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From the Pastor's Pastor Desk – August 2022 "One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church"

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 33 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who Acts 2:42-47 were being saved.

There's been a lot written in recent days and weeks about the most important thing the church should be doing. As you might imagine, there are many different opinions on the guestion. In truth, this is nothing new. This conversation has been going on from the day the church was born by God's gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Some believe that the church's number one priority needs to be proclaiming the good news of God's saving love in Jesus Christ what might be called "saving souls" although our Lutheran tradition doesn't really tend to use that kind of language. On the other end of the spectrum is the view that, in Jesus' name, first and foremost the church needs to be about ministering to the needs of the people around us - feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless, visiting the lonely, welcoming the marginalized. Those on both sides of this debate can easily find Scriptures that make their points. In fact, both are contained in the passage from Acts 2 I placed at the head of these

thoughts. From the beginning . . . from the first days of the church's life and ministry, the good news was proclaimed and new believers were coming to faith AND the church was providing for the needs of the poor. Worship, fellowship, and prayer grounded the church in the teachings of Jesus and the apostles and, in the power of the Spirit, God's people in Christ moved out into their community, making a difference in the lives of their neighbors.

What should WE be doing in these days? How do we seek after a vision of what God would have us be and do as the church in these communities where God planted us so long ago? We need to be faithful in worship, in prayer, and in fellowship - being together as God's people in the presence of God in Word and Sacrament. We need to learn who we are and what gifts God has given us - to get to know ourselves (and each other) better. What are our strengths? What resources do we have? What are the needs around us? How can we partner together with other faith communities, both Lutheran and others, to make a difference for the good of those around us?

Lots of questions. The answers our parents and grandparents discovered can help us as background, but we need to find answers for the days in which we are living as the church. Neither the larger Palmerton nor Lehighton areas are what they used to be in former times. There is work to do. We need, both at Holy Trinity and at St. Matthew's, working groups taking stock of what we have at hand and at what the needs and the challenges are. In classic churchy language, these would be stewardship and outreach committees, but I don't want that old terminology to lock us in to old ideas.

We need you. We need your thinking. We need your time. We need your gifts – your contributions of talent and treasure (How's THAT for old language?). Has any of this piqued your interest or curiosity? I would

love to have you working with us on either of these aspects of the work to be done. Do you have a passion for being in service to those who are in need? Are you a number cruncher with a drive to have all of the details of a thing in place? Do you have a vision for mission beyond the four walls of our church building – into the community, into the world around us? Are you a person good with your hands, loving to take on a task of building or fixing something? Are you a loving, caring person with a passion for those who are sick or homebound?

I'll leave this here for now. In the coming weeks we will be talking more about all of this. I hope you will choose to get on board in some aspect of this process and the work to be done. Some will be brainstorming and then a lot will be very hands on. God calls us beyond ourselves, often outside our comfort levels, but he always walks with us. May we be open to the guidance, the direction, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit so that we be as Jesus in love for our neighbors.

See you in church, Pastor Mike

REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE

This is a reminder that we do collect Redner's register tapes.

There is a box in the Narthex for the Redner's register tapes.

HOME VISITS

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



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's special involvement in worship is on hold until it safe for the children to gather at the front of the church.





WORSHIP SCHEDULE

HOURS 8:30am - 12:30pm

Worship Service 10:15 AM

August 7, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: June Andreas & Lizzie Reif

Web Site: Carol Borger

Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

August 14, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland Altar Guild: June Andreas & Lizzie Reif

Web Site: Marlene Bollinger

Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

August 21, 2022 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger Altar Guild: June Andreas & Lizzie Reif

Web Site: Carol Borger

Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

August 28, 2022 COMMUNIOM

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: June Andreas & Lizzie Reif

Web Site: Carol Borger

Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

ALTAR GUILD

We are in need of volunteers for Altar Guild for October and December. Please pick a friend or two to help you and sign up. If you would like to help, but need some instruction feel free to call the office 610-826-2524.

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRIES

Tues. 9-12:30





AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 01 Sean & Kelly Sosik-Hamor	24 years
August 02 Kim & Jessica Merkel	19 years
August 05 Eric & Tara Berger	11 years
August 14 Frederick & Nancy Young, Jr.	51 years
August 15 Jan & Karen Sosik	52 years
August 25 Robert & Nancy Treskot	49 years
August 26 Victor & Kathy Jahelka	45 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 07	Dustin Allen	
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August 13	Ashley Kraftician	THE DESTRUCTION OF
August 14	Michael Bowman	This
August 17	Kayla Bishop	
August 17	Cassidy Merkel	Month's
August 25	Willow Brown	Birthdays
August 26	Shane Allen	
August 27	Opal Snyder	
August 29	Amanda Ruch	
August 31	Patrick Walck	

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

2022 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

2022 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: Altar Flowers \$25.00 9/25, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/27 Bulletins \$10 per week 9/4, 9/25 November and Altar Guild.

SNAPPLE FACTS



The act of chewing an apple is a more efficient way to stay awake than caffeine.

Place an apple in the bag with your potatoes to keep them from budding.

Sip on some knowledge. Most of these are the Real Facts1

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Aug. 04 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Aug. 21 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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



The Festival is September 9, 10, & 11. This year we are selling Molasses Tongue Cookies, Mini Cheesecakes and Mint Tea.



There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for baking and working the stand. Many hands make for light work.

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	Treasurer		
Carol Heffelfinger	Financial Secretary		

\$ 4,894	
\$ 3,173	
\$ 550	
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You can join us on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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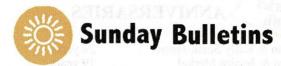
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August 7 Jean Fritzinger August 14 The Sosik Family August 21Debbie & Steven Hansut August 28 Carol Borger



Bulletins:

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Communion Bread: August 7 Kay Elyse Gerhart August 14Kay Elyse Gerhart August 21Kay Elyse Gerhart August 28Kay Elyse Gerhart

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SYNOD NEWS

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I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18-19)

The verse above centers the theme of Bear Creek Camp for its Summer 2022 season: "Wild Abundance." Whenever I get to visit the Camp – which is the geographically largest camp in the ELCA Outdoor Ministry system – I am always struck with how big God's blessings are to us, and for us. The "Wild Abundance" of BCC also points to the whole point of God's abundant grace and gifts: we are blessed to be a blessing. God gives, without conditions, so that we may give the same way, and share joy and life, in an unlimited and everlasting spiral – reaching down to those in need, reaching up towards forgiveness and strength from God, who out of love for us and for Christ's sake promises to raise us all. So we give, to Mission Support – to bless ministries like BCC, so they may bless all who come to them, with God's Wild Abundance.

+ Bishop Christopher deForest



The Summer of 2021 at Bear Creek Camp was one of rediscovery of much of what had put on hold in 2020 and one of reinvention of new ways to live out our calling of building community and individuals while exploring, celebrating, and growing in God's creation. As we look forward to continuing to build on this foundation in for Summer Camp in 2022, we reflect back on one of the most powerful moments of returning to camp in 2021.

The first Sunday night of this past summer's Session One after a tasty dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, all the campers gathered together as a large group for the very first time around the bonfire circle. While learning and singing songs, the woods once again fully echoed with the glee of campers returning to this place so many call their second home. Near the midpoint of that first gathering, there was a quiet moment of pause. Looking around the circle, summer staff were in their brand-new teal tee-shirts keeping their heads on a swivel making sure their campers were all okay. Two campers that hadn't seen each other since camp two years prior held hands in that way only best camp friends do. Nervous first-time campers reacted every time a hemlock log would pop in the fire shooting sparks high up in the sky. This small moment in time was the manifestation of all the work our community had done over the past two years came to fruition; all the supporters that it took to get to that point of sharing in God's love as a community around a simple campfire.

Everything we do at camp throughout the year is building to moments like those opening bon-fires. Whether facilities projects, summer staff salaries, food purchases or camperships – every resource we steward is moving us towards living into our shared mission. With your generous individual and congregational gifts and Mission Support throughout this past year and prayerfully continuing into the future, we look forward to further building the BCC community and welcoming all to experience the power of God within this place. + Collin Grooms, Executive Director

Bear Creek Camp seeks to provide a place apart: to live and grow in God's creation. Your mission support allows campers and staff to experience God in a new way. Campers discover young adult role models, and staff put their faith into action. In fact, the majority of seminarians cite outdoor ministry as key to their vocation story. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor

to live out that mission.

Find synod news and events at godslove.org