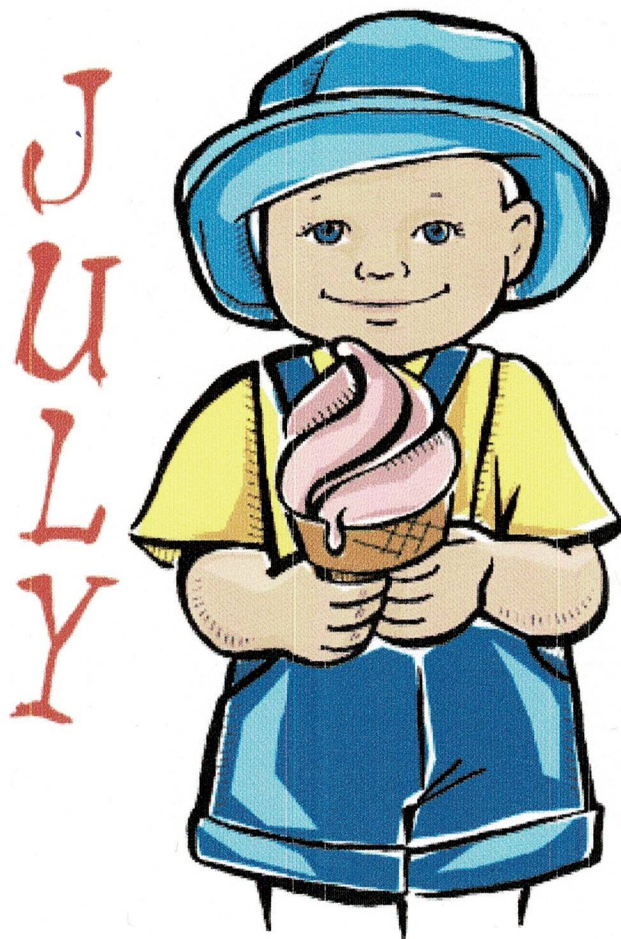


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# July 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
2 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Facebook Live	3	4 9:00am Thrift Shop	5 office hours 8:30-12:30	6 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7	8
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23 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Facebook Live	24	25 9:00am Thrift Shop	26	27 10:30am Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	28 Iron Pigs Baseball Game	29
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*From the  
Pastor*



## From the Pastor's Desk – July 2023 “The Whole Armor of God”

***<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our<sup>[e]</sup> struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.***

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

**(NRSVUE)**

This month we get to enjoy one of the real blessings of summer church life at St. Matthew's – Vacation Bible School. It's been a long, long – much too long – time since we've had our own Vacation Bible School program. I'd like to say that COVID has been the culprit but it goes back even further than that. I am grateful to Nancy Ahner, who has a really great track record of directing VBS at St. Matthew's, for stepping up once again to direct this year's program. Grateful, also of course, to all those who have volunteered to be involved in leadership for VBS this year. An added bonus and blessing is that Pastor Dana Heckman-Beil, one of St. Matthew's

own, will be joining us that week and she will be bringing some of her young people to help with the program. Pr. Dana is pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ashland, Schuylkill County.

Our VBS program this year is entitled, “Keepers of the Kingdom”. In that theme of knights and adventures is reference to The Whole Armor of God, the passage from the sixth chapter of the Letter to the Ephesians. How do we live our lives as the people of God in Jesus Christ and face the challenges of this day and age, all that would oppose God's Word and those of us for whom it is the authoritative truth about God, ourselves, and the way we are called to live our lives? The Apostles instructs us to “be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.” We need to armor ourselves – think of the suit of armor worn by knights heading out to battle back in the day.

It is, for me, significant that nearly all of the armor mentioned here in this passage is defensive rather than offensive. The armor we are instructed to put on is for our protection from those who would attack us – God will protect and defend us. Too often, it seems, Christians go attacking those with whom we disagree as if that is our primary mission. It's not. The only thing that could we called an offensive weapon is “the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” God's Word does not attack. God's Word is always a word of gracious welcome, a word of God's saving love for sinners like us.

Again, I thank God for raising up leaders for us so that we might have a Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's this summer. It is my hope that families from Holy Trinity will take advantage of this program as well. The program is open to all, to members of every church and even no church at all. We hope that this will be a time of learning for our children, of growing in faith and in trusting in God's saving love no matter what we experience in life. We have God's

promise in Christ that, through the Holy Spirit, we are never without God's presence in our lives – that God never leaves us or forsakes us.

Monday through Thursday – July 24 to the 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00-8:00 p.m. each night – at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 222 Church St., North Weissport (Lehighton), PA 18235 – **KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

See you there . . . and in church,  
Pastor Mike Frost

**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



**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- July 03 Dennis & Gerry Dorshimer 58 years
- July 04 Ray & Karen Talamantes 15 years
- July 05 Robin & Shirley Suarez 48 years
- July 16 David & Veronica Blocker 18 years
- July 22 William & Brittany Zeky 06 year
- July 24 Pastor Michael & Ginny Frost 24 years



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 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.]

**FINANCE**

May Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 5,480
May St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,308
May Additional Income	\$ 4,034
May Monthly Expenses:	\$ 24,829
Attendance:	
May 7, 2023	40
May 14, 2023	48
May 21, 2023	39
May 28, 2023	34

**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

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- July 05 4:30 p.m. Worship & Music
- July 16 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting



**HOLY TRINITY  
ACTION  
MINISTRIES**

Tues. 9AM- 12:30 PM Thrift Shop



8:30 am – 12:30pm

**2023 SPONSOR SHEETS**

Please sign up!

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

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**July 2, 2023 COMMUNION**

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

**FESTIVAL NEWS**

The Festival will be held September 8,9 & 10 in the park in Palmerton. We will be making Molasses Tongue Cookies & Mini Cheesecakes.



There will be sign-up sheets for working the stand and baking in the Narthex in the future.

**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**July 9, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish**  
**Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor & Terry Holland**  
**Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer**

**Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**July 16, 2023 COMMUNION**

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

**Worship Service 10:15 AM**



**SNAPPLE FACTS**



The oil in cashews helps prevent tooth decay.  
A banana is a giant herb.

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

**July 23, 2023 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister: Debbie Hansut**  
**Ushers: Richard & Jeanette Hyer**  
**Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer**

**Worship Service 10:15AM**

**CHILDREN'S  
SERMON**

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



Children's Sermon

**July 30, 2023  
COMMUNION & HEALING**

**Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone**  
**Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls**  
**Altar Guild: Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer**

**Worship Service 10:15AM**

**SPONSORS**



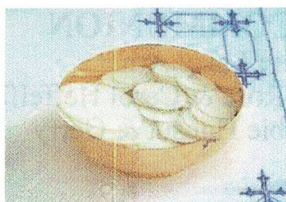
**Altar  
Flowers**  
Ministry Opportunity

- 7/2 Dennis & Gerry Dorshimer
- 7/9 Joe & Barb Herman
- 7/16 The Sosik Family
- 7/23 **NO SPONSOR SIGNED UP**
- 7/30 Val Kleppinger



**Sunday Bulletin**

- 7/2 Barb & Joe Herman
- 7/9 Debbie & Steve Hansut
- 7/16
- 7/23
- 7/30

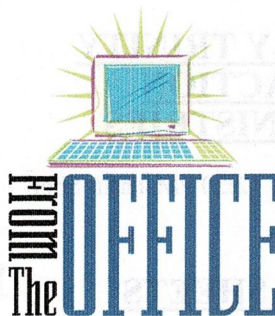


**Communion Bread**

- 7/2 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 7/9 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 7/16 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 7/23 **SPONSOR NEEDED**
- 7/30 **SPONSOR NEEDED**

**Altar Guild**

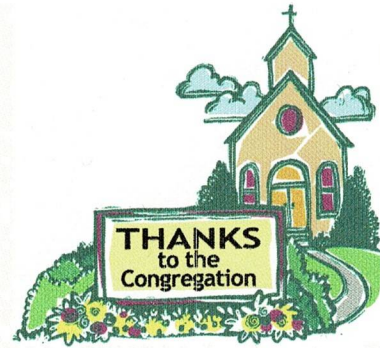
Debbie Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer



I would like to take this opportunity to say that for the past 6 1/2 years I have enjoyed serving as the Church Secretary. I have though decided that it is time to retire and move on with life. I will still be attending worship services regularly and singing and ringing in the choirs. Thank you to everyone for bearing with all my little boo-boos and omissions in the Newsletters and Bulletins. I tried my best to get everything correct, but as they say "I'm only human." I did try to learn from my mistakes and correct them the next time around.

Lynn

Our new Secretary will start on July 10, 2023.



June 8, 2023

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
502 Lafayette Avenue  
Palmerton, PA 18071

Dear Donor:

Thank you for your contribution of \$147.00 to the West Reading Disaster Recovery Fund of Berks County Community Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization. Your donation was received in our office on June 1, 2023.

This fund was developed in partnership with United Way of Berks County to provide aid to members of the community who were affected by the March 24, 2023 explosion in West Reading.

The Community Foundation manages more than 350 charitable funds for the benefit of our community. The residents of our community established these funds to benefit causes they support. If you would like to learn more about these funds, log on to [www.bccf.org](http://www.bccf.org), or call us at 610-685-2223. To learn more about our fund partner, United Way of Berks County, please visit [www.uwberks.org](http://www.uwberks.org), or call 610-685-4550.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frances Aitken".

Frances A. Aitken, CPA  
Chief Operating Officer

Note: Under requirements of the Internal Revenue Service, we must inform you that the entire amount of your gift represents a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes and we have provided no goods or services to you in return for your gift. In addition, you have not received any direct benefit from your contribution to the Berks County Community Foundation, Inc. except the satisfaction of knowing that through your gift you have helped us carry out our mission of improving the lives of the people in our region. Further, Berks County Community Foundation, Inc. has exclusive legal control over the assets contributed.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

# SYNOD NEWS

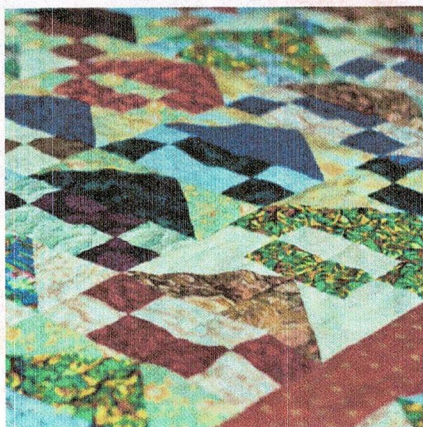
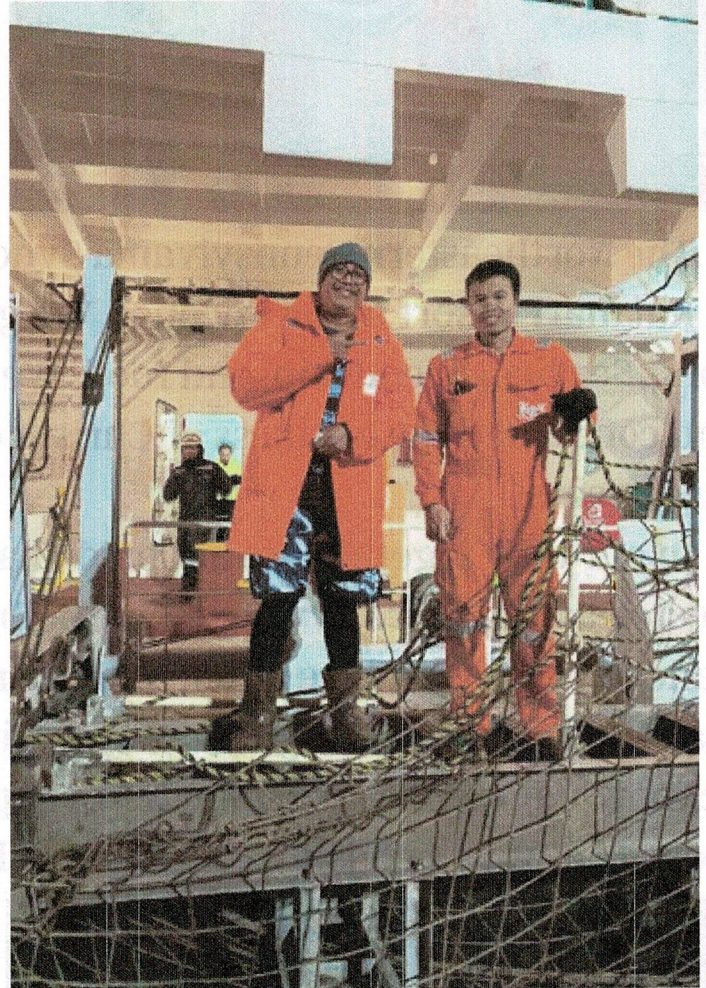


## OF NORTHERN STITCHES, CONTAINER SHIPS, PORT CHAPLAINS AND SEAFARERS: A JOURNEY OF HOPE THRU SIH

BY PASTOR SUSAN TJORNEHOJ, SIH BOARD MEMBER AND SUSTAINER, CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BEMIDJI, MN


It is a Thursday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bemidji, MN. Canada is just 107 miles away. The winter morning is brisk, 7 degrees, with a stiff breeze out of the north. This means it feels like way too many degrees below zero. For the 8 to 10 women who are here, cold temps, icy winds, even blowing snow can't keep them home. The call to serve others through the art and craft of quilting is too compelling. Colors surround them, blues and greens, browns and oranges, reds, yellows, floral and stripe, squares and scraps, piecing together discarded fabric into warmth which becomes shawls and tents, blankets, a wedding dress, maybe even a death wrap for those fleeing war or the ravages of climate change. But here in the north, it is simply the joy of community and service.

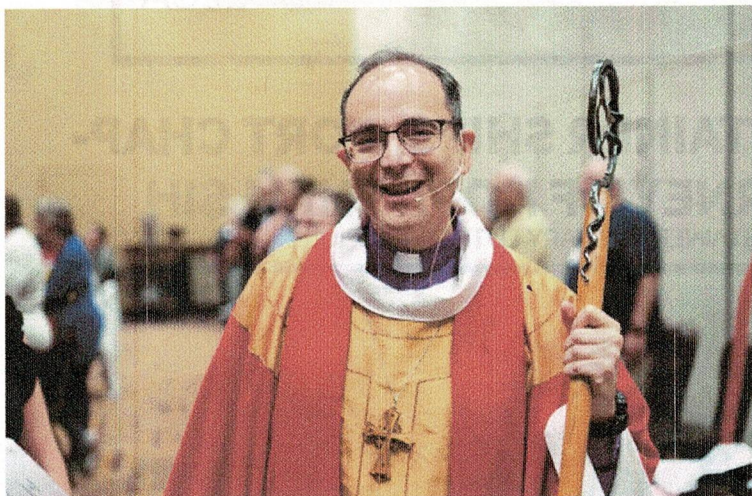
Today I imagine the journey the quilts will take, from the cold north to a warehouse, into a container bound for a need somewhere in the world. Ukraine or Lebanon? Mali or Burkina Faso? I imagine them loaded onto a train or truck on its way to a port, part of the *Seafarers International House (SIH)* network. Baltimore? Newark? *Seafarers International House (SIH)*, the ELCA seafarers' ministry, has been that intersection where quilters from Bemidji, connect to a port chaplain, a seafarer, a dock worker loading up a container ship bound for somewhere across the Atlantic, through the Panama Canal, to places known and unknown.



For 150 years, hospitality and the welcome of strangers, support for seafarers and newcomers and refugees and immigrants, asylum seekers, this ministry has been a tapestry, a quilt, a piecing together of connection, support and a wayside rest. Perhaps some of the ancestors of these quilting women were assisted by SIH as they disembarked at Battery Park or Ellis Island, bound for a new home in a new land.



This is what interests me on a cold Thursday morning, how the stitches of these women, intersect with a dock worker, a seafarer, a port chaplain, an asylum seeker. This is why I continue to financially support this ministry and serve on its board with great joy, imagining and underwriting the hope, the intersections of strangers around the globe, all uniquely made possible through SIH. 



The Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod met in assembly from June 1-3, 2023 at Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. We gathered around Word and Sacrament, Song, Service, friendship, and food. We prayed together, worshipped together, and conducted the business of Christ's church for the first time, in-person, in three years!

In our time together we adopted changes to our constitution from the ELCA, elected a new Secretary, Rev. Ken Melber Jr, elected a new Vice President, Nancy Reichelt, and we adopted three new resolutions concerning money management in congregations, chaplaincy at Diakon home, and land acknowledgment concerning first peoples'. These can be found on the Synod website at [www.godslove.org/assembly23](http://www.godslove.org/assembly23)

