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## EASTER

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# April 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**FROM THE  
PASTOR** April 2023

## ***“Then our mouth was filled with laughter”***

***When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.***

***Then our mouth was filled with laughter  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”***

***The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.***

***Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.***

***May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.***

***Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.***

### **Psalm 126**

The good news of the gospel is that our God keeps his promises and does whatever it takes to do so, even those things that would seem impossible. God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah that, despite their advanced age, they would have a son. That son, God declared, would lead to descendants as numerous as the stars in the night sky, as the grains of sand on the beach. At one point, when the LORD restated the promise, Sarah laughed at the absurdity of it all. It just burst out of her. It was so crazy that she couldn't help herself. She laughed. To memorialize that event, that son of the promise was named Isaac, which in Hebrew means “laughter.”

Many years later, when the unimaginable happened – Jerusalem was destroyed and, with it, the Holy Temple, the very home of the LORD – there was the promise of return and restoration. It seemed impossible but it was the promise of God. After many generations in exile, God's people did, in

fact, return to rebuild Jerusalem, to rebuild the Temple and rededicate it to the LORD. The Psalmist remembers that day in Psalm 126. *“When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy.”*

This month we remember the most important events in the history of the world, certainly the most important in the life of God's people. Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God gave himself up to death, even death on a cross. It was, for those who had come to follow Jesus, to believe that he was God's promised Messiah, a devastating failure. How else could it be understood? Then, on the third day, the crucified Jesus was raised to life, never to die again. He appeared to those who had followed him, to the disciples who would take the message of Jesus' death and resurrection to all the world as the good news of God's saving love for all who would trust in him. What had been the cause of such great sorrow and turned into the source of new and eternal joy. When the truth was understood, the tears shed after his death became tears of joy and laughter at the remarkable things God had done.

There is a tradition that marks the joy of Jesus' glorious resurrection on the Sunday after Easter with what is called “Holy Hilarity” on Holy Humor Sunday. We will celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus on Sunday, April 16, with a special service filled with joy, laughter, and some sacred silliness. I'll not give away all of what might be more than a bit surprising but I invite you to come to worship dressed in such a way as to show the inexpressible joy we have in our risen Lord – you are freed to take that almost any way you choose. We will sing hymns that will make you smile, if not laugh out loud – I promise. With Jesus crucified and buried, his opponents, even the Devil himself, believed they had won a massive victory. On that

Sunday morning, as the new reality of resurrection was breaking in on the world, it was as if God was laughing at Satan. How absurd to have believed that God's love could ever be stopped from winning the final victory.

Please join us for all of the important dates and worship opportunities as we celebrate all that God has done for us in Jesus – Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity, Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00pm at St. Matthew's – and of course Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9) in both churches at our regular worship times. But be sure to add to that our Holy Humor Sunday on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

See you in church,  
Pastor Mike Frost

Please join us for worship all along the many days and services of this month and, especially over the eight days of Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday – April 02
  - St. Matthew's at 8:30 a.m.
  - Holy Trinity at 10:15 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday – April 06
  - Holy Trinity at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday – April 07
  - St. Matthew's at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday – April 09
  - St. Matthew's at 8:30 a.m.
  - Holy Trinity at 10:15 a.m.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**HOME VISITS**

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for April. 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 will resume when it is safe to do so.



Children's Sermon



**WOR-**



8:30 to 12:30

**SHIP SCHEDULE**

Office Hours

**April 2, 2023 COMMUNION  
PALM SUNDAY**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer  
**Ushers:** Kelly & Scott Heinrich  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Flowers:** The Sosik Family  
**Bulletins:** **NEEDED**  
**Communion Bread:** Kay Elyse Gerhart  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**April 06. 2023 MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 7:00 PM**

**April 09, 2023 COMMUNION  
EASTER SUNDAY**

**Assisting Minister:** Krissy Keblish  
**Ushers:** Ron Keblish w/ Taylor, Terry Holland  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Flowers:** **NEEDED**  
**Bulletins:** Anonymous Donor  
**Communion Bread:** Kay Elyse Gerhart  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**April 16 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Lsrry Arner  
**Ushers:** Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Flowers:** Bernice Kleintop  
**Bulletins:** **NEEDED**  
**Communion Bread:** Kay Elyse Gerhart  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**April 23 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Flowers:** The Sosik Family  
**Bulletins:** **NEEDED**  
**Communion Bread:** Kay Elyse Gerhart  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer  
**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**April 30 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone  
**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Borger  
**Flowers:** The Sosik Family  
**Bulletins:** **NEEDED**  
**Communion Bread:** Kay Elyse Gerhart  
**Times News Ad:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

**Worship Service 10:15 AM**



This Month's Anniversaries

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 20 James & Janice Brown 60 years  
 April 29 Donald & Teri Delich 45 years

**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 02 Linda Kraftician  
 April 03 Heather Ring  
 April 06 Izabelle Barkanic  
 April 09 Joseph "Joey" Solt  
 April 10 Jessica Suarez  
 April 16 Christopher Jahelka  
 April 17 Christopher Allen  
 April 17 Eric Berger  
 April 18 Scott Heinrich  
 April 19 Kenneth Heinrich  
 April 25 Taylor Pryce  
 April 25 Zoe Salter  
 April 26 Kira Reph  
 April 27 Justin Kuneck



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



**HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop

**SNAPPLE FACTS**



Colors like red, yellow, and orange make you hungry . . . Each year, the average American eats about 15 lbs. of apples.

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

**REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE**

There is a box in the Narthex for your Redner's Grocery receipts. They are turned in at Redner's and Redner's sends us a check. Yes the church gets paid when you do your grocery shopping.

**2023 SPONSOR SHEETS**

Please sign up!

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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Apr 05 4:15 p.m. Worship & Music  
 Apr 16 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

**FINANCE**

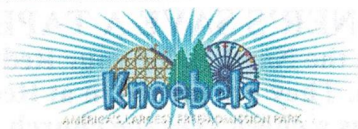
<b>Feb. Monthly Envelope Offering:</b>	\$ 9,795
<b>Feb. St. Matthews Pastoral Service</b>	\$ 3,308
<b>Feb. Additional Income</b>	\$ 1,653
<b>Feb. Monthly Expenses:</b>	\$ 12,049
<b>Attendance:</b>	
<b>February 5, 2023 Boy Scout Sunday</b>	47+4
<b>February 12, 2023</b>	41+6
<b>February 19, 2023</b>	38+3
<b>February 26, 2023</b>	27+9

**FINANCIAL PERSONNEL**

Larry Arner Treasurer  
 Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec.

**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



**SAVE THE DATE**

I know it seems like a long way away now but before you know it, June 11, 2023 will be here. Our annual picnic is being planned for June 11th the grove has been reserved. Sign-up sheet for carpooling and food will be in the Narthex probably in May, but maybe sooner.

***EASTER FLOWERS  
IN MEMORY OF  
2023***

*Her Parents— Carol Borger  
Orevec Family - Anne Eckhart  
Loved Ones—Debbie & Steve Hansut  
Sonny Heffelfinger -Carol Heffelfinger*

*Grandmother Eunice Fahringer - Vicky Holland &  
Jim Meldurm*

*Mary Holland—Vicky Holland & Jim Meldurm*

*Alice Henning - Jane Ivol*

*Eleanor Miller - Jane Ivol*

*Gene and Virginia Crachy & Edward Rusin-Lynn  
Perone*

*Son Thomas Schmidt Jr.—Nadine & Tom Schmidt*

*Kate & George Schmidt—Nadine & Tom Schmidt*

*Miriam and Sylvester C. Turnbach - Barbara  
Turnbach*

***EASTER FLOWERS  
IN HONOR OF  
2023***



*Glory to God - Charlotte Beers Koenig  
Our Family - Connie & Bob Reinhart*

**YARD SALE**

Save the date. Saturday, May 13, 2023 for the 2nd Annual Holy Trinity Community Yard Sale.

5th & Lafayette Ave 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

Rain, shine, or snow, it doesn't matter. Shop til you drop.

All of our treasures will be in our Fellowship Hall. Our Thrift Shop will also be open.

Enjoy a hot dog, munchy crunchies, and a drink for lunch.

Famous festival molasses tongue cookies and the festival mini cheesecakes or The Trinity Trio Special. Topping

choices are Cherry, Plain, Salted Caramel, and Chocolate Chip. Order your cookies and mini cheesecakes by

May 5th and they can be picked up on Saturday, May

13th just in time for Mother's Day. Call the church office to place your order 610-826-2524 or use the sign-up sheet

in the Church Narthex.

See You There.

**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

Join Zoom Meeting

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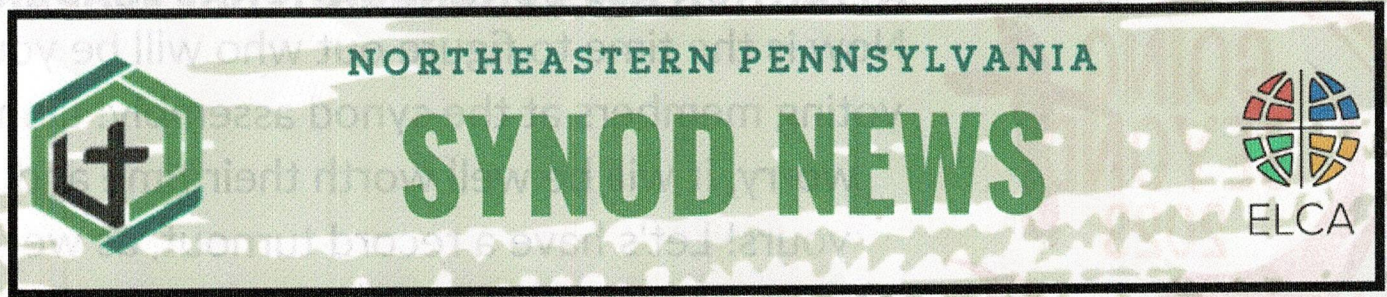
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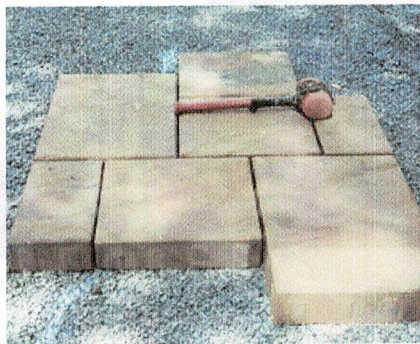
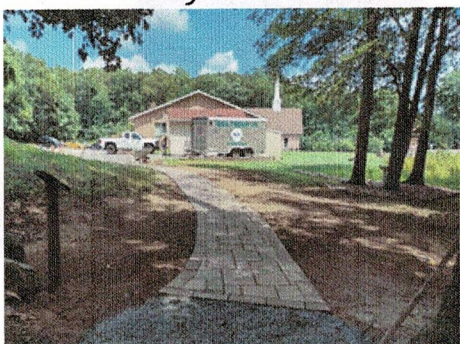


## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Bangor had the vision to extend the use of our outdoor grove for our community. When the pandemic hit in 2020, we found that our grove provided a new opportunity to worship together before we opened for indoor worship in late fall. Our vision took on a new reason: to make the grove more accessible and available for more use to complement worship.

The first step identified was building a walkway to make the grove easy to enter and exit. We applied for a grant from the Synod Witness and Service Team Ministry and received it. (We also applied for a special ELCA grant but did not receive the ELCA grant.) As buying supplies became an issue, we needed to apply for a second Witness and Service grant. We received this grant in June of 2022, which enabled us to complete the walkway for our 50th Anniversary picnic and joint worship with Christ Lutheran Church in Mt. Bethel.

Since the completion, we have held several outdoor worship services. We have also added "Faith by Firelight", a monthly gathering for anyone who wants to be in God's beautiful creation, play a few bible trivia games and enjoy s'mores. God has blessed our congregation with this beautiful space, and we keep visioning and planning for ways to make it a safe haven for our community and us. We are thankful that this grant was made possible through mission support given by congregations in our Synod.





## 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



JUNE 1-3 2023 AT  
KALAHARI RESORT

office, and together we'll figure it out together! REGISTER ONLINE at [godslove.org/](http://godslove.org/)

*Did you know that the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is a Reconciling in Christ organization?*



*We believe that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice.*

## MEMES FOR YOUR EASTER DELIGHT

