Psalm 23 – The Divine Shepherd

(Line-by-line meaning)

The Lord is my Shepherd, = **Relationship**
I shall not want; = **Supply**
He makes me lie down in green pastures. = **Rest**
He leads me beside still waters; = **Refreshment**
He restores my soul. = **Healing**
He leads me in paths of righteousness = **Guidance**
For his name's sake. = **Purpose**
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, = **Testing**
I fear no evil; = **Protection**
For you are with me; = **Faithfulness**
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. = **Discipline**
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; = **Hope**
You anoint my head with oil, = **Consecration**
My cup overflows. = **Abundance**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; = **Blessing**
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord = **Security**
Forever. = **Eternity**

September 2026 Newsletter

"On Wings Like Eagles"

…but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
They shall mount up with *wings like eagles,*
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31

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Our Purpose

(Our sense of what God is calling us to be and do in the mission of the Church)
God's purpose for our congregation is to be a Christ-centered community, glorifying God and sharing the gospel and blessings with our neighbors.

Sunday Mornings

Youth Sunday School is held at 10 am. Classes resume September 13, 2026.

Catechism Classes

Catechism Classes for youth in grades 7th and 8th grades is available.
Parents and P. Kaufman agree to a schedule that is compatible for all.

All are invited to join us for our worship/fellowship opportunities.

Contact Information

Pastor Michele Kaufman – Pastor Designate
Phone Number: 570-881-2371

If you have a pastoral need such as a request for a hospital visit, pastoral care need, or spiritual counseling, please contact Pastor Kaufman.

For other requests such as a baptism, funeral, or wedding, please contact the church office @ 570-788-2685. If necessary, please leave a message including your full name, phone number, the reason for your call, and the best time to contact you.

2026 Church Council Officers/Members

Don Wenner, Jr. - President
Vice-President – Vacant
June Diller - Secretary
Donna Cassarella - Assistant Secretary
Jennifer Cipriani - Treasurer
Sherry Grenzberg - Assistant Treasurer (not on Council)
Janet Brady
Jan Jacobus
Beverly Janso
Patty Phile
Betty Wenner
Donald Wenner, Sr.

Church Ministries – See Calendar for Scheduled Meetings/Events

Finance Team – Don Wenner Jr., Chairperson
Lay Eucharistic Ministry Team: Melody Hinderer, Judy Mundie
Learning Ministry Team: Donna Cassarella, Chairperson
Prayer Circle Ministry: Kim Deliman, Chairperson
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Janet Brady, Chairperson
Property Team: Jim Cassarella, Chairperson
S.E.R.V.E. Ministry: Melody Hinderer, Chairperson
Worship and Music Ministry Team: Janet Brady, Chairperson

We offer many opportunities for ministry. If interested, please contact the church office, a council member, or the chairperson(s) listed above.

“To everything there is a season: a time and purpose under heaven.”

What is time? The Oxford English Dictionary defines time as the indefinite continued progress of existence and events in the past, present, and future, regarded as a whole. Time is also identified by the English Study Page as “the thing that is measured as seconds, minutes, hours, days, years, etc.” Many of us have an unhealthy relationship with time; we waste it. We’re never on top of it, but we often wish it would speed up or slow down. Time can seem to be on our side today and then seemingly work against us tomorrow. With all we know about our love-hate relationship with time, it’s interesting to observe the importance of time in the Bible and how indispensable and essential it is when it comes to our spiritual growth and maturity.

Time, as a concept holds profound significance in the biblical narrative, serving as a framework within which God’s divine plan unfolds. The Bible presents time as both a creation of God and a medium through which He interacts with humanity From the creation account in Genesis to the prophetic visions in Revelation, time is depicted as a linear progression toward the fulfillment of God’s purposes Time is portrayed as a precious resource. The psalmist reflects on the brevity of life, urging us to use wisdom: “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12) The acknowledgment of life’s transience encourages believers to live purposely and according to God’s will..

One essential characteristic necessary is faith. Faith is only developed over time, and as we daily relinquish our lives and free will into the hands of our eternal Maker who operates at His own pace and on an unlimited timeline, we demonstrate true faith and confidence in Him. God wants to finish the work more than we can imagine, and He will: all in due time. Ecclesiastes 3:1 declares, “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens” underscoring that God ordains every moment with purpose. The significance of time in the Bible is multifaceted, serving as a reminder of God’s sovereignty, the importance of living wisely, and the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

President's Corner:

Hi St. John's and Friends,

We had a great semi-annual meeting; the following are minutes from the discussion.

- After congregation had read the 6261 handout, Don Wenner, Jr. explained Melody Hinderer, Jennifer Cipriani, and he attended the last two meetings of the six that are being held to explore 6261. Each meeting is held at a different church. These churches are within our community to join the 6261 ministry.
- Don, Melody, and Jennifer are now on the "exploration" team. Anyone can attend the next four meetings to become knowledgeable on 6261, but the exploration team is a small group of 22 members. The exploration team will work out details, get to know the other churches, and disseminate information to their congregations.
- After each of the 6 meetings, a list of concerns and/or questions is turned in by each exploration team. A Zoom call is then set up to discuss these concerns and have answers by the next meeting.
- Jim Cassarella asked how 2 pastors could take care of 6 churches. It was explained that the 2 pastors, 6 licensed-lay ministers, and 1 deacon will be able to lead a service and give communion. Giving a total of 9 leaders each week for the 6 churches. Also, a lay minister who can give communion in their church can be authorized by the Bishop to perform communion in another church, if necessary.
- Sylvia Wenner asked about a lay person being able to take communion to a home-bound person but not able to give communion at a service. What is the difference? It was explained that a lay person can not give communion in a church. They need to be a licensed lay minister to perform communion in a church.
- Many questions were asked, and the exploration team is aware of all these concerns and will get answers for the congregation.
    - Could we still use our temporary pastors?
    - Have our temporary pastors been asked about being part of our cluster?
    - Can we use episcopal pastors in our church?
    - Can we leave our Synod if we choose?
    - Who makes the final agreement (contract)? Exploration team makes suggestions. Cluster will take changes to the Bishop for final approval. Cluster will decide how long to make the contract (ex. 1-5 years).
    - Will monies spent for this agreement be the same as we are paying now for our pastors?
    - Allentown churches are already in a 6261. Can we talk to someone already in this program to get an idea of the pros/cons?
    - What happens if we don't join a 6261 cluster?
    - Will we be obligated to still give money to the Synod along with 6261?
        - Yes, every church still belongs to their respective SYNOD.
    - How do we move forward? Need finances for the past 2 years along with church history that Pastor Michelle is working on.
    - Can anyone become a licensed lay minister? There is educational training that takes about 2 yrs to complete.
- After each of the next 4 meeting Zoom call discussions, the exploration team will bring results back to the congregation the following Sunday after service.

I know a lot was discussed, and we had very few answers.

- **It is imperative** that everyone goes into this with an open mind and open to discussion.
- We still have 3 more meetings along with the Exploration Team meetings and talking out the direction we would like to take or not.

The congregation was advised that Setting 5 will be used September 13 to October 18, 2026, as decided by the Worship and Music Committee. The bulletin will outline the service.

Upcoming events;

- Sept 13th Sunday School begins. Ask children to help with the service.
- Sept 19th Hobo Party at Nadine's Lake.
- Oct 31st Sausage Supper. Discussed and agreed on to charge $15.00/dinner.

Gods speed.

Don Wenner Jr.,

Council President

Prayer For The Church

Almighty God,
My parish family is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, and filled with these same qualities.
Therefore, with the help of God - I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.
Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

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September Supply Pastor Schedule

6 – Rev. Melvin Mundie
13 – Rev. Virginia Heimer
20 – No Pastor
27 – No Pastor

Altar Flower Sponsors

In Loving Memory of Loved Ones by Phile Family
In Loving Memory of Grace, John & Harry Sharpe by Family
In Loving Memory of Loved Ones by Phile Family
In Honor of my Loving Family by Linda Snyder

September Bulletin Sponsor: By Sally Russo

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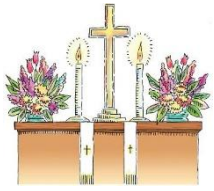
Altar Flower Sponsors



The Flower Chart is available in the St. Stephen's Room. Please write in "**Memory of /In Honor of" and who is sponsoring the flowers**. As a reminder, if you sponsor altar flowers, payment is due on the Sunday of your sponsorship. It is $25.00 per Sunday, and envelopes are available by the flower chart in the St. Stephen's Room. Please ensure that you include your name and the date you sponsored. Dates available are: Oct. 18 and Dec. 20.

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Bulletin Sponsors

You may sponsor our weekly church bulletins in Memory of or In Honor of someone special. The cost for one week is $10.00. Available Dates are listed, and forms are available in the St. Stephen's room. Please fill out the form along with your check payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and return it to our church secretary. **All weeks in 2027 are available.**

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Monthly Coffee Hour

The next coffee hour is on **September 6th** (after Service) to celebrate the September Birthdays, **which needs a sponsor**. If you are interested in sponsoring, please sign up in the St. Stephen's Room; otherwise, it will be cancelled.

Prayer Circle

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Psalm 56:3-4

Do you have a prayer request for yourself or someone else? Please contact Kim Deliman at 570-788-4459. Tell me if you would like the prayer request to be included in the bulletin and placed on the prayer circle list. Do you want to be contacted by Pastor Michele Kaufman? You may also call the Church office or sign the Prayer Request list located on the table in the St. Stephen's Room.

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September Birthdays, Baptisms, and Anniversary Celebrations

We publish these celebrations with permission and information given by our members. If your celebration is missing from our list, please call the church secretary with the information, and your information will be updated. Thank you!

1 – Clara Barrho
12 – Mary Ellen Sims
21 – Tami Horlacher
25 – Sherry Grenzberg

4 – Waylon Adams
6 – Landyn Thomas
16 – Elise Eveland
20 –Carson Kostyal
23 – John Cressman
29 – Clara Barrho

11 – Melody & Stephen Hinderer
13 – Donna & Jim Cassarella
26 – Kim & Joe Washko

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Valley Food Pantry

Fall is near! Items needed to keep the Valley Interfaith food pantry stocked are
Items needed are diced tomatoes, cereal, Jello, brownie mix, cake mix, coffee, and dish or laundry detergent. **Please make sure the items are within the expiration date.** No medications/vitamins, etc., are accepted. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you knit or crochet? We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for about 2 hours. If interested, call the church office at 570-788-2685.

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Sunday School begins September 13th @ 10 am

Bring your child/grandchild to our Sunday School Program where they can learn about God's love through interactive stories, songs, and activities.

We begin in the main worship service, and then they are released to go to their classroom following brief words from the pastor. We look forward to welcoming your child/grandchild to our fun and supportive learning environment. Please contact the church office for a registration form.

Baptism of

Theodore Bryant Barbush

On July 26th, St. John's celebrated the baptism of Theodore, the son of Brytnee Barbush. His Godparents are Stephanie Barbush and Brad Barbush. Please welcome our newest member by baptism and hope of the future.

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Hazleton Area Lutheran Churches Barn Party

On **September 13, 2026, from 4 to 7 pm**, the Hazleton Area Lutheran Churches will have a Barn Party at the **barn of Thomas & Geraldine (Gerri) Herron, 36 East Cherry Lane, Nescopeck,** just off Rt. 93(the Berwick-Hazleton Highway).

There will be a potluck dinner with several churches providing the barbecue, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish (if your last name begins with an A through M) or a dessert (names beginning N through Z). Beverages, plates, utensils, and paper products will also be provided. Reservations were taken by August 30th to attend.

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Cemetery Meeting

A cemetery Meeting will be held at St. John's UCC on September 22nd at 6:30 pm.

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Our congregation would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of

Linda Louise Wenner
Ian David Mundie

May the prayer below be a prayer of comfort and strength and
carry you all through the days ahead.
Our prayer to the family and all who loved them.

Father, we thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. Your word says that, even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. The loss of my loved one feels like a dark valley.
I ask that you lead me through this difficult time.
May I find the comfort I desire in you and the strength I need in your name.
May your presence be with me every hour of the day.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Organist/Choir Director Hired

We are pleased to announce David Cunfer has been hired as our new Organist/Choir Director. He comes to us with a wealth of musical experience and passion for enriching our worship services through music. Congratulations, David!

You all are invited to our annual

Hobo Party – Saturday, September 19th at 1 PM

@ Nadine Sauer's Lake

Our hosts: Bill and Marie Boyer

Please bring a canned vegetable for the soup, gloves, and your own drinks.

You will use your empty soup can to eat your soup and to protect your hands, we recommend gloves so you don't burn your hands.

Sandwiches will also be provided.

Come and join us in fellowship and good conversation!

Please sign up in the St. Stephen's Room if you plan on attending!

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

772 St. Johns Rd., Saint Johns (Drums), PA

SAUSAGE SUPPER

DRIVE-THRU "TAKE OUT" ONLY!

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Pick-up times: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Dinner - $15.00

Menu: sausage, pancakes, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, and dessert

For tickets: 570-956-6308 Don & Betty
570-582-7193 Jim
570-436-2168 Donna
570-788-2685 Church Office

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Harvest Home - Fall Tributes

Please use the following form for Fall Tributes for Harvest Home. Forms are due no later than **September 13th.** Please give to Janet Brady or mail it to the Church office.

FALL TRIBUTES

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY WITH MUMS FOR HARVEST HOME ON SEPTEMBER 20TH.

CARE TO DONATE?

In honor of (or) in memory of someone

Cost: $10.00 each

In Honor / In Memory (please circle one)

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Please give this form with payment to Janet Brady **no later than Sunday, September 13th**. If you wish to mail your sponsor form and payment to the church office (PO Box 2, Saint Johns, PA 18247). Additional forms are on the narthex table. Cash / or checks to: St. John's Lutheran Church.

6-2-6-1 Exploration

Several years ago, Deacon Kat Tigerman attended St. John's with the specific purpose of introducing the 6-2-6-1 concept to the congregation. More recently, we were approached again, this time at the invitation of the local Episcopalian congregations who are seriously contemplating a 6-2-6-1 configuration in our area. On July 23rd, about 50 people attended the first gathering of interested congregations at St. Paul's in Mountaintop. They represented 8 Lutheran/Episcopal congregations within a 15-mile radius of the Mountaintop area. Meetings were also held on August 6th at St. Martin's in the Field/Mt. Top and August 20th at St. Clement/ St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The purpose of these gatherings and future gatherings is to get to know one another; share our concerns; discuss matters of faith and mission. St. John's was represented, and we received positive feedback from those in attendance.

The next gathering is set for **Trinity Lutheran** in Hazleton on **Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.** These gatherings are open to all members, so if you weren't able to attend any others, there's no reason barring you from attending in the future, nor are you obligated to attend all the gatherings. But I believe it's important to take this opportunity to learn more and get to know these folks, their churches, and their ministries. Are there things we could be doing together? Can we share resources, primarily staff, and support each other's ministries? The question on everyone's mind following our meeting on the 23rd was: 'When is the seafood bake?"

Why are we revisiting this topic? We heard about the program in the early stages of its inception. There is a genuine interest amongst these congregations to bring this idea to fruition. If we don't explore the possibility, we may not have another opportunity presented. Is it not advantageous to be prudent than be left behind?

If you want to learn more about this program and what this could mean for St. John's, Pastor is more than happy to meet and discuss this further. All meetings are scheduled from 6 – 8 pm. Here are additional dates we have scheduled:

September 10 - Trinity Lutheran, Hazleton
September 24 - St. James Episcopal, Drifton
October 8 - St. Andrews Episcopal, Alden

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Mission Stewardship Event

The NEPA Women of the ELCA would like to invite you to a Fall Fun and Service Event on **September 19th at 8:30 am at Hope Lutheran Church located in Easton.** For more information, see the sign-up sheet in the St. Stephen's Room.

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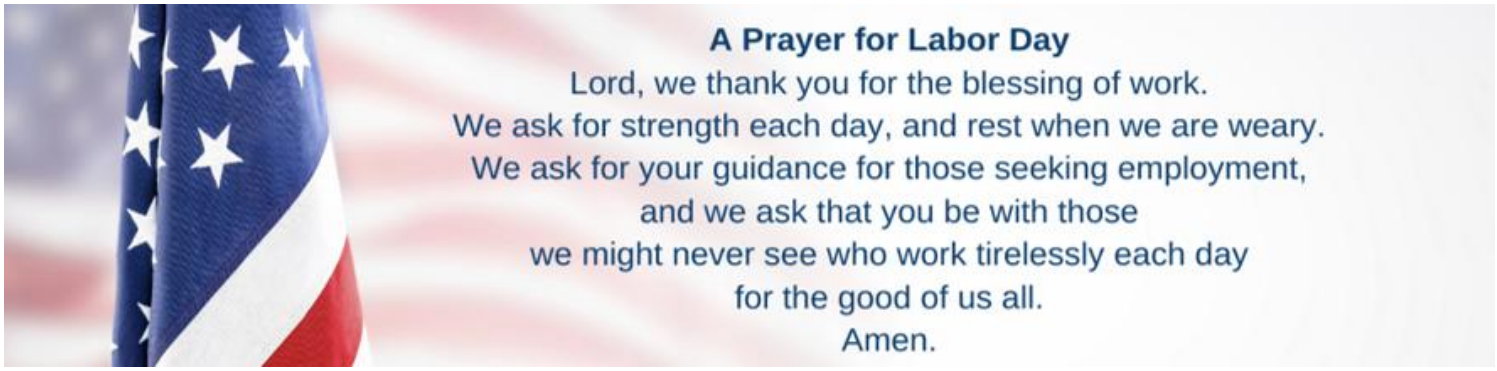

Annual Outdoor Service And Church Picnic

VBS 2026 - Theme -Rainforest Falls - Exploring the Nature of GOD Aug.

3rd - 7th VBS is a combined effort of our Lutheran Church and our neighboring UCC Church. It is nice that our churches can work together to create this program each year, for not only our churches but our entire community. Churches Represented: 6 Registrations: 30 (25 kids & 5 Student Helpers) Program Developing Coordinators: Kim Washko, June Diller, Stephanie Bennett, Donna Cassarella, Darlene VanHorn (UCC). Many informal meetings were held amongst the Team members to strategize & develop this year's VBS. Team Leaders & Helpers were recruited & a decorating schedule was established. Mission Project Leader: Kim Washko Helpers: All (Council approved to make this our church-wide Outreach Mission through August.) **Mission Project: Children in Beyond Violence Women's Shelter, in Berwick, PA. We received & delivered donations of clothing, toys, & backpacks filled with school supplies, etc. Monetary donations from VBS, which will be added to what will be collected from the church Congregation at the end of Aug.

Visit our website...www.sjlutheran.org (Fellowship and Service Opportunities) to see many more pictures.

2026 VBS Mission Project
Benefiting the children at
Beyond Violence Women's Shelter, Berwick, PA

Thank you to everyone who participated in donating daily necessities, stuffed animals, games, clothing, and school supplies to the children at the shelter!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Donated warm and cozy blankets to the shelter.

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Connections That Go Beyond Camp

Submitted by Stacey Burke, NEPA Synod Director of Communications and Bear Creek Camp Board Member

For generations, Bear Creek Camp has been a place where young people experience faith through community, creation, worship, play, and relationships. As a ministry supported by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod through Mission Support, the connection between Bear Creek Camp and the synod extends far beyond financial gifts.

Each summer, pastors and deacons from across the Northeastern & Southeastern Pennsylvania Synods are among those who become part of the camp community by serving as volunteer chaplains. This summer, the Rev. Liz Koerner from St. John Lutheran Church in Stroudsburg, PA and Bishop-Elect the Rev. Jennifer Dee each spent a week at Bear Creek Camp, offering support to campers and staff while experiencing the ministry of camp firsthand.

For Pastor Koerner, who has served as a Bear Creek chaplain three times, camp has long held a special place in her heart. "Through my years as a chaperone for Confirmation Camp at Calumet in New Hampshire, to working at a United Methodist camp during my summers in college, I have seen how an immersive experience in God's creation with loving counselors and inclusive environments can change the mind and heart of a child," she shared.

The role of a chaplain can look different each week. Chaplains may lead Bible studies, accompany campers on activities, provide pastoral care, support counselors, or simply offer another trusted presence within the camp community.

Bear Creek Camp Executive Director Collin Grooms sees that flexibility as one of the strengths of the program. "Every chaplain brings themselves to the role, which, like our summer staff and campers, is different for everyone," Collin said. "Each person adds to the overall tapestry of our camp community for the week by sharing their unique gifts, interests, and passions."

For Bishop-Elect Dee, serving as a chaplain offered the opportunity to return to a ministry that has been part of her own faith journey. She grew up attending camp and later served on summer staff at Camp Calumet in New England. "A chaplain spends a week at camp getting to know campers and staff and being a support to them both," she

explained. "They are an additional trusted adult to listen, laugh, learn, and connect."

Sometimes those connections happen in unexpected places. Bishop-Elect Dee recalled leading a Bible study from hammocks with a group of younger campers. As they ended their time together in prayer, voices began popping up from different hammocks as campers shared the things for which they were thankful.

Pastor Koerner experienced a similar moment during Family Camp while talking with a parent and their sons about trusting God, trusting themselves, and leaning on community during difficult times.

Camp ministry also has an impact on the clergy who serve. Pastor Koerner described a sense of God's presence at camp. "The Spirit is always moving, and God is always at work in ways we can't always know right away," she said. "But at camp it feels all encompassing and that at any moment joy and love and growth in faith can happen."

The relationship between Bear Creek Camp and the synod reaches beyond the camp property as well. During session five this summer, three Bear Creek Camp staff members traveled to Reading to serve alongside ministries including Café Esperanza, Refresh Berks, and Adventure Day Camp at Zion Spies Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Collin spent time at Café Esperanza, where he connected with the Rev. Rashon "Woody" Santiago and learned more about how another ministry supported by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod navigates that relationship. Bear Creek staff also brought camp into the community in a tangible way, taking archery equipment to Adventure Day Camp so its campers and staff could experience an activity normally associated with a week at Bear Creek.

These connections demonstrate how Mission Support can bring ministries together, allowing them to share resources, learn from one another, and discover new opportunities to serve. The chaplain program creates another bridge between Bear Creek Camp and congregations throughout the region. "Having chaplains from different churches across our two synods is impactful because they can provide a direct perspective of our shared ministry back to their community and congregation," Collin shared.

For families, seeing a familiar pastor or deacon at camp can provide an additional sense of connection and trust. The chaplain program also helps connect congregations more closely with the ministry they support. "It's an opportunity for first-hand connection with ministry realities and a chance to connect to where congregational donations are supporting ongoing ministry through gifts that support facilities projects and year-round operational needs," Collin said.

Through Mission Support, volunteer chaplains, shared resources, and relationships across ministries, Bear Creek Camp and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod continue to strengthen one another. What happens during a week at camp does not stay at camp. It travels home through campers, clergy, staff, families, and congregations, creating connections that continue long after summer ends.

Help Make Ministry Possible

Mission Support strengthens congregations, supports leaders, and helps new ministries take root across our synod and the wider church. Thank you for being part of this shared ministry. Learn more about Mission Support and how your congregation can support at **godslove.org/missionsupport**.

2 – Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am
4 - Church Office Summer Hours end
6 – Church @ 10 am; Coffee Hour
7 – Labor Day; Church Office Closed
10 – Church Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm; 6261 Meeting/Trinity Lutheran Hazleton from 6 – 8 pm
13 – Church & SS @ 10 am; God's Work, Our Hands; Hazleton Area Lutheran Churches Barn Party from 4 to 7 pm
14 – Scouts @ 6 pm/Luther Hall
15 – October Newsletter Deadline
16– Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; Fritzingertown Service @ 2:30 pm; Scouts Committee Meeting @ 7 pm
17 – Pastor Michele's Office Hours 10 am to 12 pm
19 – HOBO Party @ Nadine's Grove @ 1 pm
20 – Church & SS @ 10 am; Harvest Home
21 – Scouts @ 6 pm/Luther Hall
22 – Cemetery Meeting @ 6:30 pm/St. John's UCC
24 – Pastor Michele's Office Hours 10 am - 12 pm; S.E.R.V.E. Meeting @ 6:30 pm; 6261 Meeting/St. James Episcopal Drifton from 6 – 8 pm
27 – Church & SS @ 10 am
28 – Scouts @ 6 pm/Luther Hall

Hoagie Sale – St. John's UCC – Order by September 9th, pick-up on September 16th, 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Peach Social – Hazleton Trinity Lutheran Church – September 11th, 4 to 6 pm – **Take-out only** of Peaches & Ice Cream ($8), beef BBQ, pulled pork, ham & bean Soup, hot dogs, chili dogs. For more information, call Judy at 570-455-9089 or the Church Office at 570-454-3492 ext. 10

Valley Interfaith Council

Please follow the **Valley Interfaith Council on Facebook** if you haven't yet. It is an ecumenical group of member congregations in the Conyngham/Sugarloaf/Drums area that promotes unity. Posts include events happening with each congregation to help grow faith community involvement, along with providing support to the Valley Food Pantry. If you are already a follower of the Facebook page, invite your friends to follow too.

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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