

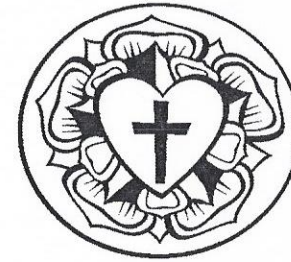
Calling all graduates!!!

Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by May 15th. Please include with your name where you are graduating from and your future plans.

PAPER PRODUCT DONATIONS

From May 12 to June 2, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants to All, a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam plates, cups, and bowls, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Please place the items in the narthex.

You may make an offering to the church through our website www.SummerHillLutheran.org. 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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**Sunday Holy Communion Service –
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Saturday Service - 5 pm (first Saturday)**

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Keep in your prayers:

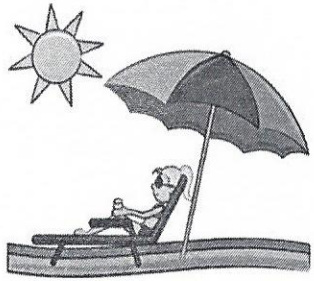


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Pastoral visits and home communions are available anytime. Please call the office or Pastor Marie.

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



Summer Worship Schedule

June 2 – September 1

Sunday Morning: 9:00 am

Saturday (first Saturday of
the month only) 5:00 PM



Memorial Day
*Remember Those Who
Gave Their Lives*

A combined service with St. Paul's UCC Church to honor all veterans for Memorial Day will be held May 26th during the Sunday School hour at the memorial.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Explore, celebrate & grow in God's creation!

Anyone who completed grades 1-12 that are interested in going to Bear Creek Camp in the

summer please contact Leah Mullins Bowman.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in Christ,

First, I want to thank you for the warm welcome I have been experiencing! You have been so kind and supportive as I continue to get to know all of you.

Since I have moved here to live. It is an ongoing project, but things are finding their places in our new home!

My first Sunday with you was March 3rd and I commuted from Dobbs Ferry NY each week. Until moving here during Holy Week! A week filled with sorrow turned to Joy by the resurrection of Jesus!

I am excited to walk with you in Worship, sharing the Good News of God's love for all people, and serving and loving our neighbors in this place.

Rev. Marie Meeks

THANK YOU

The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone who donated items to the schoolhouse for our college students. The items were packaged on April 14 after church, for the college students for whom we received their names and addresses.

Also thank you to everyone who helped in any way to once again make our Dinner and a Movie Night a success on April 6. The movie "Letters to God" was enjoyed by all.



Happy May Birthday To:

5/2 - Harvey Sutton, III
5/3 - Elona Fromm; Harry Schwenk
5/4 - Marvin Moyer
5/6 - Kenneth Heinbaugh; Elaine M. Moyer
Terry Tryon; Brenda Frankenstein
5/7 - Lisa Hollenbach; Christine Nagle
5/8 - Matthew Ball; Charles Hawk, Sr.;
Betty Heinbaugh
5/9 - Arlene Moyer; Kristin Strausser
5/10 - Donald Hand
5/15 - Gregory Phillips II; Pegi Staller
5/16 - David Reidler; Kohlby Rollman
5/20 - Edward Hossler, III
5/22 - Eileen Heffleger
5/23 - John Weegar
5/24 - Sheila Tryon
5/26 - Jason Honicker; Bernadette Trostle
5/27 - Charles Hawk, Jr; Kolton Platt;
Thaddeus Schantzenbach;
5/28 - Harry Lord
5/29 - Carly Mullins
5/30 - Betty Freeman
5/31 - Charity Staller



Happy June Birthday To:

6/1 - Barbara Weller
6/2 - Victoria Lord
6/4 - Bonnie Beck; Rebecca Mairose,
6/7 - Richard Thomas; Brittney Tokarick
6/10 - Stacey Lehman-Tenuto
6/12 - Kathy Robinson
6/14 - Troy Hollenbach
6/16 - Brian Ferrence
6/17 - Logan Rollman
6/20 - David Brooker
6/21 - Thelma Brensinger; Jyllina Neidlinger Cynthia Reber
6/23 - April Carroll
6/25 - Michelle Bachman; Alayna Skripko
6/26 - Beth Cleary
6/28 - Kurt Sinclair
6/30 - Annie Ferrence; Abigail Minrod;
Matthew Middleton

Church Calendar for May 2024

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28 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	29 10am Prayer Shawl	30	1 7pm Council Meeting	2 6pm Bell Choir	3	4 5pm Worship Service
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16 9am Worship Service	17 10am Prayer Shawl	18	19 7pm Property	20	21	22
23 9am Worship Service	24 10am Prayer Shawl	25	26	27	28	29
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Lectionary Calendar for May 2024

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			1 Psalm 80 Isaiah 65:17-25 John 14:18-31	2 Psalm 98 Isaiah 49:5-6 Acts 10:1-34	3 Psalm 98 Isaiah 42:5-9 Acts 10:34-43	4 Psalm 98 Deuteronomy 32:44-47 Mark 10:42-45
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter	6 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 7:1-11 1 Timothy 6:11-12	7 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 11:1-17 1 Timothy 6:13-16	8 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 11:18-21 Mark 16:19-20	9 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 <i>or</i> Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	10 Psalm 47 Exodus 24:15-18 Revelation 1:9-18	11 Psalm 47 Deuteronomy 34:1-7 John 16:4-11
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter	13 Psalm 115 Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-11	14 Psalm 115 Numbers 8:5-22 Titus 1:1-9	15 Psalm 115 Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24	16 Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 2:4b-7 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	17 Psalm 33:12-22 Job 37:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:50-57	18 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 15:6-11 John 7:37-39
19 Day of Pentecost	20 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 12:4-11	21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Genesis 11:1-9 1 Corinthians 12:12-27	22 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 20:19-23	23 Psalm 29 Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20 Romans 8:1-8	24 Psalm 29 Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 8:9-11	25 Psalm 29 Isaiah 5:15-24 John 15:18-20, 26-27
26 Holy Trinity	27 Psalm 45:6-17 Hosea 3:1-5 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:11	28 Psalm 45:6-17 Hosea 14:1-9 2 Corinthians 11:1-15	29 Psalm 45:6-17 Isaiah 62:1-5 John 3:22-36	30 Psalm 81:1-10 Exodus 31:12-18 Acts 25:1-12	31 Psalm 81:1-10 Leviticus 23:1-8 Romans 8:31-39	

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9 Third Sunday after Pentecost	10 Psalm 74 1 Samuel 16:14-23 Revelation 20:1-6	11 Psalm 74 1 Kings 18:17-40 Revelation 20:7-15	12 Psalm 74 Isaiah 26:16—27:1 Luke 11:14-28	13 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Genesis 3:14-24 Hebrews 2:5-9	14 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 1 Kings 10:26—11:8 Hebrews 11:4-7	15 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark 4:1-20
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	17 Psalm 52 Ezekiel 31:1-12 Galatians 6:11-18	18 Psalm 52 Psalm 53 Jeremiah 21:11-14 Revelation 21:22—22:5	19 Psalm 52 Jeremiah 22:1-9 Luke 6:43-45	20 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:1-20 Acts 20:1-16	21 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:21—30:15 Acts 21:1-16	22 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 37:1-13 Luke 21:25-28
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	24 Psalm 65 Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38	25 Psalm 65 Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44	26 Psalm 65 Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52	27 Psalm 30 Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16	28 Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7	29 Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost						

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History
By Harry Schwenk

With this time of the year being the season for plowing, I have decided to share part of a newspaper article titled "Summer Hill Women Set Aside Soil in God's Acres." This event occurred after the old church burned on December 13, 1958, to raise money for the building of our new church.

The teachings of Jesus abound with reference to the economic life of His day. Plowing, sowing, weeding, threshing, grinding, baking, and serving meals furnish the materials of His parables. The food we need to sustain our bodies does not roll from God's assembly line, while we stand by with nothing to do but gaze in wonder.

God has created the good earth. He sends the sun and the rain and out of the ground, He brings every tree and plant that is pleasant for sight and food, but man is God's partner entrusted with the stewardship of the soil, the plowing, the planting, weeding, cultivating, and controlling disease. He entrusts to man. God gives the increase.

The Lutheran Women of St. Paul's Summer Hill Church, with their husbands and children, are setting aside acres of the good earth as God's Acres, on the Gus Kreager and George Fessler farms.

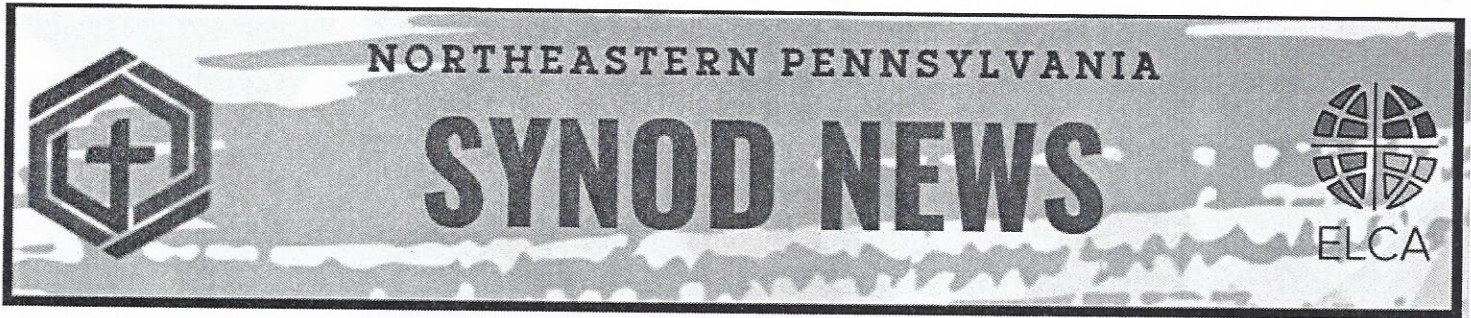
God's Acres offers an opportunity under a well-planned program, prayerfully guided and well managed with an objective that challenges all ages to use their time and talents, and enables those who are unable to give a worthy contribution to their church to give labors of their hands to the raising of food and selling it with proceeds going towards the building fund of a new Lutheran church and parish school.

The planning committee for this project is Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kreager, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Fessler, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heinbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Staller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reber, David Moyer and Robert Emerich.

The Lutheran members of St. Paul's will be working on God's Acres with the Lord's blessing with help to build the Lord's House of Worship.

The Olin Mathleson Fertilizer and Asgro seed corn have been donated by friends.

Since I had not yet been born during this time period, I only know about God's Acres from what I have read and also over the years hearing about this worthwhile project from talking with Ken Heinbaugh and the late June Boyer. From what I have heard, a lot of our members participated in this hard work, and it was a very successful project in helping to finance our building fund. I am sure if you would like to know more about God's Acres, just speak to any of our members who would have been here at St. Paul's at that time in our church history.



WE ARE CHURCH TOGETHER

2024



TOP STORY

STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

Experiments in Ministry

A story from the Central States Synod

As you read this story, what connects with you? What experiments are occurring in your synod and congregation?

How often have you heard folks in congregations lament that they just don't have the resources or learning opportunities they need to be strong leaders and vital congregations? The Central States Synod wondered how it could help address those needs and make access easy. That led to the beginning of the Ministry Lab. The synod envisions the lab as a place to ask questions, learn, work with different "tools" or resources, and experiment to see what works. A lab is not just a depository for resources; it's an active place where one can gather and engage with others.

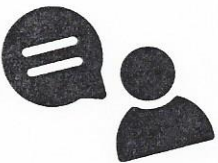
When visiting congregations, attending conferences or meeting partners, staff and leaders in the Central States Synod diligently listen to folks to identify common needs and areas of growth so that they can equip and support ministry. The goal of the Ministry Lab is to provide *"resources and tools so that we may live out God's purpose, united with Christ, as we walk the way of Jesus."*

Ministry Lab

The lab has three areas of focus: *good order*, meaning leadership, policies, building use, stewardship and meeting protocol; *means of grace*, including biblical interpretation, worship, communication and welcoming; and *living faith*, such as community engagement, social statements, collaboration and technology. Since the Ministry Lab began in fall 2023, it has offered opportunities focused on Scripture interpretation, ideas for worship and preaching during Advent, and leadership development. People learn through active engagement, not passive observation, so the Learning Lab is always lively. Some opportunities are "one and done" whereas others consist of multiple sessions.

Moving forward, the Ministry Lab is excited to offer an open conversation with the Rev. Susan Candea, bishop of the Central States Synod, about the upcoming ELCA social statement *Civic Life and Faith*, a Collaboration Lab in May and a Communications Lab in the fall. Anyone anywhere can check out and learn from the Central States Synod Ministry Lab. [See what's available now!](#)

Remember that a portion of offerings given to Central States congregations becomes Mission Support for the synod and allows staff and leaders to address congregations' needs and interests through the Ministry Lab, today and into the future.





BEAR CREEK CAMP

Join us for May Play Day
and Family Work Day

Join us for an open house day at BCC, Saturday, **May 4th from 11am-3pm!** Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, craft, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is available to all and there is no cost.

MAY PLAY DAY & WORK DAY
Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am - Work Day Begins
11:00 am - May Play Day Begins
 Rec hall open (foosball, ping pong, etc.)
 Nature center open
 Hiking/exploring
 Main camp tour

12:00 pm - Free Lunch for All!

1:00 pm - Gathering in the Courtyard
 Q&A about BCC Summer Camp

1:00 - 3:00 pm - Activities Continued
 Guided hike on Lenape Trail
 Camp store open
 Rec hall open
 Boating

Prior to May Play Day, starting at 9:00am, everyone is invited to help with projects around camp as we prepare for summer. All skill levels are welcome and lunch is provided.

Registration for both May Play Day and Family Work Day is available at the link below. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.



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TOGETHER IN CHRIST

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