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*From the
Pastor*



From the Pastor's Desk – July 2022 *How Long, O Lord?*

¹*Please, LORD,
don't punish me when you are angry;
don't discipline me when you are furious.*
²*Have mercy on me, LORD,
because I'm frail.
Heal me, LORD,
because my bones are shaking in terror!*
³*My whole body is completely terrified!
But you, LORD! How long will this last?*
⁴*Come back to me, LORD! Deliver me!
Save me for the sake of your faithful love!*
⁵*No one is going to praise you
when they are dead.
Who gives you thanks
from the grave?*
⁶*I'm worn out from groaning.
Every night, I drench my bed with tears;
I soak my couch all the way through.*
⁷*My vision fails because of my grief;
it's weak because of all my distress.*

Psalm 6:1-7

(Common English Bible)

One of the things I love in the Book of Psalms is that you can find expressed there every human emotion from the highest joys to the deepest grief and even anger. If you have felt something, anything, in your life; you can find that emotion in one or more of the Psalms and, always, in the form of prayer voiced to God.

This last month has been hard for me and, even as I say that I feel guilty for saying it. Before I continue, let me thank you for keeping Ginny in your prayers over these weeks. She's been the one on whom so much of this has fallen. She had knee replacement surgery and, in the middle of recovering from that, came down with not one but two respiratory viruses that put her in the hospital for five days. Even when she got home, she struggled in recovering and found that she had yet another infection. As we were preparing to celebrate the baptism

of our granddaughter Jamie Lyn and Ginny was feeling better, she fell on her new knee and tore her quadriceps tendon, which means she will have one more surgery (on Mon. June 20) and an even longer time of recovery.

How long, O Lord? Feeling the pain my wife has experienced in these weeks and the disruption of our family routine, I went to the Psalms to find expression of what I've been feeling in God's Word. Psalm 6 seemed to jump out to me. In my Lutheran Study Bible, this Psalm is given the title, "*Prayer for Recovery from Grave Illness.*" I know the titles are editorial and not part of the inspired Word, but it seems appropriate. Take a moment and reread the verses that I set at the top of these thoughts. I imagine that you've been there, that you've felt this way, that you have voiced these prayers.

Let me make it clear that I do not believe that our suffering in this life is punishment from God or God's will for us in any way. God is not doing any of this to Ginny. That's not how God works in our lives, but we know that it was the conventional wisdom in Biblical times. Read the Book of Job and you will see that Job's so-called friends insist that his suffering must be the result of God's judgment for some sin that he has committed. He refuses to accept that view of things, but we find that understanding even extending into the New Testament. In John 9, the story of a man born blind, Jesus' disciples ask him, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" As if illness and even disabilities were not enough from a physical perspective, along with them came the sense that they were of God and from God for some reason, something for which they were God's righteous judgment. Gee, thanks.

So, I've been home a lot more than normal over these weeks – trying to work from home when necessary and possible and simply taking care of Ginny and the rest

of the family. I've struggled mightily in all of this. When I'm home, I feel that I should be at church doing the work, the ministry that is my calling and my job. When I get to the church and I'm sitting at my desk (like right now, writing this), I feel like I ought to be home because Ginny and my family need me. As I type out these words, my thoughts, and see them on my computer screen, I can't help feeling that I'm whining. That is not my intent. I'm not looking for your sympathy, much less your pity. I know full well that you have been where I am, where we are. I want you to know that God knows all that we go through in this life – the struggles, the physical and emotional suffering. What I find in Psalm 6 and others like it is permission to feel the way we feel and the words to lift these conflicting emotions to God in prayer.

I've said to a number of friends and church members that what I crave most in these days is NORMAL – whatever that is. When everything seems chaotic, we long for the comfortable routines of life. What we need most to know is that God walks with us in every moment of the craziness, that he holds our hand, that his strong arms are embracing us in love. God is with us in these struggles and he will be with us as we come out on the other side into times of peace and joy. At the end of Psalm 6, after the Psalmist voices his anguished prayer, we find these words: ***"The LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my supplication; the LORD accepts my prayer."***

May you know the blessing of God's presence and peace in your daily walk,

Pastor Mike

HOME VISITS

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

FINANCE

May Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 11,677
May St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,173
May Additional Income	\$ 4,860
May Monthly Expenses:	\$ 10,903
Attendance:	
May 1, 2022	34
May 10, 2022	49
May 15, 2022	39
May 22, 2022	37
May 29, 2022	37

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner
Carol Heffelfinger

Treasurer
Financial Sec



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 03	Dennis & Gerry Dorshimer	57 years
July 04	Ray & Karen Talamantes	14 years
July 05	Robin & Shirley Suarez	47 years
July 16	David & Veronica Blocker	17 years
July 22	William & Brittany Zeky	05 year
July 24	Pastor Michael & Ginny Frost	23 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 04	Brian Everett
July 04	Lizzie Reif
July 06	Sandra Benson
July 08	Vicky Holland
July 11	Gordon Walls
July 14	Garry James
July 14	Karen McIntosh
July 19	Sean Hamor
July 20	Robert Reinhart
July 23	Jason Pryce, Sr.
July 27	Jacqueline Grimley
July 27	Vanessa Zellers
July 28	Matthew Jahelka
July 30	Veronica Blocker

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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	



8:30 am – 12:30pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE**July 3, 2022 COMMUNION**

Assisting Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM**July 10, 2022 COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor &
Terry Holland

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM**July 17, 2022 COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15 AM**July 24, 2022 COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Richard & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15AM**July 31, 2022****COMMUNION & HEALING**

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls

Altar Guild:

Worship Service 10:15AM**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

July 07 4:30 p.m. Worship & Music
 July 18 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

**HOLY TRINITY
ACTION
MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop

2022 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

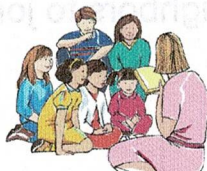
2022 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: **Weekly Bulletin \$10,**
Weekly Communion Bread \$2.50
Website \$20 monthly and Altar Guild.

**FESTIVAL NEWS**

The Festival will be held
 September 9,10 & 11 in
 the park in Palmerton. We
 will be making Molasses
 Tongue Cookies & Mini
 Cheesecakes.

**CHILDREN'S
SERMON**

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



Children's Sermon



SNAPPLE FACTS



A honey bee can fly at 15mph.
The average speed of a housefly is 4.5 mph.

Sip on some knowledge. Most of these are
the Real Facts

SPONSORS



Altar Flowers

Ministry Opportunity

7/3 Gerry &

Dennis Dorshimer

7/10 Ray & Karen Talamantes

7/17 Bernice Kleintop

7/24 Children & Grands of the Bergers

7/31 Carol Borger



Sunday Bulletin

7/3 available

7/10 available

7/17 available

7/24 available

7/31 available



Communion Bread

7/3 available

7/10 available

7/17 available

7/24 available

7/31 available

Altar Guild

Volunteer needed for July

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

You're invited to a **Celebration of Life** picnic
for the family and friends of **Dorothy Berger**.

Where: **Palmerton Memorial Park Pavilion**

When: **Saturday, July 23rd, 2022** Time:
1pm-?

Please RSVP to Bergerfamily@gmail.com or
text/call 610-762-0785. This is a catered
event so come hungry. There will be an old
-fashioned cake walk, so baked goods, etc.
are a welcome donation.

In order to protect our most vulnerable
friends and family, the family asks that you
stay home if you are showing signs of illness.

CHURCH MUSIC FESTIVAL – Sunday, July 31

Come out on Sunday afternoon,
July 31, at 3:00pm for a festival of
hymns and church music featuring the
choirs from both St. Matthew's and
Holy Trinity and the handbell choir
from Holy Trinity.

We will begin in Advent and continue
on through all of the seasons and
celebrations of the church year. In
addition to our choirs singing and
playing, there will be congregational
hymn singing as well.

Following the musical celebration we
will enjoy a time of fellowship and
refreshments. We hope you will come
out and invite your family, friends, &
neighbors to join you.

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

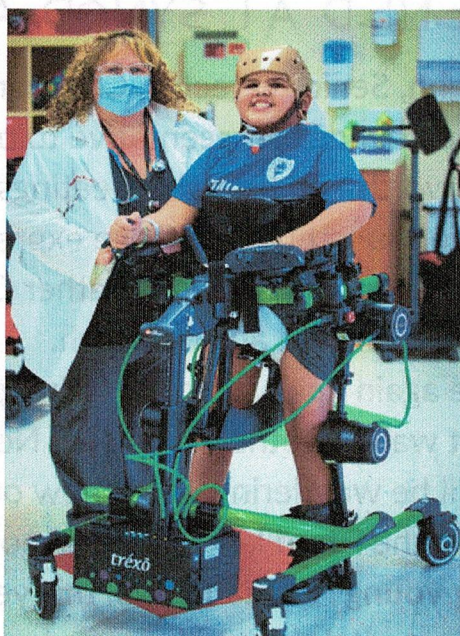
Stronger Together

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me." (John 10:14)

"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." (Mark 2:11)

Jesus speaks: we hear his voice, and we follow. Even when we are made able to hear, by mechanical means. Even when we are blessed to move, using new and inspiring inventions. These are no less miracles than the healing of the one born blind (John 9), or the person on the mat who's unable to walk (Mark 2). Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a partner in ministry with us, bringing technology, compassion and faith together – by the work of the Holy Spirit – in ways that put life in motion and love in action, for God's children of all ages – especially youth. They truly make us: **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

+ Bishop Christopher deForest



Watching your child take his or her first steps is one of the most exciting moments in a parent's life. But what if your child has a disability and those steps don't come so easily, or at all? Through the years, parents faced with this dilemma have come to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network looking for help and finding it. One of the rehabilitation technology stars in Good Shepherd Pediatrics' toolbox is the Trexo Plus. This innovative, wearable robotic gait trainer helps children with spasticity and mobility challenges walk, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to our generous supporters, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Good Shepherd has acquired a total of six Trexo devices in small, medium, and large sizes for children as young as 1 through their teen years. This makes Good Shepherd the only pediatric rehabilitation provider in the U.S. to offer all three sizes for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings. Children who benefit from using the life-changing technology are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury, gait disorders, or other mobility problems.

The device's brightly colored legs allow children to walk hands-free safely, correctly, and consistently, all under the watchful eye of trained Good Shepherd staff. Trexo is one piece in an array of technology used by Good Shepherd Pediatrics and supported by the Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology Fund.

NEPA Synod can be proud of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Because of you, children will be given the opportunity to exercise their brains and muscles in a new way, gaining confidence along with mobility. Good Shepherd provides therapies and residential options unique in the US. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

For more information, visit GoodShepherdPediatrics.org.

Story Contributor: Kimberly Stolarik, Interim Administrative Director, Development
Helping Children Through Technology



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REWIND



WHAT HAPPENED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY?!?

The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission for the **ELCA** was the churchwide representative to our synod assembly. Rev. Vaughn enlivened the assembly with her words and brought greetings from the wider church. This representation reminds us that we are a church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and churchwide. These expressions work together to gather God's people and mobilize them to love and serve the world through mission and outreach.

This year's assembly was once again held virtually. We're getting "good" at holding virtual assemblies, but we simply cannot wait to gather in person. Next year, we'll be gathering at **Kalahari** in the Poconos, and we'll be wondering about how our synod and congregations are **going beyond death to life**. This is the "third lane" in our synod focus. Remember we've been talking about lane one, "**Growing young**" and lane two, this year's theme, "**Gaining Strength/Stronger Together**" These vital signs help us understand who we are as God's people and how we might best show up in our contexts.

This year some great **resolutions** were brought before the assembly. Some of these resolutions will be considered and acted upon by the **synod council**. The synod council is an important body within the synod. If you'd like to read the resolutions visit godslove.org/assembly in addition to resolutions you can view all the great videos from the assembly where churches and other groups showed their faith in action through ministries that highlighted our theme of being stronger together, growing young videos that look at fun scenarios to help individuals and congregations understand what it means to grow young, greetings from our ministry partners, and EVERY plenary is available for your viewing pleasure.

We had such an engaging time wondering what God was up to in our midst, especially in places where we're working together for the sake of God's Kingdom, here and now!