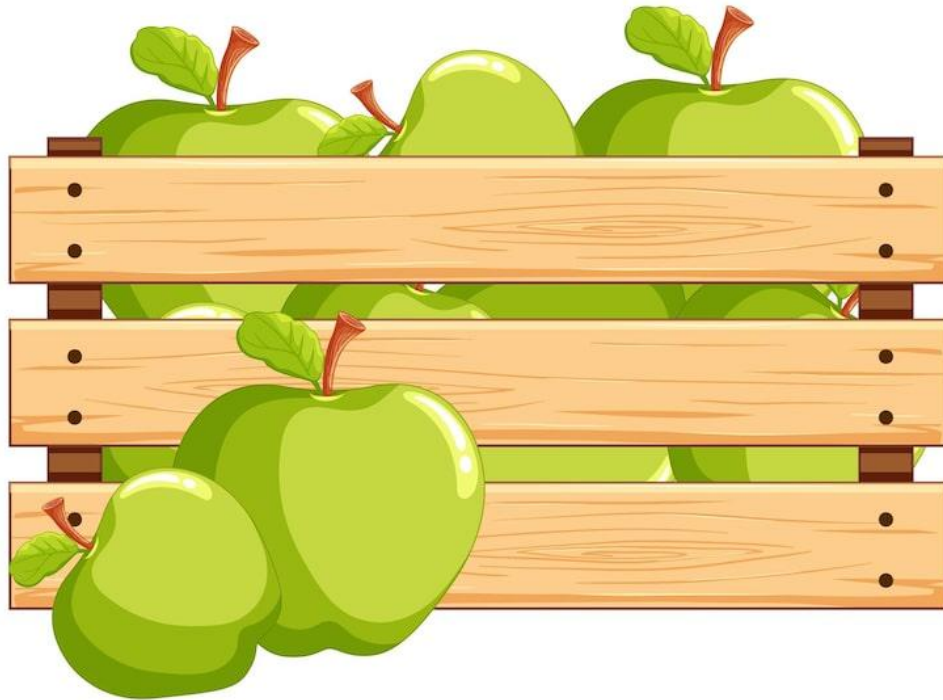


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“And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.’ -Genesis 1:14

Every year, on the First Sunday of Advent, I stand for announcements and tell everyone, “Happy new year!” Now, as you may know Advent begins in late November or early December and so my announcement sounds premature. While January 1 is the beginning of the year on our usual calendars, the Church calendar begins with the season of Advent.

Advent is a time of preparation, both for the Christmas season and Christ’s birth among us, but also in anticipation of Christ’s return. This season is filled with sermons about keeping awake and alert and ready for Christ. The color for Advent is either blue or purple and lasts for four weeks.

Christmas is a time of celebration for the coming of the Christ child. The white of the season is cause for celebration. The season of Christmas lasts, as the famous song suggests, 12 days!

Ordinary Time (Time after Epiphany) is a time that reflects on Christ’s ministry and His teachings, a season that ends with the glory of God revealed in Christ in the Transfiguration. The season of ordinary time, which takes up most of the church year, is green. Sermons focus on the teachings of Christ and on life and hope.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a reminder of our sinfulness and a stark reminder of our own mortality. The season of Lent, which lasts for 40 days (not counting the Sundays) is a season that focuses on repentance and the sacrificing death of Christ. The season ends with the “three days” (Triduum). Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus’ institution of Holy Communion. Good Friday recalls Jesus’ death and burial. The Easter Vigil (Saturday) recalls the story of creation and overlaps with the next season. The color of the season is purple.

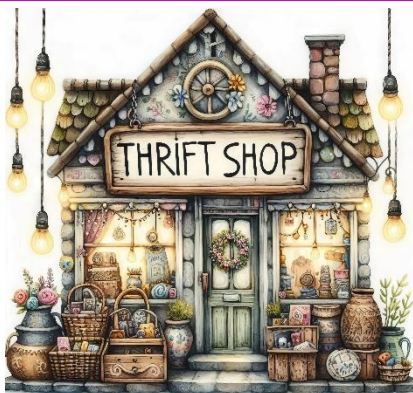
Easter begins with the proclamation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. The color is white to symbolize Christ’s victory over death. The season lasts for seven weeks.

Ordinary Time (Time after Pentecost), like the time after Epiphany, reflects on Christ’s ministry and His teachings. This specific set of Sundays is the longer period of ordinary time, lasting almost half of a year.

Sometimes, the Church calendar celebrates lesser festivals when they fall on a Sunday. We have been celebrating them at St. John’s for a few years and my hope is to introduce them to Holy Trinity next year.

Watching the Calendar,
Pastor Ken

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY



THE BLESSING THRIFT SHOP:

Tuesday 9am-12:30pm

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 11	James & Lisa Engle	43 years
September 13	Nicole & Christopher Jahelka	17 years
September 15	Larry & Susan Arner	46 years
September 24	Gale & George Husack	20 years
September 24	Tricia & Jason Pryce	14 years
September 25	Eugene & Lynn Perone	15 years
September 29	Gordon & Mary Walls	41 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 02	Amy Broadfield
September 06	Lee Arner
September 06	Terry Holland
September 09	Aliyah Snyder
September 15	David Blocker
September 16	Damon Mertz
September 16	Larry Mertz, Jr.
September 18	Joseph Herman
September 18	Jesse Ruch
September 19	Dr. Robert Reinhart
September 19	Jan Sosik
September 19	Jason Weimert
September 20	Aaron Pryce
September 24	Julianna Snyder
September 25	Amy Steigerwalt
September 26	Robert Treskot
September 28	Jereme Barkanic
September 29	Frederick Young, Jr.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM

COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Jon Kistler</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Steve Berger</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
<i>Rich Hyer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
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<i>Gerry Dorshimer</i>	
<i>Scott Heinrich</i>	
<i>Eric Reif</i>	
<i>Gordon Walls</i>	
<i>Terry Holland</i>	

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

<i>Larry Arner</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Jessica Hansen</i>	<i>Financial Sec.</i>

COUNCIL MEETING

September 21 6:00pm

FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

July- Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 5,196
July- Additional Income	\$ 4,131
July- Monthly Expenses:	\$ 8,472
Attendance:	
July 06, 2025	36
July 13, 2025	30
July 20, 2025	33
July 27, 2025	30



SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 07, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers, Bulletins & Communion Bread:

Hart & Suarez Families –

IMO Our Parents, Jean & Emil Suarez

Betsy & Dale Hart, Emil & Kathy Suarez,

Robin & Shirley Suarez, Brian & DeNeil Suarez,

Todd & Sandy Suarez

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish, Taylor Keblish & Terry Holland

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: Ray & Wren Talamantes –

Daughter Hillary's Birthday

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Steve Berger

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut

Ushers: Carol Heffelfinger & Loren LaRose

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: The Sosik Family – IHO Jan's Birthday

Bulletins: Joe & Barb Herman – Joe's Birthday

Communion Bread: Steve Berger

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: Needed

Flowers: Larry & Susie Arner - Anniversary

Bulletins: Needed

Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

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.

The Palmerton Community Festival is September 5-7. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



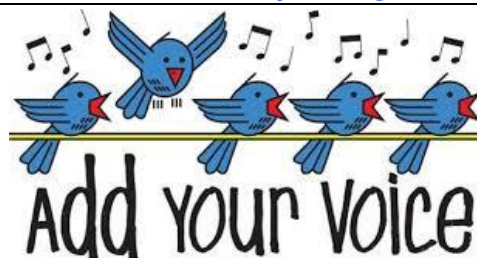
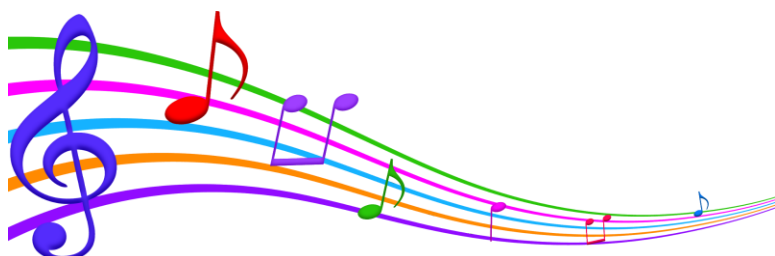
CHOIR & BELLS

Rehearsals Begin on September 7

****Bell Rehearsal 8:00 – 8:45 (before worship)***

****Choir Rehearsal 10:00 – 10:30 (after worship)***

Please consider joining us!





Spirit-Led Summers at Bear Creek Camp

Written by: Stacey Burke, Communications and BCC NEPA Synod Representative

"I'm always struck by the simple but profound technologies that camp employs to build healthy, loving, Christ-centered community: silly songs and deep conversations, skits and games, shared meals and rituals." These words from Pastor Inge Williams of Friedens Lutheran in Shartlesville, a 2025 summer chaplain at Bear Creek Camp, reflect the deep joy and quiet transformation that unfold in the woods each season.

All Together was the theme this summer, focusing on growing stronger through love and service, grace-filled faith, and belonging and community. Pastor Inge witnessed this connection firsthand early in the summer when she served as one of the camp chaplains during Family Camp. Pastor Inge shared, "On one of the first nights, I saw one of the former youth Synod Council representatives, now serving as a counselor this summer, give a high five to a toddler from Ireland who was running all over the field during a kickball game. The kindness and connection across ages, and even international borders, really exemplified what Family Camp is about."



While chapel time and worship services are typically led by the young adult summer staff, camp chaplains provide spiritual support throughout the week, leading devotions and Bible studies for campers and staff. They offer encouragement, listening ears, and join in the fun that camp has to offer. Throughout the summer, three Northeastern PA Synod pastors brought their time, energy, and Spirit-led presence to Bear Creek Camp as chaplains. Pastor Inge Williams and Pastor Jennifer Heavner of Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church served during Family Camp, while Pastor Liz Koerner of St. John Lutheran in Stroudsburg closed out the season as chaplain during the final week.

The partnership with Bear Creek Camp, shared with the Southeastern PA Synod, is especially meaningful to our synod, as the values of camp and synod closely align. Both are deeply committed to building relationships and belonging across congregations, generations, and diverse communities. As synod, we continue to search for ways to raise leaders who serve with compassion, creativity, and courage in the church and the world, which is why our partnership with Bear Creek Camp is so important. It is prioritizing youth and allowing them space to search for ways to serve others as a natural response to God's love.

Serving others was the theme of one of Pastor Liz's Bible studies during her week as chaplain. When she met with the Junior campers (grades 2-4), she asked how they might take the ways they serve others at camp and apply them at home and in their school communities. Helping others at camp can seem second nature, especially after a full week of being together. However, campers are not only learning how to be kind to one another. They are learning life skills that will stay with them long after the week ends.

Throughout the week, they are learning how to be confident and independent through overnight tent camping experiences. They are learning about teamwork and communication as they encourage each other on high rope activities. They grow spiritually through the guidance of our chaplains, who are a daily presence within the camp schedule and help shape campers' understanding of faith and their connection to God.

We are extremely grateful for the passion and dedication of Pastor Inge, Pastor Jennifer, and Pastor Liz, who devoted their time this past summer, and for the ongoing work of Bear Creek Camp as it builds inclusive community, nurtures faith, and develops leaders who carry their experiences into the world with empathy, joy, and purpose. This certainly could not be accomplished without the hardworking, compassionate summer staff and the leadership of Executive Director Collin Grooms, Program Director Kallie Handlong, and all the other camp leaders who contribute and put youth first.



Camp doesn't end when the summer does. In addition to summer camp, Bear Creek Camp offers retreats and camps outside of the summer timeframe including the upcoming Labor Day Family Camp, Fall Women's Retreat, and Winter Camp. The camp is also open to hosting congregations, committees, or organizational retreats through their facility rentals. All this information and more can be found at bearcreekcamp.org. All together, Bear Creek Camp and our synod continue to walk hand in hand, creating space for love, service, and faith to flourish in every season.

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. Looking to give to Bear Creek Camp directly? Visit bearcreekcamp.org

REGISTRATION IS OPEN



5K TRAIL RUN & WALK

@BEAR CREEK CAMP
9/27/25

BECOME A SPONSOR!

bearcreekcamp.org/5k

This family-friendly BCC event is open to all ages, and every step you take helps support our amazing campers.

**Make an Even BIGGER Difference
by Becoming a 5K Sponsor!**

Whether you're a business, family, or individual, your tax-exempt gift directly supports our camp programming and resources.

EASY RIDDLES (LOOK FOR MORE DIFFICULT RIDDLES IN THE FUTURE!)
(ANSWERS BELOW)

1. What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?
2. What is at the end of a rainbow?
3. What is the longest word in the dictionary?
4. If two snakes marry, what will their towels say?
5. How can you drop a raw egg from a height onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
6. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?
7. Where do you take a sick boat?
8. Why is Europe like a frying pan?
9. When is a door no longer a door?
10. What tastes better than it smells?
11. What building has the most stories?
12. What has a bottom at the top?
13. What has four wheels and flies?
14. What month of the year has 28 days in it?
15. What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
16. What starts with T, ends with T, and has T in it?
17. Where is the only place where today comes before yesterday?
18. What goes all around the world but stays in a corner?
19. What has 13 hearts but no other organs?
20. What comes at the end of everything?
21. What do the letter "t" and an island have in common?
22. What type of cheese is made backward?
23. What kind of ship has two mates but no captain?
24. Who has married many people but has never been married himself?
25. If you throw a blue stone into the Red Sea, what will it become?

26. Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?
27. What has three feet but cannot walk?
28. What do you call a nose that's 12 inches long?
29. What begins with an "e" and only contains one letter?
30. I am easy to lift, but hard to throw. What am I?
31. What has a neck but no head?
32. What has hands but cannot clap?
33. What has to be broken before you can use it?
34. What gets shorter as it grows older?
35. What can you catch but never throw?
36. What runs around a whole yard without moving?
37. Which fish costs the most?
38. What five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
39. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
40. What has many keys but cannot open a single lock?
41. What's always found on the ground but never gets dirty?
42. What gets wet while drying?
43. What has a head and a tail but no body?
44. What is full of holes but still holds water?
45. What has many teeth but cannot bite?
46. What has one head, one foot, and four legs?
47. What goes up but never comes down?
48. What can you find in a cupboard that can never be put in a saucepan?
49. What's a single-digit number with no value?
50. What gets smaller every time it takes a bath?
51. What's always running but never gets hot?

- 1: A hole.
- 2: The letter W!
- 3: Smiles, because there is a mile between each 's'.
- 4: Hiss and hers
- 5: Concrete floors are very hard to crack.
- 6: Chicago!
- 7: To the dock-tor.
- 8: Because it has Greece at the bottom.
- 9: When it's ajar.
- 10: Your tongue.
- 11: A library.
- 12: Your legs.
- 13: A garbage truck.
- 14: All of them.
- 15: A palm!
- 16: A teapot.
- 17: The dictionary.
- 18: A stamp.
- 19: A deck of cards.
- 20: The letter "g."
- 21: They're both in the middle of water.
- 22: Edam.
- 23: A relationship.
- 24: A priest.
- 25: Wet.
- 26: Incorrectly.

- 27: A yardstick.
- 28: A foot.
- 29: An envelope.
- 30: A feather.
- 31: A bottle.
- 32: A clock.
- 33: An egg.
- 34: A candle.
- 35: A cold.
- 36: A fence.
- 37: A goldfish.
- 38: Short.
- 39: A clock.
- 40: A piano.
- 41: A shadow.
- 42: A towel.
- 43: A coin.
- 44: A sponge.
- 45: A comb.
- 46: A bed.
- 47: Your age.
- 48: Its lid.
- 49: Zero.
- 50: Soap.
- 51: A refrigerator

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Word Search



ALLEGHENIES

AMISH

APPALACHIAN

BETHLEHEM

CARNEGIE

EAGLES

GETTYSBURG

HARRISBURG

HERSHEY

KEYSTONE STATE

LAKE ERIE

LANCASTER

PHILADELPHIA

PIRATES

PITTSBURGH

POCONOS

QUAKER STATE

READING

ROCKEFELLER

RUST BELT

SCRANTON

STEEL

VALLEY FORGE

WILLIAM PENN

SEPTEMBER IS APPLE SEASON!

We like to think of September as the month of apples, as apple picking becomes a common weekend pastime. Wondering which kind of apples to use in your dish?

See The Old Farmer's Almanac charts to find out!

