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From the Pastor's Desk

– June 2022

"It is Well with My Soul"

His name was Horatio Spafford. He was a lawyer and a real estate investor in Chicago in the late 1800s. The 1871 Great Chicago Fire destroyed much of his investments but that was not the greatest tragedy in his life. Two years later, his family had a trip planned to Europe. They would see their friend, the evangelist Dwight Moody preach in England. Last minute business demands kept Spafford from accompanying his wife and their four daughters on the trip aboard the steamship Ville du Havre. On November 22, 1873, while crossing the Atlantic, the ship was struck by an iron sailing vessel, killing 226 people, including all four of Spafford's daughters. His wife, Anna, survived the tragedy. Upon arriving in Wales, she sent a telegram that read, "Saved alone." Later, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write the hymn "It is Well with My Soul" as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,*

*It is well, it is well, with my soul
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)*

It is well, it is well with my soul

In his letter to his friends in the church in Philippi, the Apostle Paul writes:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus."

While you and I may not have suffered the kind of tragic losses experienced by Horatio Spafford, we have dealt with loss, with grief, and with pain in our lives. In the midst of joys, when things were going well and we had a sense of God's loving presence in our lives, the bottom has dropped out from under us in physical illness and hospitalization, the sudden and unexpected death of loved ones, or difficulties in our work or our financial situation. Our hearts and minds cry out to God, ***"Why?"*** We wonder what this could mean. We question whether God has somehow willed this for us. Is this God's judgment or punishment for something we have done or failed to do?

In our confusion and frustration, it feels as if our prayers are bouncing off the ceiling. that God has left us.

Be very sure of this – God doesn't work like that. Stuff happens in our lives and the reason for it all is beyond our understanding but NOT in God's will for us. Even when we cannot see things clearly, God is still abiding with us. We are still loved and cared for. In the midst of the struggles I have endured in my life, the peace of God in Christ Jesus has sustained me and has been my comfort. Spafford's hymn has been among my favorites for the sense of God's presence and the assurance of his grace and salvation in Jesus Christ I find in his words.

May God bless you always with a special sense of his presence and his peace in the midst of each day, through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. May you be able to say, with Spafford, ***"Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul."***

Pastor Mike

HOME VISITS

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for June. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 05	Loren & Lorene LaRose	45 years
June 12	Richard & Jeanette Hyer	12 years
June 14	Joe & Debbie Solt	42 years
June 15	Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield	48 years
June 17	Christopher & Jessyca Fredericks	22 years
June 18	Thomas & Nadine Schmidt	39 years
June 30	Jon & Jessica Kistler	04 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 01	Kelly Heinrich
June 02	Wyatt Spalding
June 05	Kathy Jahelka
June 08	Andrew Hollywood
June 13	Alecia Miller
June 14	Benjamin Jahelka
June 16	David Stemler
June 19	William Bonser
June 19	Eric Reif
June 24	Gerry Dorshimer
June 25	Nancy Treskot
June 28	George Husack IV
June 28	Janene Smith
June 29	Ronald Bonser

[NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.]

You can join us on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's special involvement in worship will resume when it is safe to do so.



ADMINISTRATION



HOURS

8:30 am – 12:30pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 05, 2022

Picnic at Knoebel's

June 12, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor & Terry Holland

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

June 19, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

June 26, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM

2022 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

2022 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: **Weekly Bulletin** \$10, **Flowers** \$25

Weekly Communion Bread \$2.50 Website \$20 monthly and **Altar Guild**.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT KNOEBEL'S

We will have our annual picnic at Knoebel's again this year on June 5th. There is no bus this year. We will be car pooling. If you have not already done so please sign up or call the office 610-826-2524. We are in Pavilion H this year.

PLEASE NOTE

New Office Hours are from 8:30-12:30 Tue.-Thurs.

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRIES

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



WEED & FEED

It's that time of year again when we look for volunteers to weed and water the flowers at church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, so everyone will have an opportunity to volunteer.



SNAPPLE FACTS



Approximately 16,500 people in the U.S. go by the last name Lemon.
Christopher Columbus brought the first lemon seeds to America.

knowledge. Most of these are the Real Facts

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 01 4:30 PM Worship & Music
June 19 11:30 AM Council Meeting

2022

Rich Hyer	President
Don Delich	Vice-President
Karen Talamantes	Secretary
Marlene Bollinger	
Teri Delich	
Scott Heinrich	
Jim Miller	
Eric Reif	
Ray Talamantes	
Gordon Walls	
Mary Walls	

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	Treasurer
Carol Heffelfinger	Financial Sec.

FINANCE

Apr. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$6,208
Apr. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,173
Apr. Additional Income	\$ 728
Apr. Monthly Expenses:	\$11,946
Attendance:	
April 3, 2022 In Person & Zoom	37
April 10, 2022 In person & Zoom Palm Sun.	50
April 15, 2022 In Person & Zoom Good Fri.	40
April 17, 2022 In person & Zoom Easter	71
April 24, 2022 In Person & Zoom	38



Congratulations to our 2022 Graduates



Congratulations to Nevaeh Keiper, she is going to attend LCCC in their Honors program. She will then transfer to Ohio State University as a music education major and minor in philosophy. After college She plans to become a secondary teacher or a post secondary teacher in music.



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

Altar Flowers

June 12 The Sosik Family
June 19 Anonymous Doner
June 26 Gerry Dorshimer

Communion Bread

June 12 Sponsor Needed
June 19 Sponsor Needed
June 26 Sponsor Needed



Sunday Bulletins Sponsors

June 12 Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
June 19 Marlene Bollinger
June 26 Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

June 2022

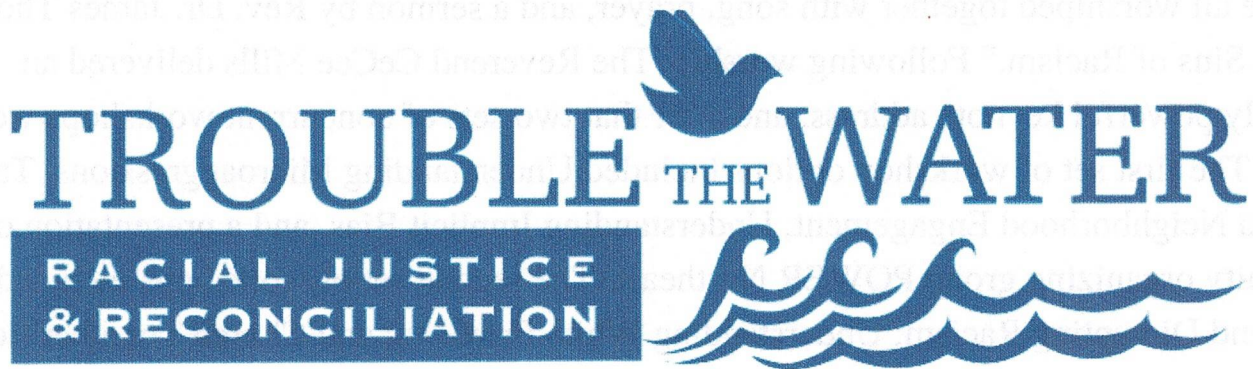
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1 Office Hours 8:30-12:30	2 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	3	4
5 Knoebel's	6	7 Office Hours 8:30-12:30 9:00am Thrift Shop	8 Secretary Out	9 Secretary Out 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	10	11
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SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA



Gaining Strength: Stronger Together

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you...” [Isaiah 43:2] This is the promise God made to the people of Israel, in a time when the whole nation was suffering the consequences of their turning away from their primary mission: to love God and love neighbor – especially, neighbors with the least advantages, status and resources. For our time, our church, and our synod, one of our most troubling issues is the sin of racism. Isaiah goes on to say: “Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!” [Is. 43:8] This speaks to the first step to take into those troubled waters: opening our eyes and ears to see and listen – with minds and hearts willing to go beneath the smooth surface and stir up the stories and truths that, though troubling, will clear the way for God “to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” [Is. 43:19]

+ Bishop Christopher deForest

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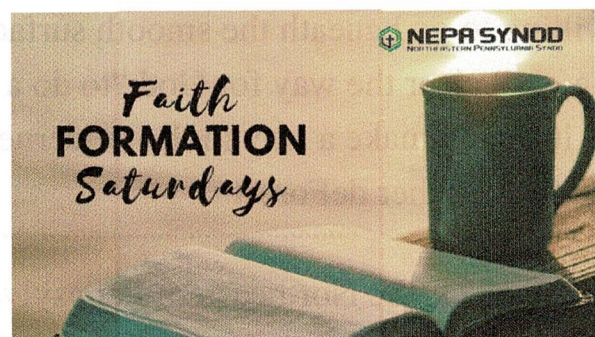
On May 22, 2021, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod hosted a virtual conference called “Trouble the Water,” an inaugural day of racial justice worship and workshops. The goal of this event was to help our congregations to be more welcoming to Black, indigenous, and people of color; and to focus on racial justice and reconciliation within our churches, communities, and synod.

Participants were welcomed with a brief introduction to what we hoped to accomplish, and a request for participants to join us in that troubled water – to be willing to experience the discomfort caused by the ripples, and to plan to ride the waves of change and progress that we hoped to create. The organizers started with a land acknowledgment, acknowledged our shared national history of racism and discrimination, and explained that such historical acknowledgment was not about blaming us as individuals today, but about understanding how we came to be where we are in order to understand how to move forward together.

Next, we all worshiped together with song, prayer, and a sermon by Rev. Dr. James Thomas on “The Sins of Racism.” Following worship, The Reverend CeCee Mills delivered an incredibly powerful keynote address, and after that two sets of concurrent workshops were offered. The first set of workshop options included Understanding Microaggressions, Trauma-Informed Neighborhood Engagement, Understanding Implicit Bias, and a presentation on the community organizing group POWER Northeast. The second set of workshops included Seeing and Disrupting Racism; Understanding White Privilege; and Church Together (led by ELCA Director of Racial Justice Jennifer De Leon).

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The “Trouble the Water” event provided important space for honest, difficult conversation: wrestling with systemic racism and naming our complicity in a broken, inequitable system. Your gifts cultivate a Synod culture that listens to the stories of all people and actively works towards reflecting the Kingdom of God. Our ELCA has a mission of encountering 1 million new, young, and diverse people with the Good News in Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support. It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission. + Rev. Rachael Dietz



**Join us on the 2nd
Saturday of every month!**
(more information on our website)