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From the Pastor's Desk

– June 2023

“One Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church”

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Acts 4:32-37

(NRSVUE)

What is the Church? Where do we find the Church? In the words of the Apostles Creed, “we believe in the catholic church, the communion of saints” – YES, those two expressions are supposed to go together, the one explaining the other. In the words of the Nicene Creed, “we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.”

We speak of The Day of Pentecost as “the Birthday of the Church” because it was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that set the believers, the disciples of Jesus, to their common life and ministry as we read in the Book of Acts. In response to Peter’s message on Pentecost, three thousand were baptized and added to the community of believers. In the following chapters we read of how this new community ordered its life together. At the end of chapter 2 – “they

devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers.” In chapter 4 (above), we note that they developed (under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit?) an economic way of living together such that no one considered what they owned to be their private property but were open to selling it to make sure that their fellow believers had what they needed in life. We’d be in denial if we failed to see that this system has more in common with socialism than it does with modern American capitalism.

So, in our present context, where do we find the Church? It is surely present as the disciples of Jesus gather around Word and Sacrament on the Lord’s Day. Local gatherings of the baptized is the most basic reality of the Church of Jesus Christ. From here, believers and communities of believers have come together in local communities, in regions, in countries, and even globally. Here in Palmerton and in Lehighton, local congregations come together around common commitments to serve those in need in these places. We have established and support food pantries & other local ministries because we can coordinate our efforts and eliminate duplication, maximizing the impact of our work.

As congregations of our Lutheran tradition, we are part of the Hazleton/ Lehighton Mission District, of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We can move beyond the United States and find that we are connected globally because the ELCA is a member church body of the Lutheran World Federation. At each of these levels, moving beyond our local congregation and community, we have a partnership that enables us to be a part of ministries we could never do on our own. Lutherans, historically, have been on the forefront of ministry to orphans, to the disabled, to the elderly. Hearing the call of

Jesus to serve those in need, Lutherans have organized institutions of care. Good Shepherd Home, started many years ago by a pastor and his wife in Allentown, has become one of the most effective and successful institutions in the nation assisting those with both chronic and acute disabilities. Lutheran Welfare Service operated nursing homes in the Hazleton area for years, providing quality care for the elderly, as did The Lutheran Home at Topton. We are part of those good ministries through our support passed on through our Synod Benevolence and Mission Support over many many years. Muhlenberg College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia receive support from our Synod (so from us), providing quality education so that men and women can be prepared to move out into the world in service – into the ministries of the church, but not exclusively. We serve Christ and God’s people in all manner of vocations.

Holy Trinity and St. Matthew’s - local congregations are the Church. Our NE Penn Synod is the Church. The ELCA is the Church. We worship. We teach and learn. We serve. We witness. We support all of these ministries out of the resources with which God has blessed us as individuals and families.

This month – June 1-3 – our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod meets for its annual Synod Assembly (this year at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center near Mount Pocono). We will learn of the work, the ministry being done beyond our local level, work that you support by your giving. We will hear reports from ELCA World Hunger, from Lutheran Disaster Response, from Lutheran World Relief, and from groups working right here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

I thank you for your commitment to Christ and to our local congregations. By the work of the Holy Spirit, we are the Church

reaching out in witness to the saving love of God in Christ and serving those in need right here locally and “to the ends of the earth.” Thanks be to God.

See you in church,
Pastor Mike Frost

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	46 years
June 12	Richard & Jeanette Hyer	13 years
June 14	Joe & Debbie Solt	43 years
June 15	Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield	49 years
June 17	Christopher & Jessyca Fredericks	23 years
June 18	Thomas & Nadine Schmidt	40 years
June 30	Jon & Jessica Kistler	05 years

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 01	Kelly Heinrich
June 02	Wyatt Spalding
June 05	Kathy Jahelka
June 08	Andrew Hollywood
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 Facebook Live for worship on Sunday Morning at 10:15am

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 2,2023 In Person & Zoom	60
April 06, 2023 In Person & Zoom Maundy Thur.	39
April 09, 2023 In Person & Zoom Easter	61
April 16, 2023 In person & Zoom Easter	45
April 23, 2023 In Person & Zoom	38
April 30, 2023 In Person & Zoom	38

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.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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



Children's Sermon

ADMINISTRATION



HOURS

8:30 am – 12:30pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 04, 2023

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Scott & Kelly Heinrich
Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Worship Service 10:15 AM

June 11, 2023

Picnic at Knoebel's

June 18, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Debbie Hansut
Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger
Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Worship Service 10:15 AM

June 25, 2023 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Worship Service 10:15 AM

ANNUAL PICNIC AT KNOEBEL'S

We will have our annual picnic at Knoebel's again this year on June 11th. 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 T-4 this year.

2023 SPONSOR SHEETS

Please sign up!

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



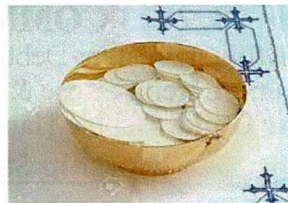
Altar Flowers
Ministry Opportunity

Altar Flowers

June 04 Debbie & Steve Hansut
June 18 Ron Keblich
June 25 The Sosik Family

Communion Bread

June 04 Sponsor Needed
June 18 Sponsor Needed
June 25 Sponsor Needed



Sunday Bulletins Sponsors

June 04 Debbie & Steve Hansut
June 18 Debbie & Steve Hansut
June 25 Debbie & Steve Hansut

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 07 4:30 PM Worship & Music
June 18 11:30 AM Council Meeting

Council Members 2023

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

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner Treasurer
Carol Heffelfinger Financial Sec.

2023 Graduates

Congratulations to these Graduates and transferees.



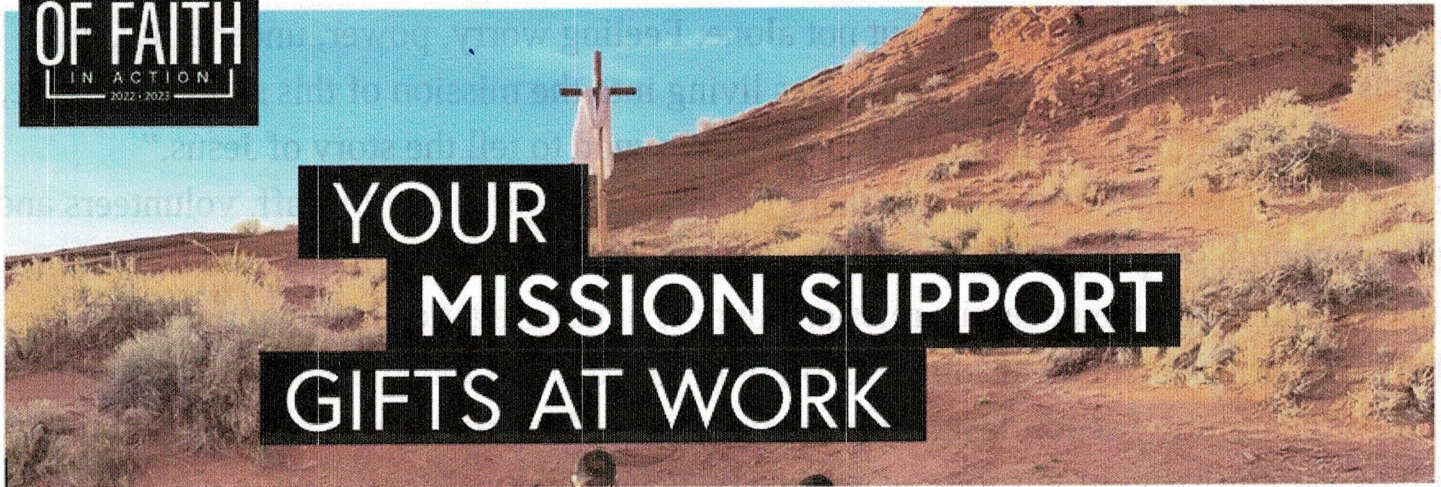
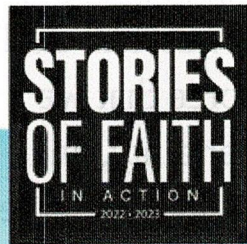
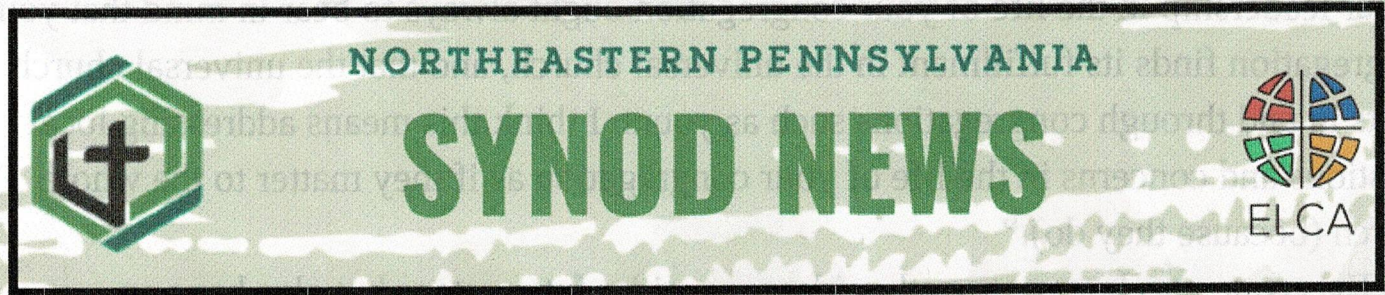
Josh Reif is graduating from CCTI. He plans to work as an Electrician in residential wiring.



Zac Reif is transferring from LCCC to Shippensburg University in the fall for a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Nevaeh Keiper is transferring from LCCC to Ohio State in the fall for a degree in Music Education.

Gage Zuberka, is also graduating this coming June.



WE MATTER TO THE WHOLE CHURCH: A STORY FROM OUR SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

Being a member of a congregation council is significant in the life of a disciple. Serving as a leader in a congregation is rewarding, terrifying, awe-inspiring and messy. You are among friends, family and your community of believers, and are chosen to lead in your congregation. It's just a few times a month, but as Barbara Nugent, a synod vice president, shares, "Then life happens, and you find out the reporting required. Situations occur; personalities clash; decisions need to be made. Who do you go to for direction?"

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod provided that direction in February when it offered training to 70 congregational lay leaders that strengthened each person's skills and faith. From evangelism to the ELCA constitution and bylaws, they gathered to meet the passions and needs, offering workshops with special breakouts for presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers that covered such topics as worship and music, communications, advocacy, stewardship and social justice/anti-racism. The day started with Bishop Kurt Kusserow encouraging these valued leaders to keep the focus on our purpose:

“Your leadership in the life of your congregation ought always to bear in mind that your congregation finds its fulfillment in the universal church, and that the universal church exists in and through congregations such as yours. I think this means addressing local questions and concerns in the life of your congregation as if they matter to the whole church (because they do).”

Everyone was hungry to gather ideas, consider future steps but also have an opportunity to connect, be empowered, feel valued and cared for and remember the excitement of being church. Rev. Melissa Stoller, director for evangelical mission, said it this way: “The day was a very visible yet not necessarily quantifiable force that we are church together. Wandering but not alone. Feeling worry, power, uncertainty, and joy as one.” Central to this gathering was living into the mission of this synod “to serve, connect and equip congregations of the SWPA synod to tell the story of Jesus.” Everyone knew that the synod was there for the congregations with staff, volunteers and greater church support, not only this day but in the days to come, and synod staff are supported through the generous mission support of congregations allowing them to be there for our leaders. One leading Scripture for the day reminded each leader of their value: “Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word” (Acts 6:3-4). Hoping each of our synods are seeking ways that work for them to encourage and empower congregational leaders. Knowing that we are church together, church that supports each other across the whole church prayerfully, financially, emotionally and with a hope for renewal.



Our Synod has PRIDE



June is Pride Month which celebrates LGBTQIA+ folx and their many achievements.

Although injustices and prejudices still exist within our society, we have made great strides since the Stonewall Riots in 1969, attaining marriage equality. However, as previously mentioned, we still have a long way to go in the struggle for equal rights. By learning about LGBTQ Pride/History Month, congregational members are more likely to have an understanding and acceptance for all individuals, no matter what they look like, what gender they do or don't identify as, and who they love. Consider celebrating PRIDE in your congregation!