistance with administrative duties in church operations and to provide secretarial services to the Pastor, other Church Staff, and council in accordance with New Life's Mission. Full job description can be found [here](#). Anyone interested can email apply.nlelc@gmail.com

P/T Administrative Secretary (8/6): Redeemer Lutheran Church, Allentown, PA has an opening for a part-time administrative secretary (approx. 20-25 hours a week). Candidate should have a positive, professional, welcoming presence and possess strong organizational skills with a commitment to confidentiality. Self-motivation and a willingness to learn is important. Responsibilities will include assisting the Pastor, helping volunteers, maintaining daily operations, and maintaining office supplies and records. Important secretarial functions will be preparing church service bulletins, (Sundays and Seasons) and maintaining the membership database (Shepherd's Staff). Demonstrates computer literacy with proficiency in Microsoft Office programs such as Excel and Word, in addition to Google Docs. Working knowledge to maintain the church's website and social media presence is a huge plus. Please send resume and/or questions to Redeemer Lutheran Church email at admin@redeemerallentown.org

Music Ministry: St. John's Lutheran Church (206 E Main Street, Bath) is looking for an Organist/Choir Director. If interested, please call or text Jeannine at 610-417-3316

P/T Director of Music (6/4): Weisenberg Lutheran Church (7645 Weisenberg Church Rd. New Tripoli, PA 18066) is seeking a part-time Director of Music. This candidate will coordinate the music life of our community in coordination with the Pastor and Worship & Music Committee, direct our choir in rehearsal and worship, and lead our worship's musical life as an organist and pianist. Expectations are for approximately 12-15 hours/week, with a competitive salary negotiable based on experience and qualifications upon hiring. Qualifications include prior work experience, proficiency in playing organs, piano, and keyboard, and strong choral conducting skills. Candidates should also have familiarity with executing a variety of musical genres and the ability to incorporate them in a worship setting, possess excellent communication, planning, and executive skills, and show commitment to the mission and values of the Christian church and the larger work of the E.L.C.A. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume or CV, and contact information for three professional references to Secretary at secretary.wlc@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Visit www.weisenbergchurch.org for more information.



Events are listed by date

Send your prewritten/formatted events to info@nepsynod.org

Free Concert: Centre Park Flute Quartet

Saturday August 17, at 3PM (free-will offering)

Good Shepherd ELC, 4201 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road, Reading (Muhlenberg Township)

This versatile quartet has given concerts in many of the Northeastern USA states. Their music is entertaining. Their flutes are not the usual sounds and sizes seen in orchestras. Church is handicap accessible, large parking lot, air-conditioned, with a great acoustic Sanctuary.

Questions - call 610-926-5338, leave message for the office.

Mt Zion Lutheran Church Summer Fest 2024

Saturday, August 17th

12 Noon - 7:00 PM

Rain or Shine

1343 Long Lane Road

Kutztown (Krumsville), PA

Happy Dutchman German Band

12 Noon - 3:00 PM

Avoiding Foreclosure

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Third Hand Band

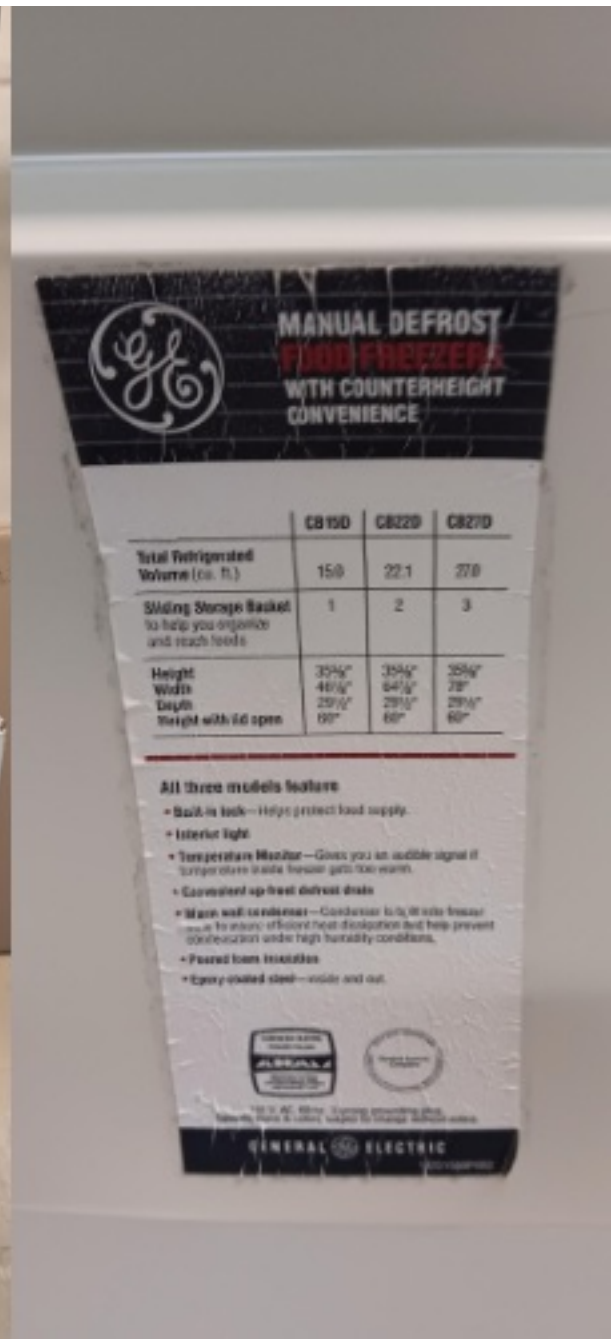
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, Flea Market,
Games, Fantastic Food, Music and Fun.
Raffle Basket drawing at 6:00 PM**

Net proceeds to benefit Sylvia Keller. Until her illness, Sylvia was our music director and organist for over 30 years. Due to her finances related to hospital stays and therapy, the church has selected her to be the recipient of this year's Summer Fest funds. Please help us support Sylvia!

Directions: I-75 to Exit 40 (Krumsville/Kutztown). Travel North on RT. 737 and turn right at the blinking light onto Old Rt 22. Travel East about 1 mile and turn left onto Long Lane Road. Mt Zion Church is on your right. Handicapped parking is available.

ITEM AVAILABLE: Chest Freezer



Bern Lutheran Church, Leesport, has a chest freezer that is not being used anymore. If another church or a food pantry is in need of one, please contact Phil Ketz at 610-823-4990

St. Paul's Evangelical



Lutheran Church

8227 Hamilton Blvd
Breinigsville, PA 18031
610 398-7000



FALL 2024 BASKET SOCIAL

**Refreshments, Bake Sale
And Entertainment**



Saturday, September 14, 2024

9:00AM - 2:00PM

**Enjoy Municipal Band of Allentown Concert
at 1:00PM (bring a lawn chair)**

Ticket Prices – Cash Only

Baskets and Gift Cards - \$5 per card (26 tickets on each card)

If purchased in advance - \$20 for 5 cards; at door - \$25 for 5 cards

Specials - \$10 for 11 tickets

Grand Prize - \$5 per ticket

**Bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win
a large Paper Products Basket**

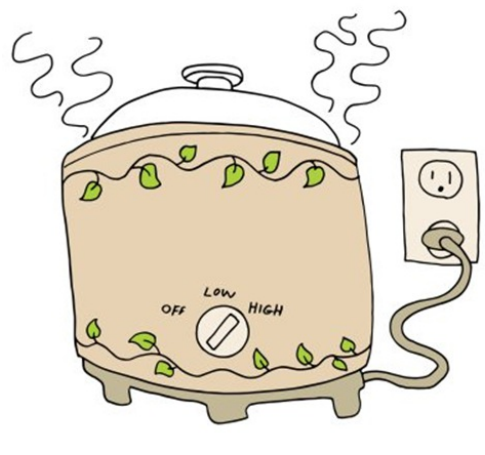
**To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484 221-0445
or email anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com**

Doors close at 2PM for private drawings and reopen 4PM-6PM for pick-up.
Other pick-up times: Sunday, 9/15, 12 Noon to 2PM and Monday, 9/16, 10:30AM to 2PM
For additional information:

www.stpaulsville.org/BasketSocial

Scott Winkelman

Crockpot Social & Basket Raffle



Saturday, September 21 at 3pm

St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

4125 Penn Ave, Sinking Spring, Pa 19608

Gift cards and themed baskets can be dropped off during office hours, M-Th 9a-2p. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, Sept. 15. For questions please call Deb Scheidit, Georgie Jones or the office (610) 678-1088.





13th Annual Golf Tournament

4 Person Scramble w/ Shotgun Start

Rich Maiden Golf Course
234 Richmaiden Rd, Fleetwood, PA 19522

Sunday, Sept. 22 @ 1:30 PM

\$340 Per Foursome/\$85 Individual
Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Beverages, Meal

Information & Registration forms for your foursome are available at
MaidencreekChurch.org





THE COMMUNITY MEAL

**Join us Wednesday, September 25, October 23
and November 20 for a FREE Community Meal!**

Invite your friends and neighbors.

This is FREE & OPEN to the community.

St. John's Lutheran Church 4125 Penn Ave, Sinking Spring, Pa 19608 610-678-1088

Family Fall Fest

September 28th 9 AM - 1 PM

Good Shepherd ELC, 4201 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road, Reading (Muhlenberg Township)

There will be Food, Baked Goods, Games, Hay Rides, Vendors (selling great gifts for Christmas),
Homemade craft items made by the W/ELCA ladies - a fund raiser for their mission project.

Send a text to Rachel at 610-301-9095 if you would be interested in a table (8 foot) to display/sell
your items - \$20 donation

Call the office if you have questions - 610-926-5338

Homecoming Sunday

September 29th 10:30am

Trinity Lutheran Church, 404 Broadway Bangor

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor will be having a special Homecoming Sunday on September 29,
at the 10:30 service, followed by a catered lunch. We would like to invite all former pastors,
organists, teachers, leaders and others to join us, the more the merrier. There will also be a time
during the meal to share your memories of Trinity.

Contact the church at 610-522-2023 if you plan to stay for the lunch. Please mark your calendar
and join us on September 29th.



Bingo Fundraiser

**Saturday, October 5th
Games begin @1:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch available for purchase.

\$20 FOR 20 GAMES!

Game prizes are themed gift baskets, incl. similarly-themed gift cards.

**CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE
TO PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS!**

Seating is limited to 100. If still available, tickets will be sold at the door.
Everyone in attendance must have a ticket, even if they are not playing bingo.



St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church

67 West Washington Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018-2433

610-865-0601 † ststephenoffice@ptd.net † www.ststephensbethlehem.o



What: Kauffman's Chicken Barbeque & Bake Sale

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church Upper Parking Lot

When: Sunday, October 20, 2024

Time: 10 AM to 1 PM

What's included: 1/2 chicken & baked potato

Price: \$12 per dinner

Benefits church general fund

Desserts available for an extra charge. Volunteer bakers needed. We have a minimum of 400 chicken tickets to sell to friends, co-workers, neighbors etc. Please take a few extra tickets and help our church. To volunteer or with questions, please contact Deb Scheidt at 610-468-5923.



GROWING YOUNG



GAINING STRENGTH



BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE

Synod email: info@nepsynod.org

Synod website: www.godslove.org

Stacey Burke (she/her): stacey@nepsynod.org

Communications & Growing Young Coordinator