



Help with Hurricane Debby Relief Efforts

Hurricane Debby brought heavy rains to much of Pennsylvania. While some counties in northern Pennsylvania were hit especially hard, like Tioga, Potter, and Lycoming Counties, pockets of heavy rains caused flooding for residents all over Pennsylvania.

Anyone who needs help with cleanout should call the Crisis Cleanup Hotline 1-844-965-1386; [more info is here.](#)

Crisis Cleanup is a partner with Lutheran Disaster Response and Pennsylvania Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. We rely heavily on their tool to manage work flow.

Successful activation of Crisis Cleanup relies on a pool of call center volunteers. We are actively recruiting volunteers to help take calls. Volunteers take calls on their own time and from their own laptop and phone, without making your phone number available to the caller.

If you are interested in supporting the call center please contact Julia Frank at JFrank@libertylutheran.org



Congregations are in need of ministers to help lead worship services especially during the holidays.

You have full control of how close/far you would like to travel along with how frequently you prefer to lead worship.

Christmas Eve schedule will begin being worked on in October

To find out which congregations are in need, contact Jan Gough at supply@nepsynod.org

Current Honorarium

More information about Pulpit Supply

UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS

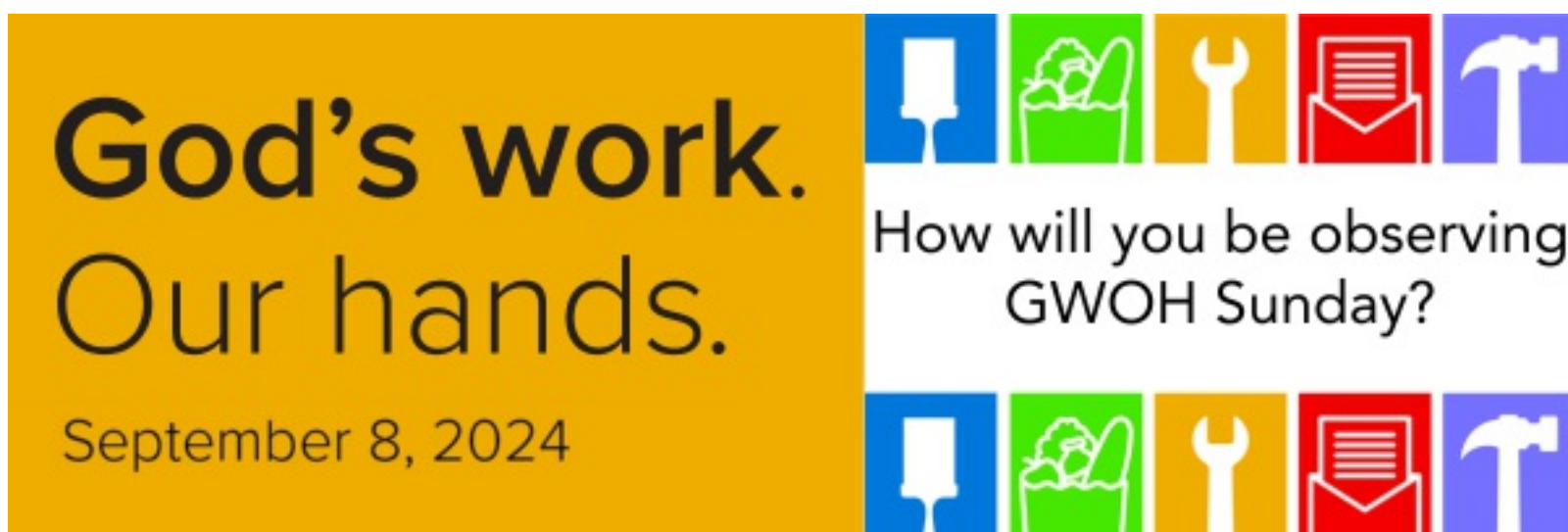


INFORMATION SESSION
BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

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

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

How will you 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*

ELCA Resources

UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS

The Rev. June E. Wann

October 13, 2024
Faith Lutheran Church
3355 MacArthur Rd Whitehall, PA



PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Lord, you are so good. We pray for many individuals in our lives, but especially we for...

New and Updates:

- > **The family and friends of Mary Hoh**, widow of Rev. Paul J. Hoh, II, who entered into eternal life this past June.
- > **The Rev. Jean Huber** who is recovering and doing well from a recent stroke.
- > **Deacon Kat Tigerman, her family, and her father, Jim** who is in hospice.

Continuing in Our Prayers:

- > **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.

If you are in need of prayer, click the button below to submit a request. Prayer request will remain in the synod's enews for four weeks. If you would like to extend your prayer request, please email info@nepsynod.org or submit another form.

Submit Prayer Request



MINISTRY PARTNERS



Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat

I'm a new title block

This retreat is designed to provide women with an opportunity to enjoy time both individually and collectively, participate in creative activities, explore outdoors, have time for rest and renewal, and be in the beauty of God's creation in a peaceful setting. Learn more at bearcreekcamp.org/womens-retreat. Registration is open now!



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	AUGUST	AUGUST
14	15	24
8:30 AM - 4 PM	8:30 AM - 4 PM	8:30 AM - 4 PM

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

LAMPa

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 eileenlane100@gmail.com

[LWR Guidelines](#)



[Click here](#) to submit a Job Posting

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.



Looking to promote an event, job posting or item available/in need?

Click the button below to submit your request or email info@nepsynod.org

Submit Events Form

NEW EVENTS

"The Entire Bible for Everybody, from Atheists to Christian Believers!"

Pastor Richard Mathisen will again present his very unusual nine-week Bible Study in Allentown on weekends, starting after Labor Day. The Bible study combines suggested Bible readings for each session with PowerPoint presentations based entirely on modern scientific and scholarly evidence, including the latest Biblical Archaeology. Pastor Mathisen encourages all questions, especially difficult questions!

He will present it in Allentown on Saturdays at the Lehigh Valley Active Life at 10:30 am to noon, starting September 7, and on Sundays at his own congregation, St. Luke's Lutheran, at 9:00 am to 10:00 am., starting September 8.

To register for the course or to obtain further information, please call St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 610-434-3943 or email office@stlukesluth.org. To reach Pastor Mathisen directly, call 215-643-9109.

[Click Here For More Details](#)



Corn FESTIVAL 2024

Saturday, September 7th

4:30-7:30 pm OUTDOOR (weather permitting)

Join us for a seasonal celebration of the first corn harvest!

We'll kick off our time together Saturday evening with some games and fellowship, followed by a **potluck dinner** at 5:30 and a **Native American Church service** at 6:30, led by Pat & Fritz Bower. Everyone is welcome to participate in an adapted communion with cornbread and apple juice elements. We'll have themed crafts and coloring pages for kids. Widoktadwen Center for Native Knowledge will be making **three sisters stew** and **cedar maple tea** for the occasion. Bring a favorite dish to share. All are welcome!



Elders Pat & Fritz Bower



Sunday, September 8th

9:00 am-12:00 pm INDOOR

We'll have an indoor **Native American Church service** on Sunday morning at 9:00, complete with a fuller music program and an **organ accompaniment**. After the service, we'll gather in the fellowship hall for a light lunch and further conversation with all our relations. All are welcome to attend and learn!

ZION SPIES
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH



WIDOKTADWEN
Center for Native Knowledge



All Ages
Welcome!

LIFT

Living in Faith Together



Wednesday,
September 11, 18, 25



6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
(dinner provided)



Fellowship Hall
St. John's Lutheran Church
45 N Reading Ave, Boyertown
610.369.1024

REGISTER ONLINE
stjohnsboyertown.org



LIFT is designed to foster intergenerational community by bringing generations together around tables for four activities each week:

Sharing Food
(breaking bread together)

Enjoying Fellowship
(playing together)

Worshipping
(praying together)

Studying the Bible
(studying God's word together)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**

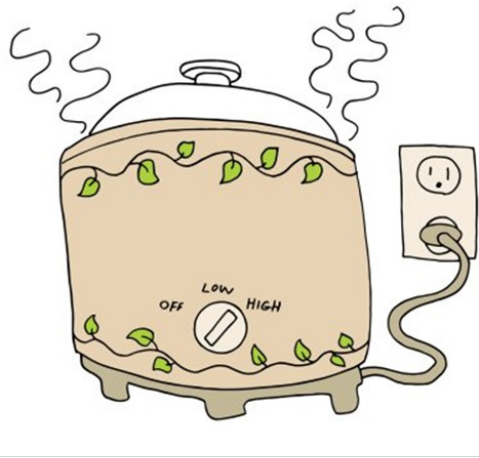
**To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484 221-0445
or email anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com**

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