

CEDAR LUTHERAN CHURCH

C-NEWS – OUR WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, August 1, 2018



Calendar for the Week

Wed., Aug. 1 st	6:45 PM	ACA
Thur., Aug. 2 nd	5:00 PM	AA
	6:30 PM	TOPS
Fri., Aug. 3 rd	8:30 PM	NA
Sat., Aug. 4 th	7:30 AM	Health Professionals
	10:00 AM	NA
Sun., Aug. 5 th		11th Sunday after Pentecost
	7:30 AM	Worship/Communion
	9:00 AM	Worship
Mon., Aug. 6 th	2:15 PM	Daybreak
Tues., Aug. 7 th	9:00 AM	AA
	7:00 PM	Worship & Music
Wed., Aug. 8 th	6:45 PM	ACA

Psalm 78:23-29

23 So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
24 **raining down manna upon them to
eat and giving them grain from
heaven.**

25 So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

26 **The LORD caused the east wind to
blow in the heavens and powerfully
led out the south wind,**

27 raining down flesh upon them like
dust and flying birds like the sand of
the seas,

28 **letting them fall in the midst of
the camp and round about the
dwellings.**

29 So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.



Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Upcoming Events at Cedar

Vacation Bible School

VBS has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

The **youth group** is **holding a Christmas in July food collection** for the **Lowhill Food Pantry**. **August 5th** is the last day we are collecting nonperishable items. The shopping cart will be in the church for your donations. Thank you for your support, as we help those in our community.

Upcoming Events at the NEPA Synod

August 13-17. Camp Noah in Reading. A local Camp Noah, hosted at St. Luke, Reading, is designed to be bi-lingual in order to serve people displaced to the Reading area by the 2017 hurricanes which impacted Puerto Rico. For more information, please contact Pr. Rebecca W. Knox at RevKnox7@gmail.com or 610-823-8343.

September 13. Urban Ministry Affinity Group. The group met on Monday, June 11 to discuss issues of concern for those engaged in ministry in the city, and will meet again on Thursday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Christ, Allentown. This group is open to anyone involved with ministry in an urban context.

October 3. Educational Retreat Series. The Lehigh, Northern Lehigh Valley, and Bethlehem/Easton Mission Districts are sponsoring a five-week educational retreat series on addiction within the context of the Christian community. The event will be held at Nativity Lutheran Church in Allentown every Wednesday in October from 6:45 – 9:00 PM: October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. All are welcome and encouraged to attend including the afflicted, their loved ones, all members of the community including counselors, nurses, chaplains, social workers, pastors, those in the criminal justice system, first responders, educators, etc. More information, including registration forms will be available in the future.

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If you would be able to help with any of these tasks, please call the designated person.	SUNDAY August 5th 9:00 AM Communion	SUNDAY August 12th 9:00 AM Non-Communion	SUNDAY August 19th 9:00 AM Communion	SUNDAY August 26th 9:00 AM Non-Communion
Worship Assistant Marian Bastian 610-395-9158	Emily Leonard	Emily Leonard	Emily Leonard	Emily Leonard
Bread Offering Linda Knauss 610-432-0460	Linda Knauss		Mary Ann Herring	
Communion Assistants Marian Bastian 610-395-9158	Debbie & Dan Arner		Debbie & Dan Arner	
Hosts Betty Derhammer 610-797-9518				
Lector Jean Cope 610-433-1301	Emily Leonard	Lou Wheeland	Cindy Borger	Ellen Sherer
Usher Helper Chris Ellis				
Altar Flowers Mary Ann Herring 610-395-9204	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Miller	Diane & Ed Weil	Jane & Douglas Krasley	Eleanor Gilbert


Bulletins Mary Ann Herring 610-395-9204	Evelyn & Wilbur Lichtenwalner	Shirley LaFaver	Shirley LaFaver	Jeannine & Michael Leonard
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Whole-Month Assistants

Altar Guild Nancy Otto 610-395-1605	7:30 AM- Mary Ann Herring 9:00 AM- Linda Knauss
Assistant Usher Nancy Otto 610-395-1605	Richard Bastian
Ushers Jeannine Leonard	Marian Bastian & Jean Cope
Lead Counter	June Knecht
Daybreak (\$50.00)	
Church Windows Software (\$65)	

Stewardship Snippet

John 6:35 – Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
In the Lord's Prayer we ask God to "Give us today our daily bread." Jesus reminds us that he is the true bread that feeds our lives and souls. Daily we partake of Jesus through prayer and Scripture, and as often as we may through Holy Communion.

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			1 6:45 PM-ACA	2 5 PM-AA 6:30 PM-TOPS	3 8:30 PM-NA	4 7:30 AM-Health Professionals 10:00 AM-NA
5 11 th Sunday after Pentecost 7:30 AM- Worship 9:00 AM-Worship/Comm.	6 2:15 PM- Daybreak	7 9 AM-AA 7 PM-Worship & Music	8 6:45 PM-ACA	9 5 PM-AA 6:30 PM-TOPS	10 8:30 PM-NA Youth Retreat at Wildwood, NJ	11 7:30 AM-Health Professionals 10:00 AM-NA Youth Retreat at Wildwood, NJ
12 12 th Sunday after Pentecost 7:30 AM- Worship 9:00 AM-Worship Youth Retreat at Wildwood, NJ	13 Youth Retreat at Wildwood, NJ	14 9 AM-AA 7 PM Council	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM-ACA	16 5 PM-AA 6:30 PM-TOPS	17 11:30 AM Newsletter Mailing 8:30 PM-NA	18 7:30 AM-Health Professionals 10:00 AM-NA
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Deadline for C-News, Announcements & Newsletter

Deadline for the announcement page in the bulletin is Wednesdays.

Deadline for the weekly C-News is Mondays.

Deadline for the monthly newsletter for September is Wednesday, August 15th.