



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield

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ST. PAUL'S CALL

JULY 2022

St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life.

We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving.

We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love.

YOU CAN VIEW PAST SERVICES ON OUR FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE.

LIVE STREAMING WILL NOW BE AVAILABE ON FACEBOOK FOR THE 10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.



Greetings from Worship and Music!

Service Assistants – Sign-up sheets for the summer schedule are on the bulletin board. Please take a minute and sign-up if you can serve as a lay reader, acolyte or greeter for a Sunday. Your help is most appreciated.

Altar Flowers and Bulletins - Celebrate a loved one by sponsoring the altar flowers and bulletins for a Sunday service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and checks may be given to the Church Secretary or Dana Strohl. We are in need of coffee cans to send the flower arrangements home in after church. If you have any, please drop them off to the Secretary's office.

Summer Musical Offerings – If you or if you know someone who would be interested in singing a solo, duet or play an instrument for special music during the summer season please see or call Kathy Ertle at 570-656-0659.

Summer Hours – Presently there are no plans to change the service hours. The early service is at 8:30am followed by the late service at 10:00am. Think about bringing a friend with you on a Sunday. All are welcome!
Yours in Christ,

Worship and Music Committee

**THANKS, KATHY ERTLE, FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO
WITH WORSHIP AND MUSIC.**

**EVERYONE PLEASE E-MAIL OFFICE WITH
ALL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
AND ANNIVERSARIES SO WE CAN COMPLETE OUR LIST.**

A few thoughts from Pastor Thomas !

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Your support during the summer months for the life this congregation and the mission of the Church is greatly appreciated. St. Paul's Church cares for our siblings in Christ who are neighbors. The weekly offerings assist the congregation, the community, our Synod, and the ELCA in promoting a better quality of life for many. Thank you!

Dear Friends,

The recent Highland Park, Illinois shooting is yet another reminder of the brokenness in our country. The Independence Day celebration turned into a tragedy. While we celebrated freedom on July 4, we are aware of the deaths of 7 people by gun violence (and dozens more injured) who left this world too soon! We pray today for people in Highland Park, for police officers and others who responded quickly, treated the wounded and guided those at the parade to safety.

We pay tribute today to Highland Park parade shooting victims. Praying and paying tribute is the easy stuff, finding voices and the will to speak about gun violence is harder. My prayer for me, and maybe for you, is that we find our voices.

IDEA'S TO GIVE TO OUR FREE FOOD PANTRY BOX

Canned goods
Non-perishables
Beans
Rice
Pasta
Canned meats
Oatmeal
Shel-stable milk
Toothpaste
Chap-sticks
Toothbrushes
Or donate \$

**ONE YEAR AT ST. PAUL'S
THANK YOU
WE APPRECIATE YOU !!**



The month of June at St. Paul's



Pastor was hosting a former student of his from Goodnews Theological Seminary in Accra, Ghana.

Daniel Nuerter is from Accra, Ghana. He is studying for the Masters of Divinity Degree at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Ekhart, Ind.

Daniel joined us for our July 19th service and potluck lunch in Celebration Hall.

JUNE 19th SERVICE and POTLUCK LUNCH IN CELEBRATION HALL





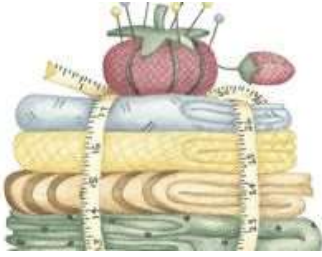
Yes we were all laughing but you had to be there.





**OUR COOK LAURA B.
and
ORGANIZER KATHY.**

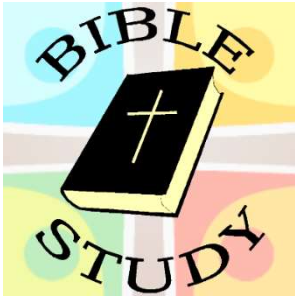




FRIDAY LADIES

9:30 – 12:00noon

Every Friday



BIBLE STUDY GROUP

(on summer break)

**Thank you May Ertle and Kathy for
hosting the last group study at May's
house.**



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Dick has been busy weeding.

We will be seeing veggies before you know it...

If you are interested in helping please let him know.

Yes the critters are back looking for ways in !!!



**Still looking for some help with
weeding
the front and side of church.**

**Starting to get cleaned up,
thanks to Faye and Laura B. but still need help.**



FOOD PANTRY

**Thursday July 7th and 21st
9:30am – 12:00noon**

THANK YOU, JACKIE, FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!



**Alan and Laura have added more Bee Hives this
year.**

**You can purchase a homemade jar
of honey during coffee hour.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE, PLEASE E-MAIL TO OFFICE.**

Please call the office for phone number or see Laura Pride for contact information.

The Hospitality Committee

Committee meets quarterly to review the operation of Celebration Hall. They take care of advertising the hall as a venue, booking events and acting as on-site stewards during those events. They also oversee the care of the hall including maintenance and cleaning.

Please share with family and friends.

Laura Pride

If you are interested in rental information please contact Ed Stephens.



Celebrate Your Event



- Full Commercial Kitchen
- Seating: 160 Banquet Style
180 Assembly
- Parking: Up to 75 Vehicles
- Handicap Accessible
- Wi-Fi Ready

- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Anniversary Parties
- Banquets
- Meetings
- Workshops



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Stronger Together

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me." (John 10:14)

"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home." (Mark 2:11)

Jesus speaks: we hear his voice, and we follow. Even when we are made able to hear, by mechanical means. Even when we are blessed to move, using new and inspiring inventions. These are no less miracles than the healing of the one born blind (John 9), or the person on the mat who's unable to walk (Mark 2). Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a partner in ministry with us, bringing technology, compassion and faith together – by the work of the Holy Spirit – in ways that put life in motion and love in action, for God's children of all ages – especially youth. They truly make us: **STRONGER TOGETHER.**

+ **Bishop Christopher deForest**



Watching your child take his or her first steps is one of the most exciting moments in a parent's life. But what if your child has a disability and those steps don't come so easily, or at all? Through the years, parents faced with this dilemma have come to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network looking for help and finding it. One of the rehabilitation technology stars in Good Shepherd Pediatrics' toolbox is the Trexo Plus. This innovative, wearable robotic gait trainer helps children with spasticity and mobility challenges walk, perhaps for the first time. Thanks to our generous supporters, including the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, Good Shepherd has acquired a total of six Trexo devices in small, medium, and large sizes for children as young as 1 through their teen years. This makes Good Shepherd the only pediatric rehabilitation provider in the U.S. to offer all three sizes for both inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings. Children who benefit from using the life-changing technology are diagnosed with cerebral palsy, pediatric stroke, spinal cord injury, gait disorders, or other mobility problems.

The device's brightly colored legs allow children to walk hands-free safely, correctly, and consistently, all under the watchful eye of trained Good Shepherd staff. Trexo is one piece in an array of technology used by Good Shepherd Pediatrics and supported by the Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology Fund.

NEPA Synod can be proud of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network. Because of you, children will be given the opportunity to exercise their brains and muscles in a new way, gaining confidence along with mobility. Good Shepherd provides therapies and residential options unique in the US. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

For more information, visit GoodShepherdPediatrics.org.

Story Contributor: Kimberly Stolarik, Interim Administrative Director, Development
Helping Children Through Technology



SYNOD ASSEMBLY REWIND

WHAT HAPPENED AT SYNOD ASSEMBLY?!?



The Reverend Kimberly Vaughn, Senior Director, Christian Community and Leadership Mission for the **ELCA** was the churchwide representative to our synod assembly. Rev. Vaughn enlivened the assembly with her words and brought greetings from the wider church. This representation reminds us that we are a church in three expressions: congregations, synods, and churchwide. These expressions work together to gather God's people and mobilize them to love and serve the world through mission and outreach.

This year's assembly was once again held virtually. We're getting "good" at holding virtual assemblies, but we simply cannot wait to gather in person. Next year, we'll be gathering at **Kalahari** in the Poconos, and we'll be wondering about how our synod and congregations are **going beyond death to life**. This is the "third lane" in our synod focus. Remember we've been talking about lane one, "**Growing young**" and lane two, this year's theme, "**Gaining Strength/Stronger Together**" These vital signs help us understand who we are as God's people and how we might best show up in our contexts.

This year some great **resolutions** were brought before the assembly. Some of these resolutions will be considered and acted upon by the **synod council**. The synod council is an important body within the synod. If you'd like to read the resolutions visit godslove.org/assembly in addition to resolutions you can view all the great videos from the assembly where churches and other groups showed their faith in action through ministries that highlighted our theme of being stronger together, growing young videos that look at fun scenarios to help individuals and congregations understand what it means to grow young, greetings from our ministry partners, and EVERY plenary is available for your viewing pleasure.

We had such an engaging time wondering what God was up to in our midst, especially in places where we're working together for the sake of God's Kingdom, here and now!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Friday Ladies 9:30am – 12noon	2
3 <i>4th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Pastor Thomas 8:30am w/communion 10:00am w/communion	4 Office closed	5	6	7 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00noon	8 Friday Ladies 9:30am – 12noon	9
10 <i>5th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Service by Laura and Alan Pride 8:30am non/communion 10:00am non/communion	11 Office closed	12	13	14	15 Friday Ladies 9:30am – 12noon	16
17 <i>6th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Pastor Bartha 8:30am w/communion 10:00am w/communion	18 Office closed	19	20	21 Food Pantry 9:30-12:00noon	22 Friday Ladies 9:30am – 12noon	23
24 <i>7th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Pastor Kee's 8:30am w/communion 10:00am w/communion <hr/>	25 Office closed <hr/>	26 <hr/>	27 <hr/>	28 <hr/>	29 Friday Ladies 9:30am – 12noon <hr/>	30
31 <i>8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Pastor Thomas 8:30am and 10:00am Healing Service w/communion						