

## INFORMATION SESSION



**BISHOP'S REPORT TO THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

**Tues August 27**

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

At the Synod Assembly on June 8, Bishop Christopher deForest promised to deliver his "Bishop's Report" at a later date, to make time at the Assembly for new business and to end on schedule. That later date is set!

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](#)

## Revisit the 2024 NEPA Synod Assembly

*Refresh your memory on this past year's assembly details by visiting the assembly webpage. Full recordings of the plenaries are also available on the webpage and the NEPA Synod's YouTube channel.*

[Synod Assembly Webpage](#)

[Download Highlight Document](#)

God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

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](mailto: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 Editors frequently revise submissions, so the information you supply might not be published exactly as you supplied.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



## Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**You are invited to celebrate the installation of**

***The Rev. Bryan Penman***

**as the 6th Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod**

**Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.**

The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

19 S 38th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,  
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in  
America**

**Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Phelps**

*Followed by a light reception & celebration at the Episcopal  
Cathedral*

Pastors, Deacons and Clergy of all traditions  
are invited to vest and should arrive by 1:15 p.m.

Children are welcome in worship and invited to participate in  
the Procession and the Children's Message.

The color of the day is red.

[More Information](#)



## **The Rev. June E. Wann**

**October 13, 2024**

Faith Lutheran Church  
3355 MacArthur Rd Whitehall, PA



### **New and Updates:**

*Continuing in Our Prayers:*

> **The family and friends of Cheryl Crawford**, who passed away on July 17 and was the spouse of Pastor Fred Crawford.

> **The family and friends of Linda Zeiser**, wife of our former bishop, Rev. Samuel Zeiser, who passed away on July 21. Her obituary can be found [here](#).

**If you are in need of prayer please send request to [info@nepsynod.org](mailto: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.**

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## 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](#)



**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
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>
8:30 AM - 4 PM	8:30 AM - 4 PM	8:30 AM - 4 PM

**Registration required:**  
[berksrecoveryvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto: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?



**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](mailto:eileenlane100@gmail.com)

LWR Guidelines



**New Listings:**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@redeemerallentown.org)

**Repeat Listings** (Date listed):

**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](mailto:secretary.wlc@gmail.com). Applications will be

accepted until the position is filled. Visit [www.weisenbergchurch.org](http://www.weisenbergchurch.org) for more information.

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Send your prewritten/formatted events to [info@nepsynod.org](mailto:info@nepsynod.org)

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## **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.

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**Mt Zion Lutheran Church**  
**Summer Fest 2024**  
**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**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](mailto:anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com)

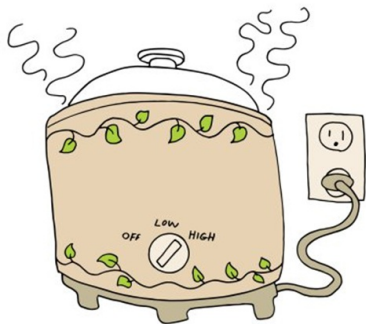
Doors close at 2PM for private drawings and reopen 4PM-6PM for pick-up.  
Other pick-up times: Sunday, 9/15, 12 Noon to 2PM and Monday, 9/16, 10:30AM to 2PM

For additional information:

[www.stpaulsville.org/BasketSocial](http://www.stpaulsville.org/BasketSocial)

# Scott Winkleman

## 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.





## 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://MaidencreekChurch.org)



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



## Bingo Fundraiser

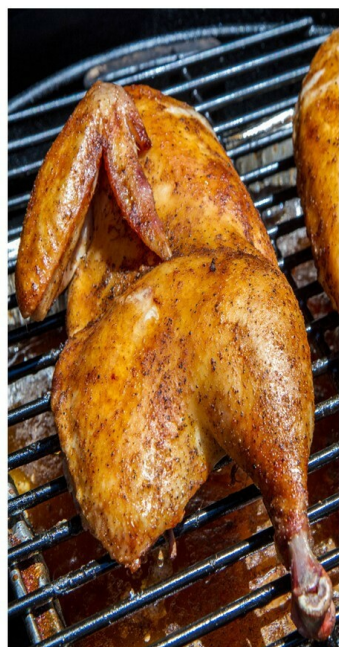
**Saturday, October 5th**  
**Games begin @1:00 p.m.**  
Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch available for purchase.

**\$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 † ststephensoffice@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](mailto:info@nepsynod.org)

Synod website: [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org)

**Stacey Burke (she/her):** [stacey@nepsynod.org](mailto:stacey@nepsynod.org)

Communications & Growing Young Coordinator