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From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever noticed that there are strange circumstances that lead you to witnessing to Christ? For me, that comes continually unexpectedly through a group of about thirty people across the world whom I call friends, even though I have not and will likely never meet most of them in person. I found these individuals through a shared love of two of my favorite hobbies – video games and Japanese anime (which you have probably figured out by all of the stickers plastered over the back of my car). The closest of these people is actually in Easton. The furthest is in Denmark. What facilitates our relationship is a computer application that allows us to type and talk to each other in real time.

I mention this because of that group there is one Lutheran (me!), two Catholics, two Baptists, and 25 atheists. The group knows what I do for a living, and so every so often engages with me on questions of significance regarding God, Church, and life. It also helps that I'm the oldest person in the group (I didn't think 39 was old?!). I have probably had some of the greatest witnessing and discussions with individuals who would have never approached me at a church. They would have never approached me in my religious garb. They would have never come to a church event I invited them to. Yet in this weird connection of video games and anime, it opened a conversation. I had a similar experience with a teenager who came into the office about a year ago, not to talk to me about church things, but because he recognized the characters on the back of my car and thought they were cool, which opened the door to talk about this place and what we do here. I walk into stores and clerks are amazed that priests play video games.

When we open ourselves to the surprises of God, I think that God puts us in places where we don't expect that we are being a witness or where we think the experience isn't holy, but then the opportunity arises. People wonder more about you and what values you hold. It is a place to express the love of God in your own life.

I've been friends with these roughly thirty people going on about three years now. One of them even came to my installation service in 2022. The Catholics think I'll be Pope one day (not a chance). The atheists are coming around. Not because a priest lectured them about God, but because a weird friend from halfway across the world modeled the love of God.

May God continue to surprise us with how His love is working through us.

Blessings,

Pastor Ken

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

THE BLESSING THRIFT SHOP:



Tuesday 9am-12:30pm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August 01 Sean & Kelly Sosik-Hamor	27 years
August 02 Kim & Jessica Merkel	22 years
August 05 Eric & Tara Berger	14 years
August 14 Shaun & Nicole Winger	15 years
August 14 Frederick & Nancy Young, Jr.	54 years
August 15 Jan & Karen Sosik	55 years
August 25 Robert & Nancy Treskot	52 years
August 26 Victor & Kathy Jahelka	48 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 07	Dustin Allen
August 07	Gail Hoffert
August 07	Gale Husack
August 13	Ashley Kraftician
August 14	Michael Bowman
August 17	Cassidy Merkel
August 24	Stephen Hansut
August 25	Willow Brown
August 26	Shane Allen
August 27	Opal Snyder
August 29	Amanda Ruch
August 31	Patrick Walck

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Terry Holland

Jon Kistler

Rich Hyer

Larry Arner

Jim Miller

Krissy Keblish

Ron Keblish

Steve Berger

Gerry Dorshimer

Scott Heinrich

Eric Reif

Gordon Walls

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Asst. Treasurer

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner

Jessica Hansen

Treasurer

Financial Sec.

COUNCIL MEETING

August 17

6:30 pm

FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

June- Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 11,178
June- St. Matthews Pastoral Serv.	\$ 3,483
June- Additional Income	\$ 1,327
June- Monthly Expenses:	\$ 11,423
Attendance:	
June 01, 2025	30
June 08, 2025	39
June 15, 2025	44
June 22, 2025 – Knoebels Day	0
June 29, 2025	32

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

AUGUST 03, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: Deb Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Flowers: Carol Borger

Bulletins: Carol Borger

Communion Bread: Steve Berger

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 10, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish, Taylor Keblish & Terry Holland

Altar Guild: Deb Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Flowers: The Sosik Family – Karen & Jan's Anniversary

Bulletins: Carol Borger

Communion Bread: Needed

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 17, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut

Ushers: Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose

Altar Guild: Deb Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Flowers: Karen Talamantes – IMO My Mom's Birthday

Bulletins: Deb & Steve Hansut – IMO Eleanor Scheirer

Communion Bread: Needed

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 24, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: Deb Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Flowers: The Sosik Family – IMO Loved Ones

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Needed

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

AUGUST 31, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls

Altar Guild: Deb Hansut & Gerry Dorshimer

Flowers: Needed

Bulletins & Communion Bread: Joe & Barb Herman –
Patrick Walck's Birthday & IMO Larry Walck

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer



BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS 10:30-12:00

HOME VISITS

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
175 S. 3rd Street – Lehighton PA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Exploring God's World"



August 11th – August 13th
(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
5:30-7:30pm
Age 3 to Grade 6
All children are invited to attend!

Registration forms are available at the
church office or online at www.tclehighton.com

Call 610-377-4303 for more information.

PALMERTON FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 5, 6 & 7



Here is what we need as the Palmerton Festival nears;

-White Granulated Sugar & Empty Plastic Gallon Jug Containers!

Holy Trinity's Mint Iced Tea is a favorite at the Community Festival. If you would like to donate a bag of white granulated sugar for our brew, please place it in the sugar donation box in the narthex during the summer months. We also need empty plastic Gallon Jug Containers (no milk containers).

-Bakers & Festival Stand Help Needed!

There will be a baking signup sheet as well as a stand shift signup sheet in the narthex around mid-August.

-Nominations Needed!

Council is looking for nominations of people/groups to receive a share of the proceeds from the Palmerton Festival. Please contact any council member, email the church (htlcoppa@ptd.net), or fill out & return the form that is located in the narthex. The nomination period is ending soon. Submit your nomination now!



Nurtured by Community, Sent to Serve: A Candidacy Story

Written by: Heidi Shilanskas, Candidate for Word and Service



Hi! My name is Heidi Shilanskas, and I am a Deacon Candidate at United Lutheran Seminary, serving at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Pa. I am in my final year of Seminary, preparing to start my internship this fall. I am looking forward to graduating in May of 2026 from ULS and starting my call as a Deacon in Northeast Penn Synod.

I have always been involved in Youth and Family Ministry since my own days as a youth, going to Lutheran Youth Fellowship (LYF) Assemblies and participating in Mission District progressive dinners. As a paid youth worker at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Easton, I took classes out of the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg (now ULS) on youth ministry and learned from professors and leaders in the field how to look beyond the church walls for service projects for youth. After I got married and had my own

children, I started to look for new ways we could participate in church in a culture that doesn't center congregational ministry the same way it did when I was growing up. As a member of St. Mark's in Bethlehem, I started dreaming of new ways to involve children, teens and their parents in ministry beyond the church, making service in our communities a core element of church life.

My candidacy journey started when Pastor Brandon Heavner suggested I'd be a good candidate for ministry. At first, I scoffed at his certainty, but he was tenacious and after many, many discerning conversations about call and passion, I decided to move forward with candidacy. The next step was meeting with Pastor Rachael Dietz, then Executive Associate to the Bishop and Director of Candidacy. Her warmth and encouragement helped me feel secure in the decision to go to Seminary. Without Pastor Brandon and Pastor Rachael, I would never have dreamed God's call on my life would have included Candidacy and Seminary. I am forever grateful for their faith in me.

For my internship, I plan on implementing some of those dreams. I am looking forward to creating "family style" worship services that are intergenerational and interactive so all members can participate in the liturgy. I am planning Bible studies with a focus on service and using our gifts to serve our neighbors.

I will use social media and online tools to create more opportunities to connect with people. Finally, I am hoping to work more closely with the Bethlehem

Interfaith Group on creating ecumenical services projects with our neighbors who aren't just Lutheran, but Presbyterian, Moravian, Jewish or Muslim, etc. I am excited to find ways to be a part of a wider community of neighbors.

My ministry is centered around Jesus' command to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Diaconal work looks outside



of our church buildings to find the needs in the community and make connections to the resources of time, talent and treasure stored

within our walls. As I meet and talk to Deacons across the ELCA, I am inspired by the courage, creativity and experimentation that fosters new and exciting way of reaching God's people outside of the church buildings. I am hopeful that my own work will continue in this tradition, planting seeds of love in communities desperately in need of joy.

If you are interested in or discerning Candidacy, please contact Pastor Jennifer Heavner at

pastor@starofbethlehemlutheran.com

DID YOU KNOW that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit godslove.org/missionsupport.

God's work. Our hands.

September 7, 2025

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Use the QR code above or visit elca.org to learn more



How will you be observing GWOH Sunday?



ONE WEEK
AFTER

Learn
more

godslove.org/events



September 14, 2025

The Lutheran Center: 2354 Grove Road, Allentown PA 18109

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Lutheran Congregational Services! Help make it meaningful by assembling over 100 Flood Clean-Up Buckets and Women's Hygiene Kits for neighbors in need. **You don't have to attend in person to take part.** Congregations and individuals can help by signing up to donate kit items using the QR code or URL, then drop them off on September 14 or contact Heidi Shilanskas (hshilanskas@gmail.com) to arrange a drop-off.

AUGUST HAPPENINGS

August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). He was the first Roman emperor (though he never claimed the title) and the grandnephew of the previous ruler, Julius Caesar (who named July after himself).

In the Northern Hemisphere, August is the last month of summer and the hottest month of the year.

August 1, traditionally known as **Lammas Day**, was an old festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. It was a sort of Thanksgiving (harvest time) in Britain. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox.

August 10 is **St. Lawrence's Day**. "Fair weather on St. Lawrence's Day presages a fair autumn."

August 11 marks the end of the Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3.

August 17 is when the **Cat Nights** begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches; this bit of folklore also led to the idea that a cat has nine lives.

August 19 brings **National Aviation Day**, chosen for the birthday of Orville Wright, who piloted the first recorded flight of a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903.

August 24 is **St. Bartholomew Day**. "At St. Bartholomew, there comes cold dew."

August 26 is **Women's Equality Day**, which celebrates the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and, with it, women's right to vote in the United States.

August's full moon, the full **Sturgeon Moon**, reaches peak illumination on the night of Saturday, August 9. For the best view of the full Moon, look skyward that night!

August is often a wonderful month for stargazing! It's the month of the Perseid meteor shower, which is one of the most prolific showers and reaches its maximum between August 11 and 13. You can still see the Perseids even if they're not at their peak. The shower lasts from about July 23 to August 22, so be sure to keep an eye out.

August's birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.

The **gladiolus** symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity.

The **poppy** symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion, and also imagination.

August's primary birthstone is **peridot**, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power, protecting its wearer from nightmares and evil, ensuring harmony and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

Folklore for the Season

- *As August, so February.*
- *Observe on what day in August the first heavy fog occurs, and expect a hard frost on the same day in October.*
- *If the first week of August is unusually warm, The winter will be white and long.*
- *So many August fogs, so many winter mists.*
- *When it rains in August, It raises honey and wine.*

August - National Dog Month

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BULLDOG
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 GREAT DANE
 WEIMARANER
 MALTESE
 SHIH TZU
 BICHON FRISE
 BOXER
 SCHNAUZER
 DALMATIAN
 PUG
 POODLE
 AKITA
 BEAGLE
 AIREDALE
 BASSET HOUND
 LHASA APSOS
 LABRADOR
 TERRIER

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/2656000/>

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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