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OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30pm	5 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	6 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	7 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	8	9	10
11 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30 & 6pm	12 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	13 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	14 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	15	16	17
18 WORSHIP SERVICE 9am Girl Scouts 1:30 Council Meeting 6pm	19 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Boy Scouts 7pm	20 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm Thrift Shop 9-12:30	21 OFFICE HOURS 8am-1pm	22 CAMERA CLUB 6:30	23	24
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"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream." -Jeremiah 17:7-8



One of my favorite prophets of the Old Testament is the prophet, Jeremiah. If you've been in worship the last few months, you've probably figured that out. Just about every time Jeremiah has shown up in the readings, I have once again brought us into the world of Jeremiah.

As a refresher -- Israel had been broken into two kingdoms--Israel in the north and Judah in the south. The book of Isaiah deals with what happens to the northern kingdom. They are invaded by the Assyrians and calamity ensues. Now, a century later, Judah is facing a threat-- Babylon. Judah had turned away from God and Jeremiah was chosen by God to deliver a message that destruction was coming.

You can imagine that the message of Jeremiah was not particularly popular. Nobody wanted to hear judgment. When other false prophets came, the people liked listening to them more than Jeremiah. The thing is, though, that the truth catches up eventually. The Babylonians did eventually siege Jerusalem and exiled people. It was a very dark time for the people of Judah.

I like Jeremiah so much because he was human. There were times he went full speed ahead in proclaiming the message of God. There were times he argued with God about the message. There were times he doubted. Let's face it -- proclaiming God's truth in a world that so often veers from it will not make you popular sometimes. I am encouraged that God uses us, imperfect as we are, to bring the message of God's truth and salvation to the world. Even when we don't have it all together. Even when we argue with God. Even when we get tired. God still has a plan.

Blessings,
Pastor Ken



THE BLESSINGS THRIFT SHOP:

Tuesday 9am-12:30pm
Stock Up on Fall Finds!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 8AM-1PM

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

October 22	Scott & Kelly Heinrich	43 years
October 24	Robert & Lori Zellers	45 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 02	Larry Arner
October 05	Joshua Reif
October 12	Pamela Kleintop
October 13	Susan Arner
October 17	Nicole Jahelka
October 20	Teri Delich
October 21	Donald Berger
October 29	Mark Bloss
October 30	Evan LaRose



COUNCIL MEETING **October 18 6:00PM**



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jon Kistler	President
Steve Berger	Vice-President
Rich Hyer	Secretary
Jim Miller	Asst. Treasurer
Krissy Keblish	
Ron Keblish	
Gerry Dorshimer	
Scott Heinrich	
Eric Reif	
Gordon Walls	
Deb Hansut	
Don Delich	

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	Treasurer
Jessica Hansen	Financial Sec.

FINANCES & ATTENDANCE

Aug. - Envelope Offering:	\$5,818
Aug. – Additional Income:	\$682
Aug. – Expenses:	N/A
Attendance:	
August 02	37
August 09	31
August 16	29
August 23	34
August 30	32

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 AM



OCTOBER 4

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer

Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich

Altar Guild: **NEEDED**

Flowers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Bulletins: **NEEDED**

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

OCTOBER 11

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish

Ushers: Ron Keblish & Terry Holland

Altar Guild: **NEEDED**

Flowers: Susie Arner's Birthday

Bulletins: **NEEDED**

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

OCTOBER 18

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut

Ushers: Valerie Kleppinger & Loren LaRose

Altar Guild: **NEEDED**

Flowers: Carol Heffelfinger – IMO Sonny

Bulletins: Jim & Lisa Engle – IMO Jen

Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

OCTOBER 25

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner

Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer

Altar Guild: **NEEDED**

Flowers: Jim & Lisa Engle – IMO Jen

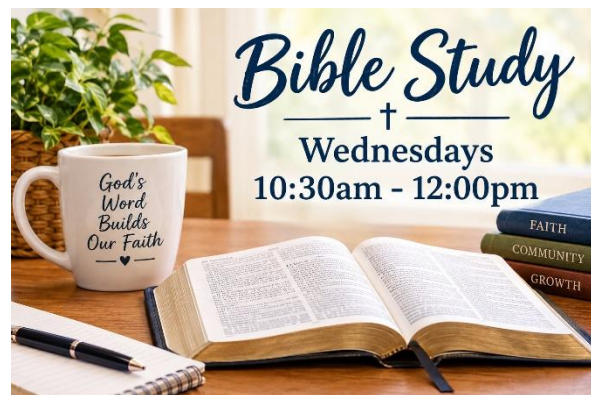
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HOME VISITS

Home & shut-in visits are being planned.

If anyone would like to receive communion, please contact Pastor Ken or the office.



KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Check our upcoming bulletins & newsletters for information on the following events:



TRICK OR TREAT

TRICK OR TREATING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, FROM 6-8PM. AS AN ANNUAL TRADITION, WE AT HTLC WILL HAND OUT BAGS OF CANDY AND SERVE HOT CHOCOLATE TO THE COMMUNITY.



RON AND I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS OR BAGS OF CANDY TO FILL GOODIE BAGS. WE'LL BE SURE TO LEAVE A LABELED BOX IN THE NARTHEX TO

LEAVE CANDY DONATIONS. PLEASE SEE RON OR ME WITH ANY MONETARY DONATIONS.

ALSO, ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BAG SOME CANDY PLEASE REACH OUT TO ONE OF US.

THIS EVENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP OF MANY GRACIOUS VOLUNTEERS, AS HAD BEEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP THE NIGHT OF TRICK OR TREATING, PLEASE LET RON OR ME KNOW.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER FUN YEAR THIS HALLOWEEN!

KRISSY KEBLISH

CHURCH BAZAAR

November 7th 9am-2pm



We are busy bees that continue to buzz around! We have finished another successful festival run and now we turn our attention to the Church Bazaar.

BAZAAR NEEDS:

- DONATIONS;** Cash and/or gift cards for the raffle ticket. If you would like to sponsor a gift certificate, please see Larry or Sue Arner.
- WHITE ELEPHANT SALE;** Remember, your junk may be someone else's treasure! Handcrafted items: we know our congregation is loaded with many talented folks, so consider donating something handmade. Craft table sewing, knitting, crocheting, jewelry making & painted items are just a few examples.
- BROWN BAG RAFFLE;** Donations of new or handcrafted items. When you're shopping, consider picking up clearance items or passing along unwanted gifts that you will never use.
- BAKERS & VOLUNTEERS;** As the date draws closer, we will need all hands-on deck to prepare. We will have a bake sale. Our talented bakers will prepare their most popular items for others to purchase & enjoy.

***Please send all monetary donations to the church office.**

****All items for the bazaar can be dropped off at the thrift shop during their regular hours.**

Many Gift Cards and Prizes

Crafts, Jewelry, Lunch Bag Raffle, Raffle Tickets & White Elephant
We will also have Food & a Bake Sale

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Gift Cards
- New Items for the Bag Raffle
- White Elephant Items for the Sale Tables

MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES & APPLE DUMPLING ORDERS

OUR BAKING STAFF WILL BE PREORDERING MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES AND APPLE DUMPLINGS FOR THE BAZAAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREORDER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE @610-826-2524 OR hilcoppa@ptd.net PREORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM OCTOBER 1 TO OCTOBER 25. ANY REMAINING WILL BE SOLD AT THE BAZAAR ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

****MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES: \$12 DOZEN, \$6 HALF-DOZEN**

****APPLE DUMPLINGS: \$6 EACH**

HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL REPORT 2026

TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,664.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$ <u>2,314.49</u>
TOTAL PROFIT	= \$ 7,349.51
FESTIVAL RENT 2027	- \$ <u>450.00</u>
DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT	= \$ 6,899.51
½ TO HOLY TRINITY	\$ 3,449.77
¼ TO FOOD PANTRY	\$ 1,724.87
¼ TO PALMERTON CAT PROJECT	+ \$ <u>1,724.87</u>
TOTAL DISBURSED	= \$ 6,899.51





NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Mission Support at Work: Bringing People Together

Ministry across the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod is made possible through mission support, staff and volunteer leadership, ministry teams, congregational participation, and partnerships. This month's newsletter highlights several upcoming opportunities to worship, learn, serve, and connect.

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Racial Justice Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Prayer, conversation, learning, resource sharing, and action centered on justice, equity, and reconciliation.

Learn more: godslove.org/racial-justice-team

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Lutheran World Relief Ingathering

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Location: The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown

Accepted items: Baby Care Kits, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and quilts

Additional collection: Items may be brought to Christ Lutheran Church in Reading on Fridays in October from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Berks County collection is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m.

Learn more: godslove.org/26LWR-ingathering

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Handling Conflict in the Congregation

Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 175 S. Third Street, Lehighton

Continuing education for current licensed lay ministers focused on handling conflict within congregations.

Learn more: godslove.org/handling-conflict

**OCT
31****The Installation of Bishop Jennifer Dee****Saturday October 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center St, Bethlehem, PA 18017
Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry will participate in the service, with hors d'oeuvres served following the installation.

Learn more: godslove.org/bishop-installation

**NOV
9-10****2026 Bishop's Conference – “Navigating Differences in a Polarized World”****November 9–10, 2026**

Location: Shawnee Inn and Resort, 100 Shawnee Inn Drive, Shawnee on Delaware

Presenter: Dr. Shirley Mullen

Registration deadline: October 8

A conference for pastors, deacons, and licensed lay ministers helping engage disagreement with courage, compassion, attentive listening, and hope.

Learn more: godslove.org/BC2026

**NOV
13-15****Come Away: Young Adult Retreat****November 13–15, 2026**

Time: Friday at 6:00 p.m. through Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Bear Creek Camp, 3601 Bear Creek Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre

Registration deadline: October 15

Organized by Gather Lehigh Valley for young adults ages 18–35. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Learn more: godslove.org/come-away

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027**MAY
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2027****Imagine More as a Synod****Saturday May 15, 2027**

Location: Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5500 Route 873 Schnecksville, PA 18078

An event for youth and adult leaders attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering to help NEPA participants meet one another, build relationships, learn what to expect, and prepare through worship, activities, and conversation.

More details to come at godslove.org/imagine-more-as-synod

**Help Make Ministry Possible**

Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports leaders, and helps new ministries take root across our synod and the wider church. Thank you for being part of this shared ministry. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at godslove.org/missionsupport.