

Emmanuel's Informer

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July



August



Mark Your Calendars ...

We will be having outdoor worship on Sunday, July 2. Come worship with us over at the pavilion and enjoy some patriotic music. There is only one service that day at 9:30. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and/or blanket. If the weather is inclement, the service will be moved into the Fellowship Hall.

ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, July 16** following worship to begin our journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. The Gathering will take place June 27 - July 1, 2018. All students who will be entering 8th thru 12th grades this fall are eligible to attend the Gathering. Please join us for this informational meeting (both parents and students). If you are interested in attending the Gathering but cannot attend this meeting, please let one of the Pastors know. See you on July 16 at 10:30 in our Fellowship Hall.



Save the Date—Friday August 11

Emmanuel's Night at Coca-Cola Park

Lehigh Valley IronPigs vs Charlotte Knights
Game time: 7:05pm Fireworks after the game!

Tickets are \$10 (\$2 ballpark credit included on each ticket) "Pig in a Poke" raffle card is also included.

We are in section 119 near the PPL Picnic Patio. We have 120 tickets reserved. Sign up early—the last day to sign up is Sunday July 9.

When signing up, please list one name per line (one line = one ticket). So if you want six tickets, sign up on six lines. Thank you!

Payment is due at the time of sign up—make checks payable to Emmanuel's Church and note that it is for IronPigs tickets.



DEADLINE to sign up and pay for tickets is
Sunday, July 9 - NO EXCEPTIONS



CANTATA CHOIR

In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, I am calling all singers together to present a cantata on “Grace”, the founding principle of Martin Luther’s ground-breaking philosophy. I invite any and all members of Emmanuel’s to join us and to bring friends from the community as well. We will be presenting this choral celebration in church on **August 13** and we will bring the celebration to the community at LutherCrest on **August 12 at 2:00pm**. I would ask that anyone interested in participating to attend **any 4 rehearsals**. They will be every **Saturday, 9:30 to 11am** beginning on June 17.



A Call for Words

We need *your* help to make our summer cantata complete!

What better way to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther refusing to back down from his convictions than to discuss the cornerstone on which they were founded?

This is your invitation to join the conversation. We would love to include your perspective on **why Grace is important** to you personally, and to us, as Lutherans. Feel free to be as lengthy or brief as you please. Your words will be incorporated into the narration and program notes for the cantata.

Please leave your response in the folder marked “Grace” in the gathering area or fellowship Hall, or email it to Beth at **ELCmusicministry@gmail.com**. If you prefer to remain anonymous simply leave your name off your response. Likewise, if you’d like to read yours or others’ responses as part of our program please indicate that as well.

Thank you for joining the conversation.



Report from the 30th Annual Synod Assembly

We were honored to have been selected to represent the congregation of Emmanuel's Church at this year's Annual Synod Assembly which was held June 2-3 at the Kalahari Resort & Convention Center in Pocono Manor, PA. The focus of the Assembly was the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: "NEPA Synod UNLEASHED for Reformation 2017".

The Assembly opened with a Rite of Repentance, Reconciliation, and Common Witness led by Bishop Zeiser and Bishop Joseph Bambara of the Scranton Diocese. This was an affirmation of an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation by the Lutheran and Roman Catholic Churches and focused on Catholic and Lutheran commitment to common witness and service in the world.

There was the usual business of elections, budgets, reports; recognitions and acknowledgments along with opening and closing worship. Special worship on Friday evening was a very moving Service of the Eucharist in Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

At the Assembly Banquet on Friday evening two young adults were recognized for their service in the YAGM (Young Adults in Global Ministry) program. We heard from Luke Swanson (via Skype) who is serving in Argentina and from Annie Herman who is going to Israel/Palestine. The program invites young adults into a transformative, year-long journey in international service.

The keynote speaker at the Assembly was Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, Professor of Religion at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. She spoke about Luther's Small Catechism and his desire to unleash the power of the gospel for ordinary people. Every participant at the Assembly received a copy of Luther's Small Catechism.

We visited God's Playground, an area set aside to celebrate ministries of our Synod congregations and other ways to be UNLEASHED.

Special offerings were taken during the Assembly for World Hunger and for the newly formed United Lutheran Seminary.

A special treat for us was the upbeat and engaging gathering music for the sessions which was provided by Bobby Siegfried along with friends from Emmanuel's and First Presbyterian in Allentown. The Rev. Chris Druckenmiller and Alyssa Geiger also joined their voices with the group.

Thank you to the members of Emmanuel's for sending us to this event where we had the opportunity to gather with other brothers and sisters of our Synod and do the work of the Church.

Lynne and Dave Ambrose

The Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer with Emmanuel's Women's Group

If your summer needs energizing, come enjoy yourselves with any of our latest activities:



Picnic

Tuesday, July 18 – 6:00pm (note time change)
- Let's have a covered-dish picnic in the church pavilion. Look for sign up sheet in the new Fellowship Hall to bring a covered dish or activity and to let us know how many are coming. All women in the congregation – and friends – are welcome.

Monday (note day change), **August 14 – 7:00 pm** — Drum along with June (Walker). Discover the music of your soul with the soothing, relaxing sounds of African djembe drums and other rhythm instruments. Something different, something fun! Drum your worries away.



Monday, September 11 – 7:00 pm – Reorganization Meeting! – Let's plan our activities for the coming months/year – make some more fleece blankets – and enjoy fellowship and refreshment. All are welcome ... and bring your great ideas.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated blood at our blood drive on May 6, 2017. Your donation was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
Sandy Frey

Results of Blood Drive at Emmanuel's on
May 6, 2017:

Unit Goal: 16
Registered Donors: 26
Collected Units: 19

Reminder: When donating say Emmanuel's Bath and our code is 0656.

Your Blood. Their Hope.®



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BLOOD CENTER

Summer Experience ... Families Worshiping Together

We hope to see you and your children in worship this summer. This is a perfect time to help your children learn more about God's love in the midst of God's people. It's hard for parents to worship with fidgety kids, but its only for a few years and then they will be grown. They do out-grow their inability to sit still and they begin to participate more. It is so fulfilling as a parent to see your children grow into faithful adults.

Sometimes we worry that they will annoy others, but this is how God made children and we love them as they are. Their "noise" is joyful. Let's live out our faith by sharing it with our children. See you in worship at one of our 9:30 Services!

Simply Giving

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Many of you already support the congregation with your time, talents and financial contributions ... but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program (Simply Giving). It's convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact Bob Bennett or call the church

Simply 
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July/August— Bath Food Bank

During the month of July Emmanuel's Lutheran Church will help the Bath Area Food Bank by collecting canned vegetables and cleaning supplies.

During the month of August, we will be collecting crackers and paper products (i.e. toilet paper, paper towels, napkins and tissues).

The food bank is **no longer accepting tomato soup, Jell-o or pudding!**

Grocery gift cards (preferably Ahart's) are needed for emergencies. Please drop all gift cards in an envelope marked "Food Bank" on the church secretary's desk or please give it to one of the Pastors.

The Bath Area Food Bank is also in need of monetary donations which stretch farther than any amount of food that we can give. There are currently 256 families registered at the Bath Food Bank.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

June 8, 2017

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
3175 Valley View Dr
Bath, PA 18014-9465

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger January through March 2017.

When you give to ELCA World Hunger, you are joining with the whole church to accompany communities on the long road from hunger and poverty. In Jesus' name, you are providing relief, renewal and long-term sustainable development in the form of health clinics, water and hygiene programs, microloans, agriculture, livestock and advocacy for systemic change.

Thank you for walking with neighbors and strangers in need in this season of new and certain hope. Thank you for responding to the life-giving miracle of the resurrection with your life-giving gifts to this signature ministry of our church.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal



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Emmanuel's Meals from the Heart



Won't you consider becoming a part of this vital ministry? This ministry at Emmanuel's provides meals to anyone from the congregation in times of need. Meals might be needed after the birth of a baby, after surgery or hospitalization, or during a time of crisis. The more help we have, the less frequently our volunteers will need to provide meals. Please contact Michele Geiger by phone ([610-442-7680](tel:610-442-7680)) or via email (mlgeiger520@gmail.com) if you'd like to become a part of this ministry. Please contact the church office, the Pastors or Michele Geiger if you are in need of meals.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2017 @ 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall

Samantha Wolf	Sandy Howell	Pastor Elizabeth Mitchell	John Hemak
Nancy Armstrong	Brenda Smith	Pastor Barry Mitchell	Kristen Butz
Marilyn Angst	Michele Geiger	Win Miller	
Brian Silfies*	David Getz*	Bob Radaker	* denotes not in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Bob R. Prayer was led by Pastor B.

Catechetical Class: After discussion with the following young adults from the catechetical class, a motion was made by Michele G. and seconded by Brenda Smith to approve them for adult membership through the Affirmation of Baptism on Pentecost, June 4, 2017. Motion carried. In attendance: Jason Corona, Joseph Nemeth, Autumn Fogel, Mary-Lou Poe, Lauren Groller, Hailey Rutt and Brock Wandler.

Review/Approval of Minutes: Brenda S. moved to accept the April minutes with spelling corrections, with a 2nd by Marilyn A., motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Report submitted by Bob B.

Treasurer Report: Report submitted by Bob S.

Old Business: Office computers are on hold until it is determined if software is compatible with new versions of windows.

Sam will start to look in to updating site.

Committee Reports:

Memorial 4 of the 5 banners have been purchased.

Property HVAC replacement and service dates with Sullivan need to be confirmed.

Bart has several upcoming tasks: men's bathroom door needs repair in basement, light on backside of church is humming loudly, and cages need to be placed on outside lights.

Following a discussion regarding recycling fluorescent bulbs and batteries, Win M. made a motion to set up an account with AERC to recycle items, followed by a 2nd from Kristen B., motion carried.

Barry Bennington of BK Bennington & Son will be contacted for follow up.

Youth: A beach trip is scheduled for June 15-18 to Wildwood. The group is collecting 50 cents and a letter from each member to send to Bob Moyer in Panama, upon receipt a child will respond to the letter they receive.

EMMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (Continued)

Worship and Music Summer Schedule begins June 11th. Outside Services scheduled for July 2nd and September 10th. Church picnic is scheduled for September 10th and special Music Service is scheduled for August 13th.

Christian Ed Heather Bennett-Knerr and Clarissa Lowe will head the Sunday School Program.

Outreach None

HR 90 day review with Lynne Ambrose went very well. A volunteer is still needed as Chairperson.

Cemetery An Eagle Scout is considering working on a cemetery project for his badge.

Financial None

Rental House ID and password to rental account will be given to Lynne.

New Business: The Bath Area Food Bank is in need of new freezers; a special offering will be established.

Planning for "God's Work, Our Hands" needs to start.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 8th at 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Win M. moved to adjourn, followed by a 2nd from Michele G., motion carried, and closed in prayer led by Pastor E.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Hemak, Council Secretary

Summer and Blood Shortages

Summer is traditionally a difficult time for community blood centers, as blood supplies traditionally diminish due to family vacations and increased travel, combined with accidents and seasonal illnesses. However, Miller-Keystone Blood Center needs more than 500 donors *every day* to assist our community hospitals in the life-saving care of premature infants, accident victims, surgery patients and chemotherapy patients. Register to donate at any MKBC donor center or community blood drive this summer. To donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 100 pounds; there is no upper age limit for donors. To schedule a donation, call 800-223-6667 or for more information, visit GIVEaPINT.org



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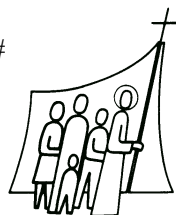
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THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Barry and Pastor Elizabeth
and Emmanuelville Congregation,
Thank you for letting us put
collection boxes at the church.
We were able to collect over 300
pounds of supplies for the animal
shelter. It was very helpful for
the animals. We were able to
earn girl scout Junior Bronze
award. Thank You!

Love from Girl Scout troop 8504
Kylea, Olivia, Bethany, Dakota,
Angeline 😊

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES


a non-profit healthcare foundation

Another Way to Help: We have been asked by Behavioral Health Associates in Lehighton to help provide school supplies and personal care items for their students (grades K-12). The items requested include pencils, folders, lined paper, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, markers, highlighters, erasers, construction paper, paint brushes, glue sticks, blunt-tipped scissors, rulers, tissues, backpacks, deodorant, toothpaste toothbrushes. There are collection bins in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall.

JULY 2017

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
25 9:30 AM Celebration Service - FH 9:30 AM Traditional Worship - Sanctuary 6:00 PM - 8:00pm VBS Maker Fun Factory	26 5:30 PM VBS Light Supper 6:00 PM - 8:00pm VBS Maker Fun Factory 7:00 PM Men's Group - UP	27 5:30 PM VBS Light Supper 6:00 PM - 8:00pm VBS Maker Fun Factory	28 NO Contemp Worship tonight 5:30 PM VBS Light Supper 6:00 PM - 8:00pm VBS Maker Fun Factory	29 5:30 PM VBS Light Supper 6:00 PM - 8:00pm VBS Maker Fun Factory	30	1 9:30 AM Summer Cantata Rehearsal	2 9:30 AM Outdoor Worship Service 6:00 PM J-Walkers, Schoolhouse	3 Secretary Vacation Day	4 Independence Day - OFFICE CLOSED	5 Secretary Vacation Day 7:00 PM Contemp Worship - FH	6 7:00 PM Contemp Worship - FH	7 9:00 AM One-Hit-Wonder Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Summer Cantata Rehearsal	8 9:00 AM One-Hit-Wonder Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Summer Cantata Rehearsal
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AUGUST 2017

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13 No Traditional Worship on this day 9:30 AM Summer Worship and Cantata "Grace" - FH 6:00 PM J-Walkers, Schoolhouse	14	15	16 7:00 PM Contemp Worship - FH	17	18	19
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Donations Account Balances (05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017)

Monday, June 05, 2017

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Account	Period Activity	YTD Balance
Giving Accounts		
100 - Regular Offering	22,851.50	124,784.50
Total Regular Offering	\$22,851.50	\$124,784.50
110 - Plate Offering	906.31	5,201.94
Total Regular & Plate Offering	\$23,757.81	\$129,986.44
122 - Easter Offering	0.00	4,521.00
123 - Holy Thursday Offering	0.00	372.00
124 - Initial Offering	0.00	685.00
125 - Lent Offering	0.00	2,757.00
126 - Palm Sunday Offering	0.00	794.00
Total Special	\$0.00	\$9,129.00
130 - Miscellaneous Income	45.00	45.00
131 - Flowers	275.00	1,280.00
132 - Bulletins	12.00	132.00
133 - Easter Flowers	0.00	659.50
136 - Church house	0.00	3,060.00
Total Misc. Offerings	\$332.00	\$5,176.50
Total Reg. Misc. & Spec	\$24,089.81	\$144,291.94
200 - Building Offering	3,034.00	24,578.60
220 - Improvement Offering	198.00	820.00
Total Build & Imp Offerings	\$3,232.00	\$25,398.60
138 - Use of Church Facilities	50.00	270.00
140 - Snow Removal	0.00	285.00
358 - Memo - Eva Chroust	0.00	50.00
360 - Memo - Judy Person	0.00	555.00
361 - Memo - Conrad Chroust	0.00	560.00
362 - Memo - Jeanette Barrall	0.00	75.00
363 - Memo - David Druckenmiller	200.00	200.00
410 - Social Ministry Offering	228.00	971.00
412 - Bath Area Food Bank	10.00	140.00
413 - Bob Moyer - Missionary	20.00	20.00
416 - Bath Food Bank Fridge	157.00	157.00
418 - Women's Group	0.00	148.00
420 - World Hunger Offering	308.00	1,515.00
434 - Famine - Youth	0.00	2,353.01
436 - South Sudan Aid	120.00	120.00
437 - Van - David Schramel	350.00	350.00
441 - Bear Creek Cabins	20.00	20.00
450 - Souper Sunday	0.00	658.20
510 - Sunday School Offering	107.44	457.06
540 - Youth Conference	1,214.10	2,219.10
571 - Youth Retreat	0.00	1,060.00
600 - Cemetery - Grave Service	1,000.00	3,000.00
610 - Cemetery - Sale of Lots	0.00	9.00
710 - Hershey Park	275.00	1,531.50
720 - Iron Pigs	70.00	90.00
Total Giving Accounts	\$31,451.35	\$186,504.41

Count: 39
 Period: 05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017
 Year: 2017

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2017

Total General Fund Income	\$ 145,911
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 144,867
Income over Expenses.....	\$ 1,045

Monthly Attendance for May, 2017

Sunday School	Week of	Contemp 7:00pm. Wed.	8:00am Trad.	9:30 Celebration	10:45 Trad.	Worship Total
35	May 7	24	39	116	50	229
	May 14	39	64	139	40	282
34	May 21	/	78	89	65	232
/	Memorial Day Weekend May 28	12	46	114	40	212
69	Totals:	75	227	458	205	955

Average worship attendance: 239

Opportunities for Sharing and Caring

"When, Lord, did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail? When you did it to the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me!" Matthew 25

We have the joy and the privilege of being Jesus for the lost, the lonely, the hungry, the hurting; for all of God's people. Here are some ways that you can be a blessing to others:

1. Two new freezers are needed at the Bath Area Food Bank. We have collected enough to purchase one (Thank You!). Can we help them to purchase at another one? \$2,000 – \$2,500.
2. Our presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has asked us to prayerfully consider giving to help the 7 million people in South Sudan who need humanitarian assistance immediately to help alleviate the hunger, the need for water, and the fear that has occurred due to renewed violence in that region. Children are dying at an alarming rate.
3. Funds are needed to help the children of Panama. Our J-Walkers are working with missionary Bob Moyer to help these children have the basic necessities of life. Can we join them?

Envelopes can be found on the tables in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall. Please put your gift inside and mark on the outside where you would like your gift to be used.

We are truly "Blessed to be a blessing!"

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Lutheran-Episcopal Shared Ministry



Installation of Council at St. John, Sayre with Pr. Melinda M. Artman

St. John, Sayre was without a pastor; and the Congregation Council realized that the operating budget could not support a full time clergy person. A little more than two years ago, the neighboring Episcopal Church (Church of the Redeemer: 'Redeemer') reached the same conclusion and approached St. John's about sharing a clergy person. Both churches had a history of sharing in ministry with one another, and this seemed like a wonderful opportunity to do more together while maintaining their respective and distinct identities.

Both Lutheran and Episcopal churches are few and far between in the northern tier of the synod. So with the help of Pastor Peter Kuritz, Associate of the Bishop, and Canon Anne Kitch of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem, a general outline of what the parishes wanted from clergy was developed. Pastor Kuritz and Canon Kitch then worked together to hammer out a call process that respected both traditions. Each parish was willing to have either a Lutheran or an Episcopalian as the pastor; so a Call Committee was formed from both parishes, and a notice went out last summer of a vacancy.

Pastor Artman saw the notice. Her work in helping two Episcopal parishes through the merger process in Southern Maryland was coming to an end, and serving in two great reformed traditions greatly appealed to her.

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Working collaboratively with small congregations in discerning how to be the church in the 21st Century was also an attractive challenge to Pastor Artman. With a prior career in city and regional planning she thought that she had a skill set that would help both parishes grow into their full stature in Christ. So she applied.

Interviews began in November and concluded in January. It is not typical for an Episcopal priest to be the only candidate presented to a parish, nor to have "an audition" before the entire congregation. Redeemer agreed to have only one candidate at a time presented. However its governing body made the decision to extend a call, and the congregation was not made aware of the selection until after St. John's made its decision.

In early January, both parishes extended a call to Pastor Artman, and three weeks later she accepted. On April 1 she began her new ministry. In late May, she will be joined by her wife, two dogs, and a cat in a new home somewhere in or near Sayre.



“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Parish Secretaries' Seminar October 3 - 4

Originally started by the Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods, the Parish Secretaries' Seminar is designed to provide opportunities to strengthen work skills needed in the modern office, to network with other secretaries/administrators, and to grow spiritually. Participants from any denomination are welcome.

This year's theme is "Bridge Over Troubled Water." Mary Lou Hatcher will lead the workshop on Church Politics: "Staying Out of the Storm." The Rev. Kurt Garbe will lead Churches in Transition: "Making Your Way Through the Fog." And Julia Menzo will present "Financial Lifeboat." Our Spiritual Leader is the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen.

The cost for this year's seminar is again just \$250, which includes one night's lodging (double occupancy), five meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday, and breakfast and lunch on Wednesday), presenter fees, and workshop materials. Please see the registration form (available at <http://nepasynod.org/event/parish-secretaries-seminar>) for more information.

The registration form, along with payment, must be received by July 17 to receive the early registration discount. For answers to questions, contact Kathy Reyher, at 610-437-3018.

Anniversary Luncheon

On Tuesday, May 9, the synod hosted a luncheon at the Lutheran Center to honor those rostered leaders who are celebrating a major anniversary of service this year.

Sixty-fifth Anniversary

The Rev. Paul Fisher

Sixtieth Anniversary

The Rev. Peter Grimes

The Rev. David Kistler

The Rev. Donald Landis

The Rev. Durrell Seip

The Rev. George Spieker

Fiftieth Anniversary

The Rev. Edward Cloughen

The Rev. Sterling Geiger

The Rev. F. Peter Muhr

The Rev. James Seifert

Fortieth Anniversary

The Rev. Patricia Criste

The Rev. Thomas Cvammen

The Rev. George Grubb

The Rev. Gene Handwerk

The Rev. Wayne Kaufman

The Rev. F. Thomas Lichner

The Rev. Dennis Moore

The Rev. Dennis Ritter

The Rev. David Schaeffer

The Rev. Paul Schoffstall

The Rev. Eugene Sharkey

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Rev. Susan Fox

The Rev. James Hammond

The Rev. Douglass McKeeby

The Rev. Martin Milne

The Rev. Philip Spohn

The Rev. Jack Steltzer

The Rev. Beverly Wenrich

Fifteenth Anniversary

The Rev. Nelson Quiñones

The Rev. Herbert Dolich

The Rev. Susan Ruggles

Deacon Linda Maule

The Rev. Jeremiah Sassaman

The Rev. Jami Possinger

The Rev. Dody Siegfried

Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ACTION

Congregations, Clusters, and Mission Districts:

**How do you plan to celebrate
this once in a lifetime event?**

**Be sure to let us know at
nepsinfo1988@gmail.com.**

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July Worship Volunteers

Volunteers, please check to see if your name is listed below. **If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute and contact the secretary at 610-837-1741 with the changes by Wednesday.** As always, thank you for all your help in serving our Lord.

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolytes: 9:30am	Outside	Andrea Davidson	Taylor Whiteash	Rachel Butz	Mercedes Kasper
Altar Care: 9:30am	Outside	Cindy O'Brien	Denise Druckenmiller	Karl & Sue Monroe	Dee Orris
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369					
Comm. Asst: 9:30am	Outside	Cindy O'Brien	Sandy Turtzo	Brenda Smith	Sue Getz
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)					
Greeters: 9:30am	Outside	Cindy & Gary O'Brien	Susan Chenski	Carol Farole	David Getz
Prayer & Reader 9:30am	Outside	Doreen Davidson	David Ambrose	Kristin Butz	Alfonso Kasper
Ushers: 9:30am	Outside	Barbara Bennett Bob Bennett Sally Leabold June Walker	Jessie Hnadow Nancy Marsh Susan Chenski Dean Chenski	Helen Smith Paul Honett Barbara Fehnel Clint Easton	David Getz Sue Getz Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth
Media 9:30am	Outside	Jessie Hnadow	Lynne Ambrose	Karl Monroe	Michele Geiger

July Flowers (\$25.00 per vase)



July 2 - (outdoor worship) In honor of the 46th wedding anniversary of Jessie and John Hnatow.

Contemporary - Open

July 9 - In honor of the 59th birthday of Pat Daubenspeck by the Daubenspeck family.

Contemporary - In memory of the birthday of son, Dean Alan, by mother June Myster.

July 16 - Open

Contemporary - In honor of the birthday of Kurt Mitchell by Mom and Dad.

July 23 - Open

Contemporary - Open

July 31 - In honor of the 1st birthday of great-grandson Dominic by Vernell Meyers.

Contemporary - Open

July Bulletins (\$6.00)

July 2 - In honor of our military and all their sacrifices, past, present and future by Linda Floria

July 9 - Open

July 16 - Open

July 23 - In honor of the wedding anniversary of John and Connie DeNardo.

July 30 - Open



Church Office Hours

The church office will be open Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm during the summer. Secretary scheduled vacation days are July 3 and 5, August 4 (office will be closed) and August 21 - 22. All offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

August Worship Volunteers

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	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Acolytes: 9:30am	Brooke Rosenberger	Andrea Davidson	Taylor Whiteash	Rachel Butz
Altar Care: 9:30am	Barbara Bennett	Cindy O'Brien	Dee Orris	Karl & Sue Monroe
For instructions or volunteering contact Denise Druckenmiller 610-837-1369				
Comm. Asst: 9:30am	Angela Mitchell	Dean Chenski	Barbara Bennett	Denise Druckenmiller
Confirmed members interested in serving, call Barbara Bennett for training (610-262-9576)				
Greeters: 9:30am	Chris Kleintop	Susan Chenski	Dee Orris	Denise Druckenmiller
Prayer & Reader 9:30am	Angela Mitchell	Lois Voorhees	Wendy Whiteash	Brian Baylor
Ushers: 9:30am	Linda Steiner Clint Easton Doris Hall Nancy Marsh	Susan Chenski Theresa Schafer Cindy O'Brien Gary O'Brien	Helen Smith Paul Honett June Walker Win Miller	Jessie Hnatow Sally Leabold Sue Derhammer Deena Ruth
Media 9:30am	Win Miller	Brian Baylor	Ron Daubenspeck	Sue Monroe



August Flowers (\$25.00 per vase)

August 6 - In honor of the 3rd birthday of Ezra Haas by grandparents Cheryl and Walter Haas.

Contemporary - Open

August 13 - Open

Contemporary - In honor of the birthday of Eric Mitchell by Dad and Mom.

August 20 - In honor of the birthday of wife and daughter Christine Paukovits, In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Bob and Barbara Bennett.

Contemporary - In honor of our 39th wedding anniversary by Pastor Barry and Pastor Elizabeth.

August 27 - Open

Contemporary - Open

August Bulletins (\$6.00)

August 7 - In honor of my loving family by Linda Floria. In honor of the 3rd birthday of Ezra Haas by grandparents Cheryl and Walter Haas.

August 13 - Open

August 20 - Open

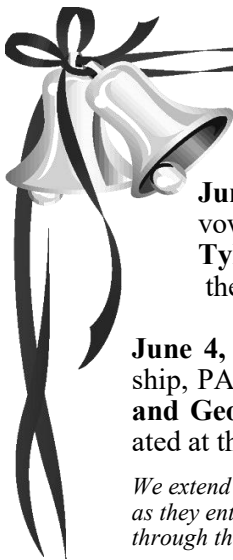
August 27 - Open



Collecting can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia

Look for the green buckets (big ones, actually!) in the fellowship hall and the gathering area (foyer) for collecting tabs from tin cans (soda cans, and the like).

The proceeds from the recycling will be sent to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia to help families of seriously ill children who are hospitalized. We are helping another local church in the area with this project.



Weddings

June 3, 2017 at Barn Appétit in Milton, PA wedding vows were exchanged by **Jessica Marie Paulus and Tyler Matthew Dochat**. Pastor Barry officiated at the ceremony.

June 4, 2017 at Riverview Country Club in Forks Township, PA wedding vows were exchanged by **Kerri Grube and George Timothy Markert, Jr.** Pastor Barry officiated at the ceremony.

We extend our congratulations and sincere wishes for much happiness as they enter married life. May God bless them and prosper their union through the continued gift of his love!

Funerals



David William Druckenmiller, 63, passed to his eternal rest on Saturday, May 20, 2017. A funeral service was held at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church. Pastor Barry officiated at the service and Pastor Chris Druckenmiller preached.

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Please remember to turn in your Redner's receipts. All receipts are totaled and submitted to Redner's. A check will come to the church and be deposited into the Youth Group account. If you have any questions, please contact: **Cheryl Reeser at 610-759-6492.**

Email Addresses

To help communication work more effectively, the church would greatly appreciate it if you would notify us of any email address changes.



Deadline for September Informer articles is Sunday, August 13th.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 10**, when congregations of the ELCA will again have the opportunity to participate in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday and celebrate who we are as the ELCA—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people.

This year we observe the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The ELCA’s anniversary theme, “Freed and Renewed in Christ,” reminds us of the gospel’s promise that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors.

There will be outdoor worship on this Sunday (weather permitting) with one service at 9:30 followed by our Church Picnic. We will also be volunteering our time to a community service project that will offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: **that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.**

Stay tuned for more details!



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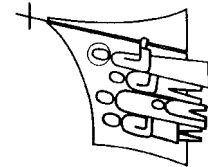
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The Final Form Of Love

See you in September, see you when the summer’s through.

These are words the Happenings made famous in a song written back in the 1960’s. I hope they won’t be accurate in describing your relationship with God and your church. Everyone loves to take time away from the daily routines, especially when the weather is warm and nice, and that’s good and healthy. But don’t forget that God NEVER takes a vacation from caring for you. You are important to him that he doesn’t even take the time to sleep, but spend every second of every day watching out for your well-being. And that’s good!

- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, New Castle, PA



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Outdoor worship

July 2

On this day worship will be by the pavilion and there will only be one service that day at 9:30am.

If inclement weather ... the service will move into the Fellowship Hall.