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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Feb 26 | 27 | 28 | Mar 1 | 2 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) | 3 | 4 |
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From the Pastor's Desk – March 2023

“The Covenant of Your Baptism”

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

From ELW

Affirmation of Baptism

It all begins in Holy Baptism, with our gracious God claiming us as his beloved daughters and sons, naming each one of us ***Child of God***, and incorporating us into the very Body of Christ, the Church. As our parents and godparents brought us to the church, to the font to be baptized, they made promises:

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism,

you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people bring them to the word of God and the holy supper

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, & the Ten Commandments

place in their hands the holy scriptures and nurture them in faith and prayer

so that your they may learn to trust God proclaim Christ through word and deed care for others and the world God made and work for justice and peace.

When, after years of Sunday School and

finally after completing our catechetical classes, we came to the church to be confirmed. We affirmed our baptismal relationship with God, our place in the church, affirming our faith by speaking the words, “I do, and I ask God to help and guide me” in confirmation of our desire to live in the covenant of our baptism. Of course, the reality was that at age 13 or thereabouts, we were just celebrating that we were done with catechetics. We weren't really thinking clearly of that to which we had committed ourselves before God.

Well, all these years later, we're still here by the grace of God. This month we're going to think together, to reflect on what it was to which we committed ourselves way back then. Our midweek Lenten gatherings will look carefully at our Baptismal Covenant – these words at the top of this article. What is it that these words call us into as members of the church that is the very Body of Christ in the world?

As is our tradition in our partnership between St. Matthew's and Holy Trinity, we alternate the place of our meeting each week. Our Lenten devotion began on February 22nd at Holy Trinity. We begin these midweek gatherings at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1 at St. Matthew's, then March 8 at Holy Trinity, March 15 at St. Matthew's, March 22 at Holy Trinity, and finally March 29 at St. Matthew's. Each service will be followed by a brief time of fellowship and light refreshments. We hope you will make these times for worship and sharing an important part of your Lenten devotion this year

See you in church,

The Schedule – (all services at 7:00 p.m.)
 Wednesday – March 1st – Service at St. Matthew's, North Weissport
 Wednesday – March 8th – Service at Holy Trinity, Palmerton
 Wednesday – March 15th – Service at St. Matthew's
 Wednesday – March 22nd – Service at Holy Trinity
 Wednesday – March 29th – Service at St. Matthew's

**HOLY TRINITY ACTION
MINISTRIES**



Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop

HOME VISITS

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

2023 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

2023 sponsor sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office: **Weekly Bulletin \$10, Altar Flowers \$25, Weekly Communion Bread \$2.50, and Altar Guild.**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS**

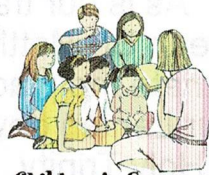


**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME
BEGINS**

Don't forget to set your clocks one hour AHEAD on Saturday Night, March 11, 2023 because daylight saving time begins at 2:00 am on March 12, 2023.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's special involvement will begin again when it is safe to do so.



Children's Sermon



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am – 12:30pm

**March 1, 2023 Lenten Service
at St. Matthew's
Worship Service 7:00 PM**

March 5, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Scott & Kelly Heinrich
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: Carol Heffelfinger
Bulletins: The Keblish Family
Communion Bread: SPONSOR NEEDED
Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer
Worship Service 10:15 AM

**March 8, 2023 LENTEN SERVICE
at Holy Trinity Worship Service 7:00 PM**

March 12, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: The Keblish Family
Bulletins: The Keblish Family
Communion Bread: SPONSOR NEEDED
Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer
Worship Service 10:15 AM

**March 15, 2023 LENTEN SERVICE
at St. Matthew's Worship Service 7:00 PM**

March 19, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: Vicky Holland & Jim Meldrum
Bulletins: The Keblish Family
Communion Bread: SPONSOR NEEDED
Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer
Worship Service 10:15 AM

**March 22, 2023 LENTEN SERVICE
at Holy Trinity Worship Service 7:00 PM**

March 26, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Vicky Holland
Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: SPONSOR NEEDED
Bulletins: The Keblish Family
Communion Bread: SPONSOR NEEDED
Times News Ad: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer
Worship Service 10:15 AM

**March 29, 2023 LENTEN SERVICE
at St. Matthew's Worship Service 7:00 PM**

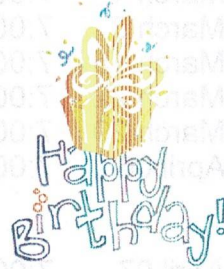


MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 17 Jim Meldrum & Vicky Holland 5 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 02 Carol Heffelfinger
- March 03 Amy Berger
- March 05 Steven Hoffert
- March 08 Marlene Greenwood
- March 09 Ronald Keblish
- March 10 Patrick Danielson
- March 11 James Engle
- March 14 Garrett James
- March 14 Amy Mertz
- March 15 George Husack III
- March 16 Patrick Leight
- March 19 Robin Suarez
- March 23 Janice Brown
- March 25 Joseph Solt II
- March 26 Payton Pryce
- March 29 Abigail Fredericks
- March 31 Jason Pryce, Jr.
- March 31 Gage Zuberka



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Mar 01 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music
- Mar 19 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (3rd Sunday)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- Mondays - 1:30—3:00 pm at St. Matthew's
- Thursdays -10:30am-Noon – Adult Education Room



SNAPPLE FACTS



A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.
The hummingbird is the only bird that can fly backwards.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Rich Hyer President
- Don Delich Vice-President
- Karen Talamantes Secretary
- Larry Arner Treasurer
- Teri Delich
- Scott Heinrich
- Terry Holland
- Krissy Keblish
- Ron Keblish
- Jim Miller
- Eric Reif
- Ray Talamantes

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

- Larry Arner Treasurer
- Jim Miller Ass't Treasurer
- Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec.

FINANCE

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| Jan. Monthly Envelope Offering: | \$ 7,016 |
| Jan. St. Matthews Pastoral Service | \$ 3,308 |
| Jan. Additional Income | \$ 4,514 |
| Jan. Monthly Expenses: | \$11,585 |
| Attendance: | |
| January 1, 2023 | 29+2 |
| January 8, 2023 | 35+2 |
| January 15, 2023 | 42+4 |
| January 22, 2023 | 38+6 |
| January 29, 2023 | 45+2 |

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Since we are getting our offering envelopes mailed quarterly it is **extremely important** to let us know if you have changed your address. We want to make sure you get your envelopes in a timely manner. If you have a change of address please contact the office 610-826-2425, by e-mail htlcoppa@ptd.net or snail mail 502 Lafayette Ave. Palmerton, PA 18071
Thank You

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

When making donations to the church in Memory please be sure to put it on a check separate from your weekly contribution check. The money gets deposited into 2 separate accounts and cannot be split between the two accounts.
Thank You

If you can't be in church zoom in.

St. Matthew's Zoom Worship
 Time: Jan 23, 2022 08:30 AM Eastern Time
 Holy Trinity Zoom Worship – Epiphany +3
 Time: Jan 23, 2022 10:15 AM Eastern Time



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9636129008?pwd=YzhTQlM0OChmVjZ85RWhJeXdsMmJH12z09>

Meeting ID: 963 612 9008
 Passcode: 119675
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 +16465588656,,9636129008#,,,,*119675# US (New York)

March 1 7:00 PM at St. Matthews
 March 8 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity
 March 15 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's
 March 22 7:00 PM at Holy Trinity
 March 29 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's
 April 06 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday at Holy Trinity
 April 07 7:00 PM Good Friday at St. Matthew's

Dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 963 612 9008
 Passcode: 119675
 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbX5uWGE>

FLOWERS – 2023

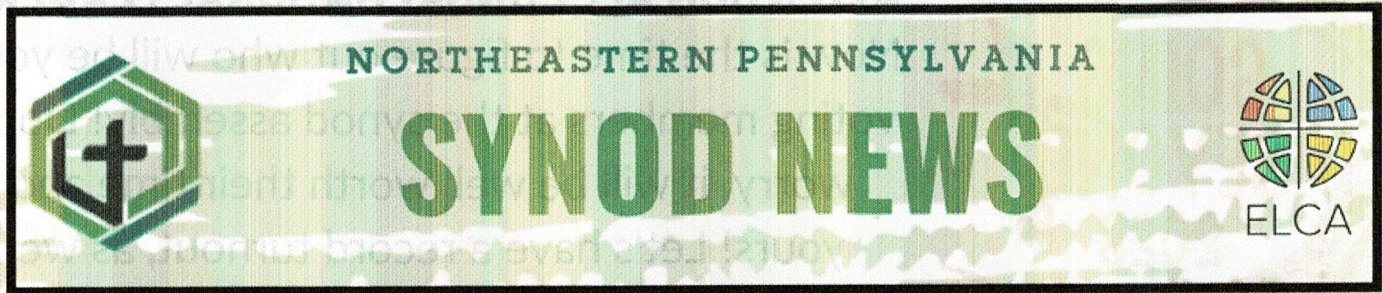
| Flower & Blooms | Cost | How Many | Total Cost | Pick up after 10:15 Service, Plant at church or give to shut-ins? |
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| LILIES (6" pot) | \$10 | | | |
| HYACINTHS (3 (6 inch pot) | \$8 | | | |
| Pink | | | | |
| Blue | | | | |
| White | | | | |
| TULIPS (5+) | \$8 | | | |
| DAFFODILS | \$9 | | | |
| HEMALIAS | | | | |
| BEGONIAS | \$10 | | | |
| Red | | | | |
| Pink | | | | |
| Yellow | | | | |
| Orange | | | | |
| Total | | | | |

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Ordered by:

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY MARCH 16, 2023 WITH FULL PAYMENT ATTACHED.



Love for the Least

The Global Missions Team at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, PA, led an advent appeal this past holiday season to support the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania, which was established by ELCA medical missionary Dr. Mark Jacobson, and also had the opportunity to lead the church's worship services on their annual Global Missions Sunday, held this year on January 22, 2023, to share about this ministry with those in attendance.

When a baby is born prematurely in Tanzania, it is considered as good as dead. Premature babies there are often referred to as 'stillbirths.' This was not acceptable to the staff of Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Fifteen years ago they began to offer neonatal intensive care, and pediatrician Dr. Steve Swanson joined the program in 2011. Initially they were only able to save 4% of the babies. Today they serve almost 400 babies annually, and the survival rate in 2022 was 92%.

The care at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center NICU is the best in Tanzania, and in most of East Africa. No baby is turned away because of inability to pay or insurance status. The five doctors and 26 nurses who staff the NICU do not just care for the tiny infants, but for the parents as well. A hospital bed and meals are provided to every mother with a baby in the NICU and both parents are encouraged and coached on how to interact with their babies.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit raised \$3,785 from their Love for the Least appeal to be directed to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center NICU in Tanzania, and 175 premie knit or crochet hats were lovingly crafted for the NICU infants, which they hope to send to Tanzania. These hats can save lives by helping to keep the babies warm.

Charlotte Gross, Co-Coordinator



ATTENTION ALL CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS

Now is the time to figure out who will be your voting members at the synod assembly! Don't worry, it will be well worth their time and yours! Let's have a record turnout, as we gather together (in person) as a synod for the first time since the Great Disruption of 2020. If you have any questions contact the synod office, and together we'll figure it out together!

JUNE 1-3 2023 AT KALAHARI RESORT

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BEING PUBLICLY INCLUSIVE OF ALL SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS IS AN IMPORTANT STEP YOUR CONGREGATION CAN TAKE TO BE THE COMMUNITY CHRIST CALLS YOU TO BE!



Become a Reconciling in Christ congregation! Reach out to Stacey Burke in the synod office (stacey@nepsynod.org) for more information.

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HONORARIUM UPDATE

How much should we pay a supply minister? That question is frequently asked by congregations in transition or when the regular minister is away.

Discussion by the Committee of Deans produced the following:

"that beginning 03/01/2023, minimum honorarium amounts for supply ministers be set as follows:



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| One worship service | no less than \$175 |
| Two worship services | no less than \$225 |
| Three worship services | no less than \$250 |

an additional \$50 for multiple point charges

an additional \$50 for leading an adult forum or Sunday School class

an additional \$75 if one of the services is on a day other than Sunday; (Saturday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.)

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