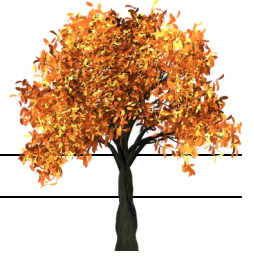


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Dear Friends in Christ,

For those of us who can remember our school days, recall for a moment that perennial first assignment upon returning to class in the fall: What I did on my summer vacation. I'd like to share what I did on my summer vacation this year, because I believe it has some relevance for our calling "to love the one in front of us."

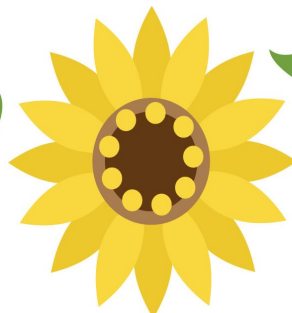
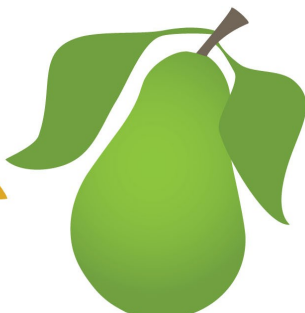
Having read with interest the recent article in *The Reading Eagle* about adult summer camps, I persuaded Barbara to accompany me to the Deerfield Health Retreat and Spa in the Poconos for a week of physical activity and relaxation. When I read the description of the place, I learned that there was a full schedule of hikes, aerobic classes, swimming, and even healthy cooking demonstrations and opportunities for group meditation. They had it all—in a nice, homey environment. One aspect, however, that I glossed over was the weight-loss element. When we arrived, we soon discovered that all the other guests were female—we were the only couple—and all had issues with excess poundage that they hoped to address. When we got to our room, Barbara turned to me and blurted out, "Carl, you brought me to a fat farm!" I was silent for a moment then broke out laughing. So, finally, did she.

While I can't speak for Barbara, for me at least the week was the most enjoyable, engaging and rewarding time away I've ever had. In this bucolic setting of mid-twentieth century America, we met an eclectic group of never more than twelve individuals eating and hiking and exercising and playing Saturday night bingo together in what could only be described as a family reality TV series.

With all the dynamics and dysfunctions of a real family, we very rapidly developed enough rapport to call one another out with very little inhibition. When everyone told what they did for a living and I confessed that I was a Lutheran pastor, the recently divorced, Jewish, Woody Allen type from Manhattan told me he was an atheist but then said that he wanted to speak with me in my role as a spiritual counselor. Go figure. A Park Avenue grand dame who wintered in Palm Beach spoke to me about problems she had relating to her son and his family. A mildly retarded young woman in her twenties needed my support, literally, when she fell out of her lounge chair by the pool and couldn't get up. Even the cook took me aside to share with me the continuing grief she felt as a result of her husband's tragic death in a hit-and-run-accident.

All these happenings brought to mind Jesus' experience with the crowds that kept trying to get close to Him for more of the food He'd miraculously given them in the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. Jesus kept trying to get away from the crowd to have quality time alone with His heavenly Father just as I had come to the Poconos to have an opportunity to recharge my batteries and leave my pastoral duties behind. But God had other plans for me just as He does for you. As fellow laborers in God's vineyard, we soon learn that we just don't turn on and off the opportunities to witness to our faith as if we worked a nine-to-five job. Blessings can abound in any and all circumstances as we allow the Holy Spirit to live Christ's life in and through us.

Your pastor and friend,
Carl W. Filer



WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

September worship services 9:00 AM:

September 05 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
September 12 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost.
September 19 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost, Communion service.
September 26 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

The last Worship and Music Meeting was held on August 26 at 7:00 PM.
September's meeting date to be determined.

Choir and Bell Choir will resume rehearsals.

September 9 at 7:00 for Choir

and

September 13 at 7:00 for Bell Choir.

WELCOME
BACK, CHOIR 

Worship Attendance



6/27	27
7/04	27
7/11	25
7/18	32
7/25	30
8/01	21
8/08	35
8/15	31
8/22	27

ROCKING HORSE PRESCHOOL

Submitted by Mrs. Woods and Ms. Wentzel



We have many fun activities and themes planned for this year and hope that our students and families enjoy their experience here at Rocking Horse.

We hope everyone had a great summer!!

We are excited to kick off the new school year!



Welcome to
Preschool







Here's to a great 2021-2022 school year!

Our classes are currently at 14 students for the AM group and 16 for our PM group.



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7:30 PM NA Group Meeting		8:30 PM AA Meeting
5 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	6 	7	8	9 9:30 AM Pastoral Care Team 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	10	11 11 AM-4 PM Hall rented 8:30 PM AA Meeting
12 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship	13 1:00 PM WELCA 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	17 2:00 PM Food Pantry Delivery	18 9:00 AM Food Pantry Distribution 8:30 PM AA Meeting
19 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship/Holy Communion	20 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21	22 	23 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM NA Group Meeting	24	25 8:30 PM AA Meeting
26 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 AM Worship	27 Sandwich sale orders due 7:00 PM NO Bell Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal		


 For up to date calendar information, visit our website, www.lcht.org and click on the on Calendar tab 



SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

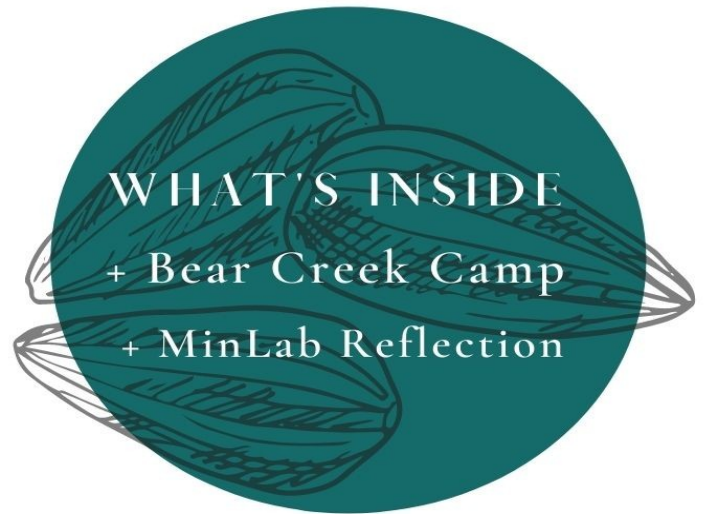
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AN INCREDIBLE RETURN TO THE WOODS AT THE END OF THE RED DIRT ROAD

BY COLLIN GROOMS

No one would have asked to have a summer of youth camp canceled because of COVID, but certainly, as with any challenge, it is good when the positives of a situation can be found. Having a summer away from the routines of camp as it has “always been” gave Bear Creek Camp an opportunity to truly look at creating the camp experiences that campers and staff need right now.

In a world where we’ve been separated from our friends and families, taking the time to build a small, intentional community was most essential. This summer, each quest group crafted their own experience as they creatively planned their week’s activities. For some that meant nature hikes into the depths of our woods or discovering every swimming location. For others that meant time on the high ropes course or writing new songs to be sung at bonfires.



Continuing Promises

For every group that meant finding unique ways to explore their faith through daily bible study and worship experiences. Camp has an enduring quality of being the place where campers can find whatever they are needing in the moment. Faith can be discovered and strengthened. Lifelong friends can be made. Personal discovery happens constantly as we're taken away from our comfort zones and shown a newly revealed world.

Summer 2021 was an incredible return to the woods at the end of the red dirt road. We are so deeply grateful for our entire community that supported us in reaching this new beginning.



GROWING TOGETHER IN NEPSYNOD: MINLAB

On August 14, 2021 people from all over the NEPSynod gathered at the Lutheran Center to share ministry, ideas, and God's love with one another. Individuals who participated in MinLab were able to work together to build relationships with one another and the ministries of the other through authentic engagement, conversation, and questions. *The relationships we build at synod assemblies, special events, and through mutual collaboration are paramount to our work as Church.*

At MinLab, participants learned more about Growing Young and elements that are present in ministries that are actively "growing young." Participants also learned that congregational and organizational ministry is at the center of our work as a synod. *The synod is not a top-down organization, but instead, a collaboration of people working together to serve God's people.* Leaders in our synod, both lay and ordained, can't wait to see where the Spirit will lead us next.

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Altar Flowers

05 - Leon & Donna Degler
12 - Sue Reiber
19 - Helen Stoudt
26 -

Bulletins

05 -
12 - Sue Reiber
19 - Donald Kauffman
26 -

See the bulletin board to sign up to sponsor the weekly bulletins, and the altar flowers.

Ushers

05 - Vicki Fetterman, Helen Stoudt, Dennis Biehl
12 - Mike Lowery, Renee Lenning, Linda Roshong
19 - Mike Lowery, Sue Reiber, Dennis Biehl
26 - Helen Stoudt, Diana Biehl, Linda Roshong

Nursery

no attendant but room will be open

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

JOIN US ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AS WE RESUME OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

We are continuing to collect Redner's register tapes.

If you can't drop your tapes off at the church or Janet Kleffel's home, please contact Janet.

Redner's Warehouse Markets gives 1% of purchases back to the Women of the ELCA. This one percent can really add up! And the monies go to good things like the Mission Trip, VFW, Berk's Women in Crisis, just to name a few.

In order for Redner's to count the receipt (a.k.a. - register tape), it has to be the ENTIRE receipt, and it has to have a "save-a-tape" number on it.

Use your pump perks card or save-a-tape card at the checkout. Then, just drop the ENTIRE receipt in the box at the ushers station in the narthex.

DO NOT cut the bottom off. We only get credit for COMPLETE tapes! Also, please be sure to turn your tapes in in a timely manner, as Redner's will not accept any over three years old. Your help is so appreciated. If you have any questions, please see Janet Kleffel.

Veterans Making a Difference is an ongoing project through WELCA and Pastoral Care. There is a box in the narthex for collecting needed items for the veterans. Items will be delivered as they accumulate. Requests include personal care items, laundry detergent, large size winter coats, boxer shorts, white socks, large size flannel night pants, Crest toothpaste and Old Spice deodorant.

We received an updated list of current needs for the veterans!

The list is as follows-

Toilet paper, Paper towels, Laundry detergent, Liquid body soap, Dish soap



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our church continues to be the distribution site for the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry. It is a monthly distribution done on the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. There is an income guideline and a registration form to fill out, giving us your name and address as well as the number of family members in your household.

Also, there are brochures and information available on heating assistance, ways to conserve energy and general concerns of limited income families. Please contact the church for further information.

We continue to use a drive through service. Pre packaged boxes come from Helping Harvest . We also pack other donated items into boxes to supplement the Helping Harvest box.

There continues to be a need for canned fruits and vegetables as we are steadily serving many local families every month.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards continue to be available for Redner's and Weis. Giant gift cards are available upon request. All cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations.

Cards can be purchased after church on Sunday mornings from Phyllis Heffner. If Phyllis is not in attendance she can be reached at 610-926-1004.

Please leave a message with your request and she will make arrangements to deliver your cards.



NOTES ABOUT OUR FOLKS

PRAYERS:

- * Pauline Bond at Maidencreek Place.
- * Cynthia Leutze at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.
- * Delores Seaman at Rittenhouse Village.
- * Shirley Weist at Columbia Cottage.
- * Carole Imgrund in Elizabethtown.
- * Audrey DeLong at her home in Leesport.
- * Richard Reiber at the Highlands.
- * To all the frontline workers continuing the fight against Covid19.
- * To all our servicemen, servicewomen and first responders at home & abroad.
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * To all the peacekeepers and journalists in places of conflict.



CONDOLENCES TO:

- The family of Christine Fennessey.

THANKS TO:

- * Our mowers Dennis Biehl, Kenny Frankhouser and Dan DeAntonio.
- * Ron & Judy Corl and all our other volunteers who help with the SV Food Pantry.
- * Everyone who has, and continues to, support the Gift Card program.
- * Those who save Redner's tapes. (*Remember to use your save-a-tape card.*)
- * To all the leaders of our church, the nation and the world.
- * Health care workers and scientists who continue the fight against COVID 19 and its variants.



SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

03 - Donald Mengel
04 - Matthew Franklin
07 - Kent Riegel
 Kevin Lenning
08 - Dan DeAntonio
 Silas DeAntonio
10 - Leon Degler
15- Jean Stoudt
 Maxx Franklin
 Charlotte Schwendeman
 Henry Schwendeman

17 - Lollie Seaman
18 - Raymond Reichard
19 - Lorna Oswalt
 Tara Stoudt
21 - Heather Griffin
25 - Dominic Lombardo
28 - Neil Oswalt



Anniversaries:

08 - Daniel & Ashley Savage
09 - Oliver & Yvonne Graeff
18 - Roy & Lorna Oswalt
 Tom & Phyllis Heffner
28 - Damien & Ashley DeAntonio



About The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity

Our Mission:

"The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a worshipping, community of faith in Christ Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit to reach out and serve all people with God's love."

Everyone is always welcome at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Pastor Fox at her office number or home phone.

About The Herald:

The Holy Trinity Herald is a newsletter distributed by the beginning of each month, except August. Articles can be submitted to the church office or e-mailed (preferred) to the secretary.

Deadline for article submission is the 15th of each month.

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