

A combined service with St. Paul's UCC Church to honor all veterans for Memorial Day will be held May 30<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour at the memorial.

You may now make an offering to the church through our website <a href="www.SummerHillLutheran.org">www.SummerHillLutheran.org</a>. Simply click on the online giving button on our home page and you will be directed to a secure site to make a one time or on-going offering. You may direct your offering from your checking or savings account or a credit or debit card. Use this QR code to go directly to the contribution page.





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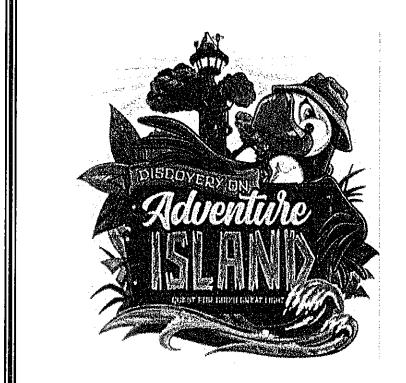
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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm Closed from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch Save the dates...

June 13-17, 2021

Vacation Bible School



### **Evangelism News**By Charles Hawk, Sr.



At this time, considering all that is taking place in the world today, what if we all decide to spend more time on our knees and talk to God. We may pray regularly but it doesn't hurt to remind each other that the only one we know is always listening to our

situations is GOD. This pandemic stuff has gotten just about everything in a "topsy-turvy" state. It is and has affected the whole world. The only way we know for sure that something can be done about it is to ask GOD to help. I as well as you have seen so many untruths about the Covid that it is scary. Now even with more and more people getting vaccinated the numbers are still going sky-high. EVERY DAY WE NEED TO ASK GOD TO INTERVENE. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRULY TAKE CARE OF THIS MAJOR DILEMMA. So, my evangelism report is very simplistic- PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

### Calling all graduates!!!



Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by May 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be honoring them in our services on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please include with your name where you are graduating from and your future plans.

"This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams..." Acts 2:16-17

Dear Folks,

It is not unusual in the ordinary days of life we dream of what could be. Words like, "I wish ...," and "it would be really nice if ..." carry our hopes and dreams as we imagine a future time. These dreams allow us to expand the possibilities beyond what we know now and help us set goals.

Sometimes this dreaming takes place in the natural transitions of life. A high school graduate dreams about their next step in life as they become more independent. A college graduate, moving into the work force, dreams of that perfect job that will use their hard-earned skills. Engaged couples dream of what they want their married life to be. Those nearing retirement dream of what to do with their "free" time. Some of these visions and dreams we make a conscience effort to obtain. Others fall by the wayside, perhaps not fitting into our life the way we originally thought.

Recently I rediscovered some notes taken from an All-Committee Night at St. Paul's many years ago. While not dated, one of the dreams was to have more musicians in the contemporary service, so the notes date back quite a few years. While we no longer have that Contemporary Service, I was surprised by the number of visions or dreams we have accomplished. Dreams such as printing a full service bulletin, having the handbell choir again, coming to the altar rail more than once a month, learning the first setting in the ELW,

assisting ministers, having the Saturday night service every weekend, developing visitor gifts, one Sunday service in the summer, screens for projection in the sanctuary, healing services on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, and being able to record the service on CD have been put into place. That's not to say we've done everything. We still dream having more choir members, singing the psalms, and having music sponsors for special music and groups among other dreams. Someone even hoped for a church van. While some of these items have been put on hold with the pandemic this past year as we had to change the way we worship and minister, it is interesting to see how far dreaming can take us.

The Acts passage I quoted in the beginning comes from Peter's Pentecost speech. He witnesses to Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, dispelling the idea that the disciples were drunk as they spoke in other languages. Sometimes dreaming or visioning can feel like folly, but Spirit-led dreaming has the power to accomplish so much more than we can imagine. My dream for our church is that as we come out of the restrictions of the pandemic and go back to something that looks more normal, we also take time to dream and vision of what God is calling us to be. Experiencing the pandemic gave us new ideas (i.e. livestreaming, the camera system, and in home communion kits.) This past year has proven we can be creative and resourceful in reaching out in new ways. Let us be Spirit-led and continue to dream the possibilities!

Serving in the name of Christ,

Pastor Kathleen Ash-Flashner Pastor

### Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn & Linda Curtis,

Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Helen & Glenn Miller, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger

Pastoral visits and home communions are available anytime. Please call the office or Pastor Kathy.



The deadline for items for the July/August newsletter is June 15.

### **Lectionary Calendar for May 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Psalm 22:25-31 Amos 9:7-15 Mark 4:30-32
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 80 Isaiah 5:1-7 Galatians 5:16-26	Psalm 80 Isaiah 32:9-20 James 3:17-18	5 Psalm 80 Isaiah 65:17-25 John 14:18-31	Psalm 98 Isaiah 49:5-6 Acts 10:1-34	7 Psalm 98 Isaiah 42:5-9 Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 98 Deuteronomy 32:44-47 Mark 10:42-45
9 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 7:1-11 I Timothy 6:11-12	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 11:1-17 1 Timothy 6:13-16	Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Mark 16:19-20	13 Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	14 Psalm 47 Exodus 24:15-18 Revelation 1:9-18	15 Psalm 47 Deuteronomy 34:1-7 John 16:4-11
16 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Psalm 115 Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-11	Psalm 115 Numbers 8:5-22 Titus 1:1-9	Psalm 115 Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24	Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 2:4b-7 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	Psalm 33:12-22 Job 37:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 15:6-11 John 7:37-39
Pentecost 23	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Genesis 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-23	27 Psalm 29 Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20 Romans 8:1-8	28 Psalm 29 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 8:9-11	Psalm 29 Isaiah 5:15-24 John 15:18-20, 26-27
30 Holy Trinity	Psalm 20 Numbers 9:15-23 Revelation 4:1-8					

### June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	a je posleta za svoje se posleta koje se posle	Psalm 20 Exodus 25:1-22 1 Corinthians 2:1-10	Psalm 20 Numbers 6:22-27 Mark 4:21-25	3 Psalm 130 Isaiah 28:9-13 1 Peter 4:7-19	Psalm 130 Deuteronomy 1:34-40 2 Corinthians 5:1-5	5 Psalm 130 Genesis 2:4b-14 Luke 8:4-15
Second Sunday after Pentecost	7 Psalm 74 1 Samuel 16:14-23 Revelation 20:1-6	Psalm 74 1 Kings 18:17-40 Revelation 20:7-15	9 Psalm 74 Isaiah 26:16—27:1 Luke 11:14-28	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Genesis 3:14-24 Hebrews 2:5-9	11 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 1 Kings 10:26—11:8 Hebrews 11:4-7	12 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark 4:1-20
Third Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 52 Ezekiel 31:1-12 Galatians 6:11-18	Psalm 52 Jeremiah 21:11-14 Revelation 21:22—22:5	Psalm 52 Jeremiah 22:1-9 Luke 6:43-45	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:1-20 Acts 20:1-16	18 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:21—30:15 Acts 21:1-16	19 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 37:1-13 Luke 21:25-28
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 65 Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38	Psalm 65 Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44	23 Psalm 65 Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52	Psalm 30 Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37
27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 88 Leviticus 21:1-15 2 Corinthians 8:16-24	Psalm 88 Leviticus 15:19-31 2 Corinthians 9:1-5	30 Psalm 88 2 Kings 20:1-11 Mark 9:14-29			

## NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Our Synod is trying something new – and we need you! As many of you will know, our 2021 Synod Assembly (SA21) was scheduled to be at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. COVID canceled that plan. Our Synod Assembly for this year is to be virtual once again and is scheduled for June 4 & 5.



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ng Young & Vital
Theastern PA Synod

"Minlab"

Share ministries and grow in new directions!

Section 1

Our theme for SA21 is "Growing Young and Vital.

to do, now that SA21 is virtual? participate by bringing your ministries in the three areas to display at the Kalahari Resort. So, what Engaging the Stranger. Our goal was to invite many churches and ministries in the Synod to life and thriving among us. These Vital Signs are: Loving the Land, Healing the Hurt, and It will showcase our commitment to the nation-wide church renewal program called "Growing It will also introduce our three-pronged Synod-wide emphasis on the "Vital Signs," signs of

importantly, be inspired by others doing ministry around one of the other vital signs. is your opportunity to mingle with others doing ministries like yours. And, 3.) perhaps most You showcase your ministry in that space exactly how you choose. It is up to your creativity. Think of this day exactly as the name implies: a ministry laboratory. 1.) we give you a display area. Signs. Where is your congregation shining as a "Jesus-Centered Community" spotlight how your churches or organization's ministries are already showing evidence of these Vital Introducing NEPA Ministry Lab 2021! (MinLab for short.) MinLab is your opportunity to (Growing Young)?

organization's ministries help all of us in our synod to see the signs of life among us? how to participate will be coming soon. This is where you come in! How can your churches or headquarters - on August 14, 2021 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. More details about exactly when and We will hold the event mainly outdoors at the Lutheran Center in Allentown – our Synod

use as much of the Lutheran Center's parking lot and property as we can to accommodate all who To inspire others to partner with you, or to start a ministry of their own. To show the rest of us how it works, right where you are planted. There will be lots of fun and excitement on full display. This is your opportunity to proclaim to all the signs of life that are active in your local community.

### TIROUBLE THE WATER RACIAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION

timely event. A suggested join us for this important and that is open to all people: justice and reconciliation and as both a workshop speakers the Rev. Marsha speaker, the Rev. Cecee conference with our keynote Saturday, May 22. This is a donation for the event is \$25 website. Please register and is implicit bias is all about. during social unrest, & what can support communities privilege, how congregations view against racism, white the workshops are a biblical member, non-church people, Pastors, Deacons, staff, lay understanding of racial better grow in our worship and workshops to Thomas. This is a day of event we have the Rev. James leader and preacher for the the Rev. Melissa Pohlman, Williams, Dr. Helen Davis, Mills, and featured completely virtual Registration is now open for Register from the synod's Reconciliation event on Racial Justice & the Trouble the Water: Some of the topics of

want to participate. There will be music – with an emphasis on Growing Young and Vital. Does your church have a ministry in music that reached out to others? Please bring that gift to share with us. There will be food – with an emphasis on food insecurity – an excellent example of all three of our vital signs. Loving the Land by using locally sourced ingredients; Healing the Hurt by sharing generously with those in need; Engaging the Stranger by showing love and compassion to "the least of these". Join us!!

-Dan Raudenbush, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown

# Meet the Staff: Rev. Lauren Wolfe Blatt

I joined the synod staff in January as the **Director of**Communication and Events. I also serve full-time at St.

John's, Mahoning, which is a small rural congregation nestled in the Mahoning Valley farmlands. I received my undergraduate degree in Philosophy from

Alvernia University, my
Mdiv from Lutheran
Theological Seminary at
Philadelphia, and I am
currently working on my
DMin from United Lutherar
Seminary. I was ordained in
2017 as a Minister of Word
and Sacrament, and I love
pastoring God's people.



I enjoy spending time at home with my wife, Hannah, our dogs (Riley & Sirius), and our cats (Finnegan & Tank). In my leisure time, I enjoy anything related to Pokemon, reading, video games, and completing projects around the house!

per person.

## A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History By Harry Schwenk

after a few years, they were again discontinued. discontinued. In 2009, during our church's 225th anniversary, both banquets were resurrected, but the Father and Son Banquet served by the women, were both held at St. Paul's and were eventually church. For many years thereafter, both the Mother and Daughter Banquet served by the men, and appropriate to focus my article on the first Mother and Daughter Banquet that was held at our Since Mother's Day will be observed during this month of May, I thought it would be

Haven, on May 17, 1962. This information was in "The Call" newspaper, the weekly newspaper from Schuylkill

Mrs. Ellen Fidler, most daughters present, Mrs. Lillie Moyer; youngest daughter, Jayne Boyer. mother, Mrs. Amy Reber; youngest mother, Mrs. Barbara Tretter; mother with the most children, Bible Dictionary on Mothers by Mrs. Violet Trumbo. Gifts were presented to the following: oldest by Elona Trumbo, a vocal duet by Helen and Faye Sholl, a reading by Mrs. Alice Honicker,and a Heinbaugh, a dance and vocal solo by Holly Reber, a piano solo by Faye Sholl, a saxophone solo humorous reading about members and guests who attended. Recitations were given by Linda Boyer, Kathy Honicker, Helen Sholl, Holly Reber, Craig Staller, Mrs. Mary Boyer, Mrs. Pearl Reber, and Ann Louise Fessler. A vocal solo was given by Elaine Frey, a dance by Tamalyn about mothers and the family in the church. Mrs. Violet Trumbo greeted the group and gave a the men attired in white chef coats and hats. Pastor Steigerwalt opened the program with greetings Lutheran Church, Summer Hill. A family style supper was served by the Men's Bible Class with The first Mother and Daughter Banquet was held in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's

Heinbaugh, Tamalyn Jo Heinbaugh, Mrs. Ida Staller, Charlene Staller, Mrs. Shirley Baker, Patricia Baker, Mrs. Alretta Foose, Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, Mrs. Arlene Russell, Mrs. Ellen Boyer, Mrs. Betty Tobash, Mrs. Sadie Phillips, Mrs. Mamie Shoener, Donna Shoener, Mrs. Beatrice Mary Fessler, Ann Louise Fessler, Mrs. Irene Krammes, Kathryn Ann Krammes, Mrs. Betty Bailey, Mrs. Rebecca Reber, Mrs. Sara Reber, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Carol Wolfe, Mrs. Arlene Wolfe, Mrs. Esther Rhine, Mrs. Betty Fessler, Carol Berkheiser, Mrs. Lillie Berkheiser, John Dorward, Mrs. Helen Frey, Elaine Frey, Mrs. Mary Reber, Judith Reber, Elona Trumbo, Mrs. Luckenbill, Mrs. Edna Reber, Mrs. Phyllis Shoener, Mrs. Fern Staller, Mrs. Marjorie Vayda, Mrs. Violet Trumbo, Mrs. Lillie Heim, Mrs. Pauline Emerich, Mrs. Edna Berkheiser, Mrs. Aletha Boyer, The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence A. Steigerwalt, Mrs. Marian Dorward, Kristin Ann Dorward, The following were present: Orna Moyer, Craig Staller, Mrs. Ethel Bernheisel, Mrs. June

Minchoff, Mrs. Helen Kreager, Jean Moyer, Mrs. Fern Onuscho, Mrs. Louise Hand, Holly Joy Reber, Mrs. Pearl Reber, Mrs. Lottie Clauser, Mrs. Mary Kreager, Mrs. Helen Miller, Joan Miller, Betty Lea Moyer, Mrs. Laverne Frey, Mrs. Thorne Woomert, Mrs. Barbara Tretter, Carol Koch, Mrs. Virgie Gaydos, Linda Boyer, Jayne Boyer, Mrs. Mary Boyer, Mrs. Vera Boyer, Mrs. Ellen Mrs. Lillie Moyer, Judy Moyer, Mrs. Amy Reber, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Mrs. Joyce Hesse, Mrs. Alice Krammes, Robinette Krammes, Mrs. Edna Moyer, Judith Moyer, Teena Honicker, Fidler, Mrs. Alice Honicker, Mrs. Bertha Crowe, and Mrs. Judy Honicker. Kathleen Honicker, Mrs. Hilda Honicker. Helen Sholl, Mrs. Edith Sholl, Faye Sholl, Mrs. Fern

### Happy May Birthday To:

5/1 – Hunter Koury

5/2 - Harvey Sutton, III

5/3 - Elona Fromm; Harry Schwenk

5/4 - Marvin Moyer

5/6 - Kenneth Heinbaugh; Elaine M. Moyer;

Patricia Stevens; Terry Tryon; Brenda Frankenstein

5/7 - Lisa Hollenbach; Christine Nagle

5/8 - Matthew Ball; Charles Hawk, Sr.;

Betty Heinbaugh

5/9 - Arlene Moyer

5/10 - Donald Hand

5/11 - Amanda Deal; Tracey Seltzer

5/15 - Gregory Phillips II; Pegi Staller

5/16 - David Reidler; Kohlby Rollman

5/17 - Donald Paxson, Jr.; Doris Willhoyte

5/18 - Erin Ball; Patricia Davis; Scott Thomas

5/20 – Edward Hossler, III

5/22 - Lora Bubeck; Jane Gordon; Eileen Heffleger

5/23 - John Weegar

5/24 - Sheila Tryon

5/25 – Errol Seltzer, Jr.

5/26 - Jason Honicker; Bernadette Trostle

5/27 - Dolores Detweiler; Charles Hawk, Jr;

Kolton Platt; Thaddeus Schantzenbach; Heidi Securda

5/28 - Harry Lord; Lillian Wisner

5/29 - Carly Mulllins

5/30 - Betty Freeman

5/31 - Dominic Ross; Charity Staller



### Happy June Birthday To:

6/2 - Victoria Lord; Quinn Oblas

6/3 - Molly Ulsh

6/4 - Bonnie Beck; Larry Johnson; Rebecca Mairose,

6/7 - Richard Thomas; Brittney Tokarick

6/8 - Elaine Martin

6/10 - Stacey Lehman

6/11 – Clara Wisner

6/12 - Kathy Robinson

6/13 - Leah Geiger

6/14 - Troy Hollenbach; Giselle Moss

6/15 - Patrick Cleary

6/16 - Brian Ferrence

6/17 - Logan Rollman

6/20 - David Brooker

6/21 - Thelma Brensinger; Cynthia Reber

6/23 - April Carroll; Mary Lord

6/25 - Michelle Bachman; Matthew Burcik,

Patricia Reazor: Alayna Skripko

6/26 - Beth Cleary

6/28 - Kurt Sinclair

6/29 - Robert Zeledonis

6/30 - Annie Ferrence; Abigail Minrod;

Matthew Middleton



The summer schedule of worship will begin on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> On that date, the congregation will gather for service with Holy Communion at 9 a.m. There will be **no** Sunday School during the summer months. Saturday Services are held every Saturday at 5 pm.

### **Crop Walk Results**

Each year on the first Sunday of October, the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches, of which we are a part, holds the annual Crop Walk. Monies raised support our local food pantry in Schuylkill Haven as well as food projects around the world through Church World Service. Recently the Council received an update from CWS of one of these projects that aided farmers in Northwest Haiti.

Erin Luchenbill of CWS reports, "Throughout 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic took a catastrophic toll. Haiti's Northwest department was no exception. Unemployment soared, and people lost their livelihoods. This meant that many people spent what little savings they had.

When planting season arrived in November, farmers had fields that they had prepared to plant. But many couldn't afford to buy the seeds that would go in those fields. CWS and our partners knew that a small boost now would lead to a huge impact for families when harvest season rolled around. So we provided seeds to 100 farmers. These seeds were short-cycle, which means that they would be able to harvest sooner. Of the 100 farmers, 70 were women. The seeds they received to plant included corn, peanuts, black beans, white beans and lima beans.

Five months later, farmers are reimbursing CWS with part of their harvests. These repayments will ensure that seeds are available for future planting seasons if farmers need the boost again. Each farmer pays back 1.5 times the number of cans of seeds they received.

Gedeon Sidernier received peanuts and corn to plant. When he came to reimburse corn, Gideon said: "With one can of corn received, I was able to harvest a yield of 80 cans."

Ruthelaine Destin is a single mother of three. When she came to our partner to reimburse her seeds, she said:

"In November I received corn, black and white beans, and lima beans. It was a good moment for me to receive this, because my land was prepared, but I had no money to buy seeds. I had nice crops, good crops. I have already harvested black and white beans and lima beans. They gave me one can of beans, with which I made a yield of 6 cans, without counting what I have eaten and donated to others. As for lima beans, I made 14 cans out of I can. I shared with others, I sold a part, I paid for school for my children, and I used part for our own consumption. On top of that, I have 14 cans saved.

With these seeds, I am doing well. This is my joy and this will help me advance, because I am progressing thanks to this group that gave us these seeds"

The funds your walk raised provided a small investment in Haiti that led to a huge harvest of joy that is underway right now. Thank you for making this story possible!"

Please make your calendars for this year's Crop Walk on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Plan to join other churches in walking the streets of Schuylkill Haven as we raise funds to support food projects both here and around the world.