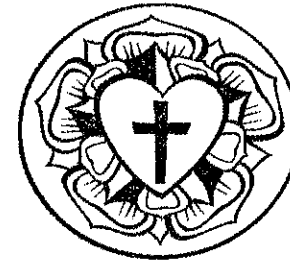




The following have donated gifts to the memorial fund in memory of Warren "Skip" Baker, Sr.

Donald and Elizabeth Hand	\$25.00
Beverly Trumbo	\$50.00
Faye Williams	\$50.00
Nicholas and Julie Wisner	\$25.00

J & M Miller has donated a gift in the amount of \$45.00 to the Youth Group in memory of Georgia Sandler



# The Epistle of St. Paul's

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We celebrate with these graduates and their families as they complete this milestone of their lives. Our prayers are with them as they look to the future.

**EMILY SCHWENK** – graduating from North Penn High School, Lansdale. She will attend college to study for education and Biology or Psychology.

**CHRISTINA DURICK** - graduating from West Virginia University with a Master of Arts in Secondary Education and Certification program for Language German. She will be a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of Word Language and Linguistics at West Virginia University, teaching German.

**SHAUN SCHAEFFER** – graduated from University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in mechanical engineering. He is employed at Johnson and Johnson in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Presently our worship services on Saturday evening at 5 pm and Sunday morning at 9 am are on a reservation basis to maintain proper social distancing. Masks are required. The worship service is shorten to limit the time people are gathered together. Holy Communion is suspended but will resume once we are well into the green phase.



In 2019 the congregations of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod contributed a total of \$1,878,460.12 to undesignated Mission Support. Of this total amount, \$995,583.86 (53%) stayed in the Synod and \$882,876.26 (47%) was sent on to the ELCA to support various ministries.

This means that 53 cents of every dollar of Mission Support from your congregation supported the Strategic Directions below for mission and ministry right here in the Synod.

- *Deepening our spiritual lives and our relationships with God*
- *Renewing our passion for sharing the good news*
- *Enhancing the connections among people and communities*
- *Strengthening ministries to Youth, Young Adults and Families*
- *Working on all four goals above with financial support to our ministry partners*

Thank for your 2020 Mission Support Commitment.

Find out more about what your generous offerings to Mission Support do at the Synod's website:

<http://nepasynod.org/resources/menu/stewardship/mission-support/>

Dear Folks,

It's been a while since we produced a newsletter. As we watched the corona virus spread from state to state and county to county within Pennsylvania, it became apparent we would have to close our doors to our regular activities and events. We moved from one monthly newsletter to a weekly mailing including an order of service for our livestream. With the help of Eva Waldman, Matthew Hayes, and a very large ladder to hold my phone, we began a low tech experiment to continue worship services. I'm happy to say we didn't miss a Sunday service (although one did start out sideways)! I am grateful for their continuing commitment to provide a meaningful yet safe environment for worship as well as to our secretary Linda Angstadt who went from producing one mailing a month to one a week!

The stay-at-home orders demanded us to rethink how we do church together. I admit at times the learning curves were mind boggling as we recreated ministry to fit pandemic times, but I'm grateful to everyone who went along with this wild ride.

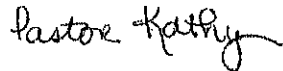
The pandemic did present new opportunities to reach those in need. Josh Mairose asked if we could sew masks for JeffHOPE. (See his article elsewhere in this newsletter.) Thank you to our sewers who not only made masks for JeffHOPE but also for Lutheran World Relief. Our talented ladies include Barbara Weller, Beverly Trumbo, Diannah Swiger, an anonymous friend of the congregation, along with myself. We sewed close to 500 masks! The Spirit does move in wonderful ways!!

From a drive-by Easter Egg Hunt for our children to Zoom meetings for our Church Council and committees, we have discovered new ways of doing ministry together. We continue to support the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry as well as the Pottsville Soup Kitchen. The local annual Ingathering of LWR quilts and parish kits went off without a hitch. We sent 72 quilts, 93 personal care kits, 180 school bags, and 9 baby kits. Thank you to everyone who supported this ministry!

Our virtual VBS is another reimagined ministry of providing faith formation for our families. With at home lesson packets provided, a zoom meeting with the children at "North Castle," and other links to videos, we continue to engage our children to learn about God's great love for us.

Through these last few months, there are 2 things of which I have been absolutely reassured. 1. God's love, grace, and mercy is always with us, even in times of pandemic! 2. We are church together, no matter what! Thanks for your part of being church together!!

Serving in the name of Christ,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner  
Pastor

### Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Leonard & Yvonne Szpara, 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, Carol Glaser, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Chrissy Kull, Stella Lavenburg, Matthew Flashner, Connie Klinger, 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 Weinius, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger

**Note:** This is the prayers list from the last bulletin printed in March. If anyone should be removed or added, please leave the church office know. Thank you, Linda

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

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The deadline for items for the September newsletter is **August 15th.**

Thank you to everyone that helped sew masks for Jefferson Medical College's student clinic, JeffHOPE! The masks were delivered to 4 different homeless shelters in Philadelphia where they were distributed to male, female, and child residents. JeffHOPE's mask-making program was able to provide 900 total masks, of which this Congregation's contributions were a significant part. If you would like to continue supporting these particular shelters or JeffHOPE, each organization's website is listed below. Thank you!

Our Brother's Place (Bethesda Project) – Long-Term Men's Shelter

<https://www.bethesdaproject.org/coronavirus>

Eliza Shirley House (The Salvation Army) – Long-Term Women and Children's Shelter

<https://pa.salvationarmy.org/greater-philadelphia/ElizaShirleyHouse>

Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission – Short-Term Men's Shelter

<https://sundaybreakfast.org/>

ACTS Christian Transitional Services – Short-Term Women and Children's Shelter

<https://www.actsservices.org/>

JeffHOPE – Student-Run Clinic at Thomas Jefferson University/SKMC

<https://www.jefferson.edu/university/skmc/departments/family-medicine/community-global-medicine/jeffhope.html>



## KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE VBS

Due to COVID 19 our Knight of North Castle VBS became an At Home VBS this summer. Prior to the start of the virtual VBS, supply bags were prepared and picked up by families. The virtual VBS was held for five

Mondays at 7:00 led by Armorer Pastor Kathy and Sparky the Dragon (Grace Bright). While at Knights of North Castle, knights (children) were on a quest in search of the King's Armor. The quest took place in a castle surrounded by snow and ice. On the quest, knights searched for Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation. Following the virtual session, children could then during the week read the Bible lesson, do activity pages, listen to Knights of North Castle music, make a craft and prepare a snack with supplies in the supply bag.

A huge thank you to all who helped make this VBS possible; Pastor Kathy, Bright family for background scenery, Tabatha Vega for the science experiments, Thrivent for seed money to purchase supplies, Cokesbury for providing ideas for an At Home VBS and a big shout out to the parents and grandparents for doing the At Home VBS with your child(ren).

Hopefully Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 13 at 9:15. Hope to see you there.



## Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.

Hopefully the virus is on the permanent down slide. I sure do miss coming to church. The service as now introduced to our congregation is very meaningful. Certainly not the same but if we keep in mind that the Lord always knows what is happening and knows what's in our hearts, we can be sure HE IS WITH US REGARDLESS OF HOW or where we congregate. This newsletter I am praising all who made this pandemic more bearable. All the time and effort put out says volumes to our congregation and ALL who had any part in making the broadcast possible. It is hard to imagine what needed to take place each Sunday for us to have a worship service. GOD BLESS ALL! A thank you to ALL.



Confirmation class will begin a new year on September 13<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Please call the church office if interested. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kathy.



# Lectionary Calendar for July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Psalm 119:161-168 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Matthew 11:20-24	<b>2</b> Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 1:1-6 Romans 7:1-6	<b>3</b> Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 2:6-13 Romans 7:7-20	<b>4</b> Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 4:1-7 Luke 10:21-24
<b>5</b> <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>6</b> Psalm 131 Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 Romans 1:18-25	<b>7</b> Psalm 131 Jeremiah 28:10-17 Romans 3:1-8	<b>8</b> Psalm 131 Jeremiah 13:1-11 John 13:1-17	<b>9</b> Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 48:1-5 Romans 2:12-16	<b>10</b> Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 48:6-11 Romans 15:14-21	<b>11</b> Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 52:1-6 John 12:44-50
<b>12</b> <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>13</b> Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	<b>14</b> Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17—5:2	<b>15</b> Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17	<b>16</b> Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9	<b>17</b> Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20	<b>18</b> Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20
<b>19</b> <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>20</b> Psalm 75 Nahum 1:1-13 Revelation 14:12-20	<b>21</b> Psalm 75 Zephaniah 3:1-13 Galatians 4:21—5:1	<b>22</b> Psalm 75 Daniel 12:1-13 Matthew 12:15-21	<b>23</b> Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:28-37 1 Corinthians 4:14-20	<b>25</b> Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:38-48 Acts 7:44-53	<b>25</b> Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 2:1-4 Matthew 12:38-42
<b>26</b> <b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>27</b> Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 3:16-28 James 3:13-18	<b>28</b> Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 4:29-34 Ephesians 6:10-18	<b>29</b> Psalm 119:121-128 Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 Mark 4:30-34	<b>30</b> Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Proverbs 10:1-5 Philippians 4:10-15	<b>31</b> Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 51:17-23 Romans 9:6-13	<b>1</b> Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 44:1-5 Matthew 7:7-11

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2 <b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	3 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15	4 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47	5 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39	6 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15	7 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28	8 Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4
9 <b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	10 Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 7:11—8:5 2 Peter 2:4-10	11 Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 19:1-29 Romans 9:14-29	12 Psalm 18:1-19 Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24 Matthew 8:23-27	13 Psalm 67 Isaiah 45:20-25 Revelation 15:1-4	14 Psalm 67 Isaiah 63:15-19 Acts 14:19-28	15 Psalm 67 Isaiah 56:1-5 Matthew 14:34-36
16 <b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	17 Psalm 87 2 Kings 5:1-14 Acts 15:1-21	18 Psalm 87 Isaiah 43:8-13 Romans 11:13-29	19 Psalm 87 Isaiah 66:18-23 Matthew 8:1-13	20 Psalm 138 Ezekiel 28:11-19 1 Corinthians 6:1-11	21 Psalm 138 Ezekiel 31:15-18 2 Corinthians 10:12-18	22 Psalm 138 Ezekiel 36:33-38 Matthew 16:5-12
23 <b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	24 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 1 Samuel 7:3-13 Romans 2:1-11	25 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39 Romans 11:33-36	26 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 Isaiah 28:14-22 Matthew 26:6-13	27 Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 14:13-18 Ephesians 5:1-6	28 Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 15:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12	29 Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 15:10-14 Matthew 8:14-17
30 <b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	31 Psalm 17 2 Samuel 11:2-26 Revelation 3:1-6					



## Happy July Birthday To:

7/1 - Cheryl Thomas  
7/2 - Donald Paxson, Sr.;  
Tyler Schweigert  
7/3 - Milton Sholl; Kate Thomas  
7/4 - Isaiah Arnett, Olivia Reber  
7/6 - Cindy Brown  
7/7 - Devin Carroll; Rita Lehman  
7/8 - Alex Mullins  
7/9 - Elaine Paxson; Joyce Zeledonis  
7/10 - Taylor Fidler  
7/11 - Ella Bubeck; Meghan Hall  
7/12 - Jill Gordon  
7/14 - Randy Fessler; Hannah Lea Krammes  
7/17 - Brian Krammes; Laura Llewellyn; Jennie Raudenbush  
7/18 - Julie Wisner  
7/19 - Harrison Ciavarella; Sydnie Harig; Aiden Platt  
7/20 - Tessa Benedict  
7/22 - Lori Fidler; Shawn Frankenstein; Gregory Sholl;  
Corey Staller; Lisa Sweigert; Ian Tokarick  
7/23 - Emily Gordon  
7/26 - Teresa Chappell  
7/27 - Thomas Bright  
7/28 - Russell Fidler  
7/29 - Jacquelyn Albert; Heather Geiger;  
Cecelia Reber; Bonnie Bernat  
7/30 - Dustin Honicker; Tyler Reber; Kaleen Zerbe;  
Annabell Hossler



## Happy August Birthday To:

8/1 - Alan Fessler; Suzanne Russell; Lisa Wisner  
8/2 - Bruce Bailey; Blair Freeman; Diane Kimmel;  
Thomas Shearn, Jr.  
8/4 - Alexander Deal; Jeremy Swiger;  
Nicholas Wisner  
8/5 - Trisha Krause; Jay Riegel, Jr  
8/6 - Paul Fabian; Aletha Heinbaugh  
8/8 - Zachary Reber; Lisa White  
8/9 - Dorothy Moyer; Matthew Troxell; Greyson Woll  
8/10 - John Edwards  
8/11 - Evan Wisner  
8/12 - Jack Schwenk  
8/14 - Kenneth Dowell; Ashley Roberts; Naomi Reber  
8/15 - Cory Buchanan; Lee Ann Llewellyn  
8/16 - Harry Ciavarella; Tony Sisko  
8/17 - Thomas Gordon; Emma Schweigert;  
Ashley Nespeca; Confey Maldonado, Jr.  
8/18 - Abree Reed  
8/20 - Joy Petrie  
8/21 - Carol Glaser; Tabatha Vega  
8/22 - Ryan Bailey; Suzanne Riegel  
8/23 - Christopher Tokarick; Alyvia Trostle  
8/24 - Frank Reber; Richard Reinert  
8/26 - Beverly Trumbo  
8/28 - Sharon Emerich; Laura Gordon; Jonathan Hummel  
8/29 - Elizabeth Thomas  
8/30 - Joan Axtt; Tracy Geiger; Brianna Leonard  
8/31 - Jarett Felty; Linda Angstadt

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History  
By Harry Schwenk

This month we will recognize the sixth Revolutionary War Veteran, who is buried in the Summer Hill Cemetery.

Johannes Dewald was born in Berks County on April 22, 1746. He was the son of Michael and Maria Barbara (Schmidt) Dewald. Michael was born on August 22, 1716 in Rheinland Pfalz, Germany. He arrived at the Port of Philadelphia on September 9, 1738 on the ship "Glasgow." Michael's parents, Abraham and Anna Catharina Dewald came to America in 1736, two years before Michael. In 1740, Michael married Maria Barbara Schmidt, the daughter of Hans Joerg and Brigita Schmidt. Maria Barbara was born on October 9, 1719 in Hohenstadt, Stuttgart, Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany. In their married years, Michael and Maria Barbara lived in Windsor Township, Berks County, where they raised their ten children. They are both buried at Zion's Church Cemetery, near the village of Windsor Castle, southeast of Hamburg.

Johannes Dewald, the subject of this article, was the third child and oldest son born to Michael and Maria Barbara. About the year 1770, Johannes married Catharina Reber, the daughter of Leonhardt and Anna Margaret (Klein) Reber. She was born on March 15, 1751 in Windsor Township, Berks County and was baptized on March 25, 1752 at Zion Moselem Lutheran Church at Moselem, Richmond Township, Berks County. Her sponsor was Tobias Wagner. Catharina was a sister of Johannes Reber, another Revolutionary War Veteran who is buried at Summer Hill.

Johannes Dewald served in the Revolutionary War with the Berks County, PA Militia. In 1777, he is listed as a Private in Captain Reiff's Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Co., 4<sup>th</sup> Class. Soon after this time, Johannes decided to see what was on the other side of the Blue Mountains (they could see the mountains from their home in Windsor Township.) The Dewald Family settled in the area near Summer Hill, where Johannes first appeared in 1780 on the tax list. Johannes Dewald's name appears on the March 7, 1782 list of the people who met at Nicholas Staller's farm to organize our church.

In the 1790 Census, Johannes is listed as having a family of three boys over 16, three boys under 16, and six females (including his wife.) He owned 240 acres of land and had three cows. Johannes Dewald was both a carpenter and a farmer. The original church had fallen out of repair and action was taken in 1804 to rebuild the church. The building masters were Heinrich Meyer and Johannes Dewald. The cost of the building was 142 pounds, 8 shillings, and 1 pence. At the dedication services on November 28, 1804, an offering of 25 pounds was received.

The family of Johannes and Catharina Dewald consisted of twelve children, with some of their baptisms in our church records. Henry married Catherine Heim, who passed away and then married Catherine Koch. John married Catherine Deibert. George married Catherine Traut. Catherine married Conrad Schwenk. Maria Barbara married Leonard Heim, the son of Mathias Heim, Rev. War Vet., from our article two months ago. Christina married John Deibert. John Adam married Eva Catharina Emerich. Elizabeth married Thomas Kremer. Jacob married Magdalena Linn. Anna Maria married Jacob Emerich. Abraham married Elizabeth Riehm. Susanna married Jacob Schweigert. Johannes Dewald passed away on April 12, 1816; and Catharina passed away on April 29, 1829.

For many years, the Dewald Family has had their annual family reunions in our church pavilion and picnic grove. There are several members of both Summer Hill Churches, who are descendants of Johannes and Catharina Dewald.