



Final Enews from Our Current System: Important Update

We are excited to inform you that we're transitioning to a new email distribution system (Constant Contact) to serve you better. This will be the final Enews sent from our current system.

If you received a synod email last week from the new distribution system, no further action is needed. However, if you're unsure whether you received this email or would like to subscribe to the new system, please click the button below. Any questions can be sent to info@nepynod.org

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On Tuesday, August 27, Bishop Christopher deForest presented his Bishop's Report from the 2024 Synod Assembly, which was delayed due to time constraints. Over the past year, we've celebrated:

14 individuals entering candidacy

2 newly ordained ministers

3 Rostered Ministers new to the NEPA Synod

Various Gaining Strength Cohorts in progress

35 individuals in the Licensed Lay Ministers Formation process

1 pilot 6261 Ministry Community (Pretzel City Bundle)

We sincerely apologize for the oversight regarding Pastor David Eisenhuth from the Delaware-Maryland Synod, who is now serving at Christ Lutheran, Hazleton. He was not mentioned as one of our new rostered ministers in our synod, and we would like to take this moment to celebrate him now.

Next year's synod assembly theme has also been announced: CONNECT THE DOTS! Hear Bishop deForest explain how we are connecting the dots around our synod, and save the date for the 2025 NEPA Synod Assembly on May 30-31, 2025.

[Watch Full Report Here](#)



UPCOMING SYNOD EVENTS



PA BISHOPS AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS CALL FOR PEACE

On Thursday, September 5, at 11:00 a.m., all seven ELCA Bishops in Pennsylvania will gather with colleagues and faith leaders from across the Commonwealth at the Capitol in Harrisburg to call for peace.

Their letter, titled "Choices and Voices for Peace" encourages "our fellow Pennsylvanians to choose hope over hate. To build bridges of understanding that reach toward reconciliation. To work together to create communities of peace, where all can thrive."

Rostered leaders are invited to sign on to ["Choices and Voices for Peace"](#) and to join Bishop deForest and the other Pennsylvania Bishops at the Capitol on the 5th.



God's work.
Our hands.
September 8, 2024



LAMPa

**Peace Pledge
Kits**

LAMPa has curated a Peace Pledge kit that can be used to amplify the bishops' call for peace. The kit includes the Lutheran bishops' response to the interfaith sign-on letter; form letters to send to state lawmakers, calling on them to model peaceful rhetoric and nonviolence in this election season; a bulletin insert linking to our Peace Pledge for all to sign, rooting us in our common humanity and love for our neighbors even when we disagree. You can also make a poster of the pledge for members to sign and display as a reminder of this covenant with one another.



UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO

Service of Installation

PASTOR MARIE MEEKS

Sunday, September 15, 2024

2:00 pm

1185 Summer Hill Road

Auburn, Pa 17922

RSVP By September 8, 2024

Charity_Staller@yahoo.com

Luncheon will be provided after service

The Rev. Richard L. Moore

October 6, 2024 at 3:00pm

St. Joseph Hill Church
244 Koch Rd Boyertown, PA

The Rev. June E. Wann

October 13, 2024 at 2:00pm

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:

- > **Kathy Yenser**, wife of Deacon Tom Yenser, on the passing of her mother, Eva.
- > **The Rev. Hans Becklin** as he grieves on the sudden passing of his sister, Alex.
- > **The family of Sister Janet Stump** as she enters eternal rest in heaven. If you wish to send your sympathies, please reach out to her brother, Carl Stump, at cstump16@outlook.com, and to his daughters, Lauren (laurenstump91@gmail.com) and J. Stump (j.stump494@gmail.com).

Continuing in Our Prayers:

- > **Deacon Kat Tigerman, her family, and her father, Jim** who passed into everlasting life.
- > **The Rev. Richard L. Moore** who will be having hip replacement surgery.
- > **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.
- > **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

Pixels for Peace:

Digital Peacebuilding Webinar

 LAMPa



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 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](#)



Bear Creek Camp Women's Retreat Friday, October 4th through Sunday, October 6th

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!



[Click here](#) to submit a **Job Posting**. Job Postings will remain in the synod's enews for four weeks. If you'd like to extend the posting, please email info@nepsynod.org or submit a new form.

New Listings:

> **Director of Music Position Available (9/3):** Trinity Lutheran, Bangor, is looking to hire a Director of Music. This is a part-time position with one Sunday service, with extra seasonal services, one choir and one bell choir. Must play the piano, organ playing an extra. Interested candidates may contact the church at 610-588-2023 for more information.

Repeat Listings (Date listed):

currently no repeat listings

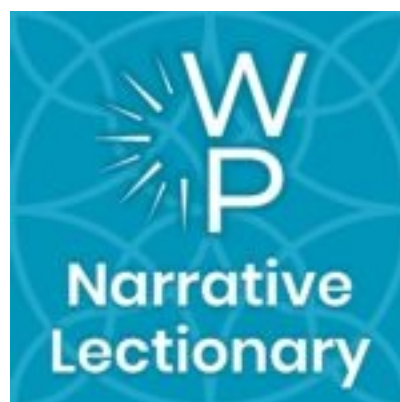


Looking to promote an event, job posting or item available/in need?

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

Submit Events Form

NEW EVENTS



Narrative Lectionary Text Study Group

Sep 4, 2024 02:00 PM

Upcoming Topic: NL Text Conversation - Genesis

Have you ever considered the Narrative Lectionary? It's a great alternative to the Revised Common Lectionary which traces the overall story of scripture through the church year. Based on a four-year cycle, each of the gospels gets a full year of its own, and many texts in the Hebrew Scriptures which folks have never heard are highlighted as well!

Plus, there's a group of NEPA pastors who are already using the NL and meet each week on Wednesday at 2 pm via Zoom to discuss the upcoming texts. If you'd be interested in joining us, the Zoom invite for our first meeting is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85303395759>

Meeting ID: 853 0339 5759

For later meetings (you're welcome anytime) or questions about the NL in general, please email Paul Metzloff at pwmetzloff@gmail.com, or see the NL website at [Home - Narrative Lectionary - Working Preacher from Luther Seminary](#).

Community Food & Fun Day



Join your friends and neighbors
at **Weisenberg Lutheran Church**
for some food, fun and
fellowship!

Bring your chairs!

Sat., Sept. 7th – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

- Food sales: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, and more.
- Desserts: **Weisenberg's Famous Bake Sale & Treats**
Cash or check accepted.

Enter the Basket Raffles!

Winners will be notified on Sun., Sept. 8th

Take-out available.

The Social Ministry Committees looking forward to seeing you there!

**Proceeds to benefit:
World Hunger**

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WEISENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

7645 Weisenberg Church Road
New Tripoli, PA 18066
(610)298-2437



The background features a watercolor illustration of autumn-themed elements. At the top, there are several pumpkins in shades of yellow and orange, along with a branch of leaves in red, orange, and purple. Below this, there are more yellow leaves and a branch of green leaves. In the bottom left, there is a large green pumpkin. In the bottom right, there is a yellow pumpkin and a branch of red berries. The text is centered and overlaid on this background.

9990 Ziegels Church Rd, Breinigsville

HARVEST

Moon Festival

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
4 to 7 pm

LIVE MUSIC BY STAN AND CODI
YARD GAMES
FOOD BY CUB SCOUT PACK 61
RAFFLE / CRAFTS

Bring Fresh or Pantry
Donations for Lowhill
Food Pantry and Receive
Free Raffle Tickets



Trinity Lutheran Church
175 S. Third St - Lehighon PA
is sponsoring a

FREE MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, September 21, 2024
7pm - Luther Hall

"IF"

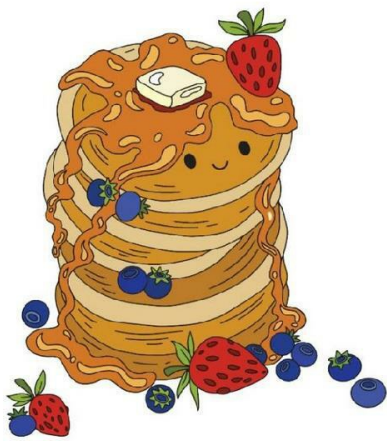
starring Ryan Reynolds, Cailey Fleming
and John Krasinski

Combining live-action and animation, the film follows a young girl who goes through a difficult experience and begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life children have grown up.

Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase
to benefit projects of the Youth Group.

Feel free to bring a comfy chair with you to view the film.

All are welcome - see you there!!



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
175 S. 3rd Street; Lehighon PA 18235

ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 22, 2024

11:00-1:00pm. - Luther Hall

Cost: Adults (Age 13+) \$15.00
Children 6-12 \$ 7.00
Children 5 and under are FREE

**Pancakes, homemade potatoes, scrambled eggs,
sausage, toast, beverages and much more!**

Proceeds benefit Youth Service Projects & Activities



Apple Dumpling FESTIVAL

October 12, 2024 - 9 to 2 PM



Basket
Raffle



Talented
Crafters

Kids
Korner



Zion's Union Church Maxatawny
329 Church Road, Kutztown





APPLE FEST
SATURDAY OCTOBER 19
8AM - 3PM

Christ Lutheran Church-Conyngham

INDOOR/OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET

BETTER ITEMS – TRICKY TRAYS

QUILT/ LOTTERY TREE RAFFLES



**APPLE PIES – DUMPLINGS –
CAKE - BREAD PUDDING &
SAUCE - - BAKE SALE**

**HOMEMADE FOODS
BREAKFAST SANDWICH
BBQ – SOUPS – HALUSKI
PULLED BEEF – CHICKEN TENDERS
CHICKEN SALAD – HOT DOGS
FRENCH FRIES
SAUSAGE & PEPPERS – – MORE**



UPCOMING EVENTS

IN NEED: ELW Hymnals

St. Margaret's Episcopal in Emmaus is looking for 30 to 40 ELW hymnals. If you have unused ELW hymnals, please contact Dodd Lamberton by phone 484-935-3505 or email prdodd@gmail.com



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

"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](#)



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)

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**

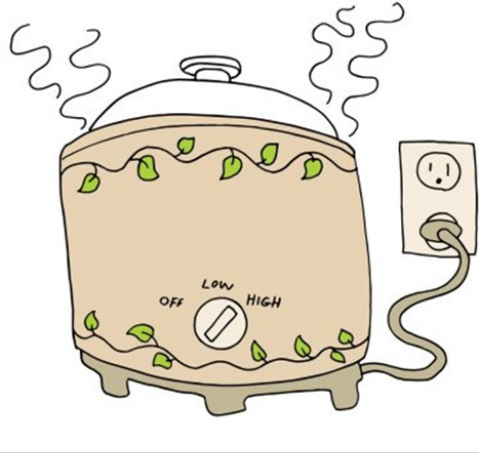
**To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484 221-0445
or email anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com**

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



[Registration Form](#)

[Online Registration](#)



**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.



Sanctus: The Very Nature of God

Directed by Susan L. Frickert

Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 4:00pm

Union Lutheran Church
5500 Rt. 873 Schnecksville, PA
610.767.6884

Sacred Voices, an ecumenical summer choir of fifty singers founded and directed by Susan L. Frickert, will present their annual concert of sacred music on Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m. at Union Lutheran Church, 5500 US route 873, Schnecksville, PA. This year's theme is "Sanctus - The Very Nature of God," and features choral gems by Haydn, Beethoven, Pederson and Berger. A professional brass quintet and percussion will accompany the singers, as well as piano, clarinet and cello. For more information see the church website www.ulclv.org/events/.

Tickets required, \$10.00 donation. Please contact office@ulclv.org or call 610-767-6884 to purchase tickets, or pay online at www.ulclv.org by clicking "Give Now" and look for the Sacred Voices button.

An Exploration of Mental Health Awareness & Spirituality

October 5, 2024

9:00am-3:00pm

Union UCC, 5550 Rt. 873, Neffs, PA

[More Details](#)



Saturday, October 5

8 AM – 1 PM

ARNDT'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1851 ARNDT ROAD

EASTON (FORKS TOWNSHIP)

**MORNING REFRESHMENTS, HOT DOGS,
SNACKS AND BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

[Vendor Request Flyer](#)



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

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Synod website: www.godslove.org

Stacey Burke (she/her): stacey@nepsynod.org
Communications & Growing Young Coordinator