

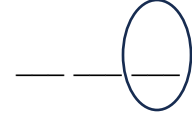


Food In the Bible

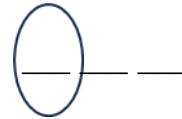
How much do you know about food in the Bible?

Answer the questions below. Then use the circled letters to solve the riddle at the bottom of the page.

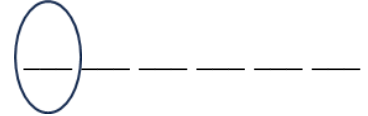
In a parable about prayer, Jesus said a loving father would not give his some a scorpion if he asked for this: (Luke 11:12)



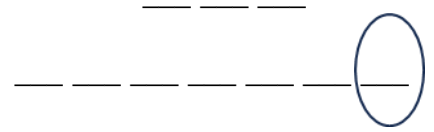
A widow had only a handful of flour and a little of this left to make bread, but God provided her when she shared her food with Elijah. (1 Kings 17:16)



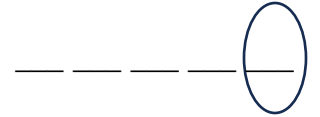
When a boy shared his lunch with Jesus, Jesus fed 5,000 people with it. The boy had two fish and 5 of these. (John 6:9)



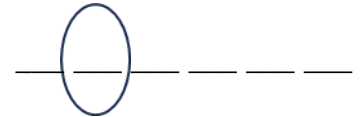
After Abigail's husband insulted David, she made peace with David by taking food to him and his men. How many cakes of figs did she take? (1 Samuel 25:18)



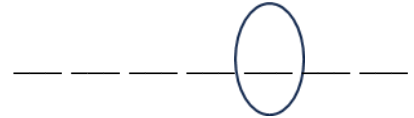
The ravens fed Elijah in the wilderness, bringing him meat, and this every morning and evening. (1 Kings 17:6)



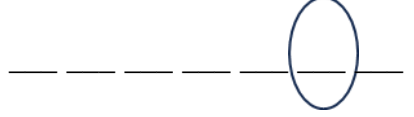
What did Solomon say that churning milk makes? (Proverbs 30:33)



Jesse sent David to the battlefield to see how his brothers were and to give their commander ten of these. (1 Samuel 17:18)



John the Baptist ate a strange diet of wild honey And these. (Matthew 3:4)



I went from being something that people wore, to being something that people worshipped, and finally became something that people were forced to drink - but you wouldn't have liked to drink me. I am:

(Hint: Exodus 32:1-8, 19-20)



September 2024 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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Pastor Designate: Reverend Michele Kaufman

Organist: Brenda Zimmerman

Church Secretary: Rose Fox

Phone: 570-788-2685

Office Hours: M-W 9 am to 1 pm; F – 9 am to 12 pm

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 will resume at a future date

Coffee Hour following Worship on the first Sunday of the month

Catechism Classes

Catechism Classes for youth in grades 6, 7, 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 P. 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.

2024 Church Council Officers/Members

Melody Hinderer - President

Donna Cassarella - Vice President

Jane Krouse - Secretary

Jan Jacobus - Assistant Secretary

Jennifer Cipriani - Treasurer

Sherry Grenzberg - Assistant Treasurer

Jim Cassarella

Patty Phile

Church Ministries – See Calendar for Scheduled Meetings/Events

Finance Team – TBA, Chairperson

Lay Eucharistic Ministry Team: Melody Hinderer, Judy Mundie

Learning Ministry Team: Kim Deliman, Chairperson

Lutheran Church Women (LCW): Mary Ellen Sims, President

Prayer Circle Ministry: Kim Deliman, Chairperson

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Peggy Hawk

Property Team: Jim Cassarella, Chairperson

S.E.R.V.E. Ministry: Donna Cassarella, Melody Hinderer, Co-Chairpersons

Worship and Music Ministry Team: TBA

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



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

From Pastor Michele Kaufman

Sometimes it flies, sometimes it crawls, but it always passes in inexorably. We mark it, save it, waste it, bide it, race against it. We measure it incessantly with a passion for precision that borders on the obsessive. We are obsessed with it; we never seem to have enough of it; and yet scientists don't even know how to explain it. When St. Augustine was asked to describe it, he said: "If no one asks me, I know what it is; but if any person should require me to tell him, I could not do it."

What am I talking about? I am talking about time. "What is time?" I guess Benjamin Franklin put it best when he said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time. For that is the stuff life is made of." In Psalm 118, the psalmist says, says, "This is the day..." But then he goes on to say that today is the day "the Lord has made." In other words, every moment of every second, and every second of every minute, and every minute of every hour, and every hour of every day is literally a gift from God.

"This is the day the Lord has made." This verse is not talking about yesterday. It is not talking about tomorrow. It is speaking of today. The only day you can really enjoy is today. You cannot enjoy yesterday, it's just a memory; you can't enjoy tomorrow, it's just a possibility; you can only enjoy today. What I'm trying to say to you is this: Whatever you really need to do, if at all possible do it today.. In a ballgame you can call time out, but there is no time out in the game of life; the clock is always running. You can't save time. Time only knows one direction, and that is forward. You cannot store time. You can put money in the bank, but you cannot put time in the bank. You cannot stretch time. There are not 61 minutes in an hour, nor are there 25 hours in a day. We must carefully invest our time in those things that will make us most productive.

Whether or not you enjoy today is up to you. This verse tells us that we need to remember that everyday is a God-given day; everyday is to be a God-governed day; and therefore everyday should be a God-gladdened day. When you spend everyday rejoicing in the Lord, in His goodness, in His grace, in His blessings, and just thanking Him for the day, it makes the day so much sweeter.

Highlights from the Church Council Meeting on July 11 & Aug 8, 2024

Attendance for July: P. Michele Kaufman , Melody Hinderer, Jan Jacobus, Jane Krouse, Patty Phile Excused: Sherry Grenzberg, Donna Cassarella, Jim Cassarella

Attendance for August: , Melody Hinderer, Jan Jacobus, Jane Krouse, Patty Phile, Sherry Grenzberg Excused: Donna Cassarella, Jim Cassarella

Treasurer's Report: Approved July and August bills.

Cemetery Treasurer's Report: Next Meeting October 21, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Council Minutes: Church Council Minutes of June 13, 2024 and July 11th, 2024 approved. Motion passed to present the Semi-Annual Congregation minutes for August 4th, 2024 at our annual congregation meeting on January 26, 2025 for approval.

Pastor's Report: Pastor will have office hours in our church on Thursdays from 9 – 12.

- May and June: 34.50 hours, 328 miles; July: 24.25 hours, 211 miles.
- Wedding on Sept 7th: Michele Wenner.
- Invitation will be sent to the Shuster family to attend our 225th Anniversary celebration.
- Dawn Morgan has moved to Providence Place permanently.

Worship Team: Chairperson needed.

- Head Usher responsibilities are going well, will continue in July.
- Sherry Grenzberg will be the Head Usher for August. Jim Cassarella will be the Head Usher for September.
- Supply Pastor Schedule for September:
 - Sept 1: Pastor Robert Reier
 - Sept 8: Pastor Melvin Mundie
 - Sept 15: Pastor Chip Fairchild
 - Sept 22: Pastor Chip Fairchild
 - Sept 29: Pastor John Hazel, Jr.
- Dave Cunfer will be our supply organist on Sept 15th and 29th.
- Harvest Home will be September 29th.
- Woody Zimmerman will be compensated for the recordings of our Sunday services.

SERVE Team: Donna Cassarella and Melody Hinderer – Co-Chairpersons

- Nursery renovations are still in progress.
- Future plans: putting our church literature in hotels, colleges, campgrounds, realtor offices, Chamber of Commerce welcome packets.
- Ice Cream Social July 20th at 2 pm. Enjoyed by all.
- Inside Yard Sale planned for August 24th. Please refer to the newsletter article for more information.
- Leilani Chesonis Concert will be held in our church on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 pm. Free will offering; light refreshments will be served
- Approved renewing Raffle license for a year.
- Next meeting, Thursday July 24, and August 22nd @ 6:30 pm.
- Divine Providence: Next meal we will be providing is Sept 21st. Thrivent Card was applied for to help with the costs.
- An insert will be given out to all who purchase sausage supper dinners which will help spread the awareness of our upcoming church activities.

Continuation of Highlights from the Church Council Meeting...

Learning Ministry Team: Kim Deliman – Chairperson

- VBS scheduled for July 29th – August 2nd. Theme: Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God.
- Volunteers needed for VBS.
- Registration forms will be given to the children who attend VBS for First Communion Instruction.
- We have four children that would be eligible to attend Sunday school in the fall. Possibility of adults taking turns; bring back the children's sermon.

Property Team: Jim Cassarella – Chairperson

- Speakers in nursery are disconnected; need to reconnect.
- Approval to look into costs of 10 new tables.
- Received new letters and numbers for outdoor sign.
- Motion light installed above the door to the education building.
- Water leak fixed in kitchen.
- Broken tree limbs were removed from the front lawn.
- Thank you to all who came and cleaned during the work week. Items no longer used will be placed in the yard sale.
- Door to sacristy: does it need to be replaced?
- **SAUSAGE SUPPER – OCTOBER 19th**

LCW: Mary Ellen Sims – Chairperson

- Indoor Yard Sale – August 24th, 8 am – 1(See newsletter article). Hot Dogs and drinks will be sold. Proceeds of sale and food will go towards the Anniversary celebration.
- There will be sign-up sheets for various opportunities to help.
- Next Meeting Sept 3rd @ 1 pm.

Lay Eucharist: P. Michele made visits while Judy Mundie was recovering from surgery.

- Melody Hinderer and Judy Mundie will continue visits in September.

Call Committee Team: Melody Hinderer, Chairperson – No update

- Members: Jim Cassarella, Jane Krouse, David Leitner, Judy Mundie, Sheila Maslo

Finance Team: Financial report was presented at the Semi-Annual congregation meeting on August 4th.

- Meeting to be scheduled in September to discuss the 2025 budget.
- **Carillon Team:** Members: Dave Cunfer, Judy Mundie, Arlene Poltrock, Peggy Hawk, and Sherry Grenzberg.
- No update.

225th Anniversary Team: Melody Hinderer – Chairperson

Members are Donna Cassarella, Jim Casarella, Jennifer Cipriani, Dawn Klick, Jane Krouse, Judy Mundie, Sally Russo, Mary Ellen Sims, Kim Washko, and Joe Washko.

- Special offering on Oct 6th will go towards the Cemetery.
- Tickets for Anniversary Dinner will be \$ 10 for adults; children's ticket price needs to be discussed.
- Next Meeting: July 18th and August 15th @ 6:30, all are invited.

Old Business:

- Reports for all newsletters are due by the 15th of each month.
- If you see anything in our church that needs to be replaced or we need to purchase, we have the Memorial Fund that can be utilized for these purchases. Please let a council member know if you know of any needs.

Continuation of Highlights from the Church Council Meeting...

New Business:

- Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends, October 22 from 8 am – 11 pm.
- All team reports are to be given to Rose (who will make copies) for council members to review before our meetings in order to shorten our meetings.
- Welcome Dinner will be activated again to welcome new members.
- VBS needs help with the music portion of the program.
- Christ Lutheran Church in Conyngham asked us to help with school supplies for the Valley Food Pantry families.
- A pavilion was discussed to help a boy scout earn his Eagle Scout award.
- The Scouting for Food Project will be in November. Discussed putting our church brochure in the bags that are given out.
- Thank You note was received from Christ Lutheran for our participation in the school supply project.
- Thank you note was received from P. Chip Fairchild to those who attended a party in his honor for his 50th year of Ordination.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume the first Wednesday in September.

Next council meeting August 8th 2024 @ 7 pm, and September 12th @ 7 pm.
Meeting adjourned @ 8:14 pm; closed meeting by praying the Lord’s Prayer.

Supply Pastor Schedule

September 1 - Rev. Robert Reier
 September 8 - Rev. Melvin Mundie
 September 15 - Rev. Chip Fairchild
 September 22 - Rev. Chip Fairchild
 September 29 - Rev. John Hazel

Altar Flower Sponsors

In Honor of Sgt. John Bottcher by Maureen Schramm
 In Loving Memory of James Phile by the Phile Family
 In Loving Memory of Grace, John and Harry Sharpe
 In Loving Memory of Family by Linda Snyder
 In Loving Memory of David Mundie by his brother and sisters

Bulletin Sponsor for September 1, 8, 15 & 22: In Loving Memory Deceased Family by Don and Betty Wenner

September 29: In Honor of the VBS Children by an anonymous sponsor

Bulletin Sponsors

You may sponsor our weekly church bulletins for 2024. The cost for one week is \$10.00. Available Dates Chart 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. A sponsor is needed for all the weeks in December.





2024 Flower Chart

A reminder that our 2024 Altar Flower chart is available in the St. Stephen’s Room. Several Sundays are available to sponsor: October 20 & 27, November 17 & 24, and December 8, 15, 22 & 29.



Valley Food Pantry

A big thank you for the school supply collection! Over 25 backpacks were filled for the children at the Valley Interfaith Food Pantry. Parents and students were overwhelmed with happiness when they received the backpack!



Continuing in the fall, Items needed to keep the food pantry stocked are bar soap, dry pasta noodles (rigatoni, elbow, bowties, etc.), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, cookies, pop tarts and any canned vegetables. **Please make sure the items are within the expiration date.** THANK YOU in advance for your generosity and continuing support!



Monthly Coffee Hour

The next Coffee Hour will be held on September 1st celebrating the September birthdays. If you are interested in sponsoring, please sign up in the St. Stephen's Room.

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
- 19 - Lorraine Schell
- 21 - Tami Horlacher
- 25 - Sherry Grenzberg



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



- 11 Melody & Stephen Hinderer
- 13 - Donna & Jim Cassarella
- 24 - Mary Ellen & Larry Sims
- 26 - Kim & Joe Washko



First Communion and Catechism Instruction

Please contact the church office at 570-788-2685 if you have children who are eligible for First Communion or Catechism instruction. Any child entering 2nd Grade this fall is eligible for First Communion instruction; any child entering 6th Grade this fall can begin catechism instruction.

Riddle answers from the front page: egg; oil; loaves; two hundred; bread; butter; cheeses; locusts, gold dust

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

Wilbur W. Wenner, Sr.



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 Wilbur.

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.

Anniversary Choir Rehearsal Announcement

If you have volunteered to sing with the choir for the Anniversary service on October 6, please reserve the following dates for rehearsal: Sunday, September 8; Sunday, September 29 and Friday, October 4 at 1:00 pm. If I am released by the surgeon to drive, the Sunday rehearsals will be immediately following the 10:00 am service. If he WILL NOT release me to drive, then they will be at 1:00 pm which will allow my driver to get home from Scranton. If you would like the music in advance, please see Linda Snyder. Blessings, BCZ



Sunday School

For the future of Sunday School, the children need you!

It's the year of our 225th anniversary. It's time to bring the children back to Sunday School. The Learning Ministry Team is once again looking into different options to start Sunday School in October. We need some feedback from you. In order to move forward with planning a SS program, we need to know how many children might possibly attend. We also need to know how many adults are willing to help lead the children. We will provide a sign up sheet in the St. Stephen's Room. We ask that you please sign the sheet so we have the information to move forward with planning a SS program.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Time goes by way too fast, and here it's time for our Prayer Shawl Ladies to get together again. Starting **Wednesday, September 4th** at **9:30 am** at the Church. We will begin our mission to comfort those in need. This is open to all who are interested. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month for about 2 hours. If the winter weather is bad or for some reason we aren't meeting, we will call. If interested, call the church office at 570-788-2685. Hope all enjoyed their summer! On behalf of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, submitted by Janet Brady.



Prayer Circle



Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
Jeremiah 29:12

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.

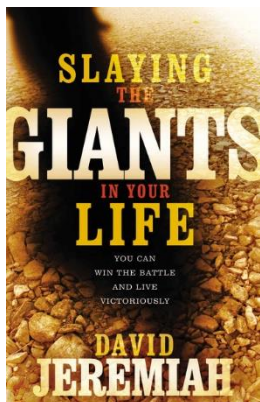
Adult Bible Study

Adult bible study will begin on Sunday, September 8th at 8:45 am.

Join us in the new bible study focusing on:

Fight fear, destroy discouragement, win against worry, and disarm your doubts.

Which giant is intimidating you? Perhaps it is fear or loneliness. Whichever giant is bullying you, the message of *Slaying the Giants in Your Life* is that God has the strength to bring you victory. You never walk alone and never have to live defeated.



Temptation, doubt, procrastination, and jealousy. These are daunting giants, but thankfully you have access to God's word, which is a wealth of knowledge, encouragement, and power. In each, you will discover afresh the eternal unwavering promise of God to overcome those giants.



**Kids of all ages are welcome to join us on
Wednesday, September 11
at 6:00 pm for SLIME NIGHT!**

Kids can make their own slime creation to take home.

There will be light refreshments and a movie.

Please contact the church office to reserve your spot so we can plan for enough supplies for everyone

We are hoping this will be the start to our monthly Kids' Night.
Stay tuned for future events.



VBS



The Learning Ministry Team would like to thank everyone involved in making Vacation Bible School a week full of fun, faith, and learning. The volunteers work tirelessly to make VBS come alive for the children. It takes many hours and days to set the environment for VBS. It also takes the dedication of the leaders to make VBS a success.

The “campers” explored Camp Firelight while learning Psalm 56:3 Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you. They learned to Trust God to: Go with Us, Lead the Way, Share Wisdom, Give Us Peace, and Spark Joy! They enjoyed making their crafts, singing songs, playing games, and eating their snacks, all while making Christ centered memories that will stay with them for years to come. Vacation Bible School is a time to form new friendships as well as connect with old friends. It is such a joy to see the older youth return to help the leaders share the experience of VBS with the younger children. VBS is a time to grow in faith while having fun. May the lessons learned sustain us all until next year.



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
772 St. Johns Road, St. Johns, PA 18247

Invites you to our 225th Anniversary Celebration!!



Come and help us celebrate the 225th Anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, Oct. 6th, 2024. The celebration begins with our worship service at 10 A.M. at the church. Pastor Michele Kaufman, our Pastor Designate, will deliver the anniversary sermon, with Pastor Melvin Mundie assisting.

The service will be followed by a buffet style dinner at 12:00 P.M. at Sand Springs, Drums, PA. The menu includes tossed garden salad, Chicken Francaise, Filet Beef Tips in Burgundy Sauce, Fettucine Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Roasted Red Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Vanilla Bean Ice Cream and cake. Also included are rolls and butter, coffee, tea, soda, iced tea.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children between 4 and 12 years of age. Children under age 3 are free.

Please return the reservation and your check made payable to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church by September 6th.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 225th Anniversary Dinner

Sunday, October 6th, 2024. Sand Springs, Drums, PA 18222

12:00 noon

Family Name _____

Adults attending @ \$10.00 each _____

Children ages 4 – 12 years old attending @ \$5.00 each _____

Children under age 3 _____

Will not be able to attend _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Leilani Chesonis Concert

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
772 St. Johns Rd, Saint Johns, Pa

Sunday, September 15, 2024 - 2 pm



Leilani, a Vocalist and Entertainer, will perform uplifting, lively renditions of Beloved Country Classics, Spirited Southern Gospel & Praise, and Variety of Genre Crowd Favorite Songs. Something for everyone, of all ages, to enjoy in this energetic, engaging, unique concert!

Please join us! Everyone Invited & Welcome!

Light refreshments following the concert.

A Good-will offering will be taken.

Ice Cream Social

It was wonderful to share some delicious ice cream and great conversation!
The games were the Cherry on the Top!



Visit our website for more pictures!



A Tapestry of Love: Unveiling the Impact of Our Quilting Ministries



The results are in for our Quilt Survey - and it is AMAZING the wonderful gifts of comfort and love that our congregations across the Synod share with others. Each year more than 1000 quilts, lap blankets, baby quilts and other blankets are made and donated to a host of charities from the 17 congregations who shared their stories. And the wonderful stories we have to tell! The **oldest** quilting ministry was shared by **Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Lehighton** - Trinity Knotters. They started in 1965 from an article about using coats and suits to make quilts. Initially, they started sewing at home and then moved into Luther Hall where they still meet today. They have a brick on the Good Samaritan Plaza at the Baltimore LWR Headquarters. Their quilts are shared with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and locally for graduating students, Carbon County Action Committee, Sanctuary for Veterans and

others. In addition to quilts, they make baby, personal care and school kits for LWR. Our Quilting groups have posted some very impressive numbers! The most annual quilt volume was posted by **Christ Lutheran in Hellertown** providing 180 quilts and lap quilts to a variety of organizations including Project Linus, Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, their internal faith community and fundraising. **St. James Lutheran in Coopersburg** - started in 2013 - reported 155 annual quilts donated to Turning Point, Bethany Ministries and to LWR prior to the pandemic. They have also made baby and personal care kits for LWR. **St. John's Lutheran in Slatington** reported 135 quilts and lap robes donated to LWR and to Chemo Bag, Gracedale, Topton Lutheran Home, Ripple, Sayre Center for Children, Kids Peace, Light House and Rescue Mission. **St. John's Lutheran in Hamburg** reported 100 quilts donated to LWR and the Topton Home.



Our Quilters are very talented, making a host of additional items to benefit our community.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Topton – Compassionate Crafters - makes a wide variety of crafts including fidget blankets and sleeves, crafters critters, prayer lap blankets and shawls in addition to quilts! Their handmade items are donated to LWR, Lutheran Home, Lehigh Valley and St. Luke's Hospitals and Arden Court. Newly started in 2022, the Compassionate Crafters donated 114 items that year and 218 items in 2023! Our quilts are shared near and far – across the USA and around the world.



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran in Reinerton – Tyers of Comfort - have made over 2000 quilts since their start in 1999. Among the groups to whom they donate quilts is the Navajo Lutheran Mission in AZ and LWR. The group is led by Kathryn Lewis, founder and chairperson, who is 90 years old and going strong! Tyers of Comfort also have a sidewalk brick at the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. These are just a few of the stories from our Quilting family across the Synod and there are more stories to tell from the rest of the groups – we will include them next time.

Submitted by: Eileen Lane, Quilting Ministry Volunteer at St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Sept 21

9:00am to 12:00pm

2354 Grove Road Allentown, PA



On **September 21st**, to facilitate donation of quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief, we are hosting our **first LWR Ingathering at the Synod Office**. If Allentown is a convenient drive from your location, we will be collecting boxed quilt and kit donations from 9AM till Noon. A truck will be parked at the Synod office for you to drop off your donations. We will also have refreshments so you can meet other quilters and kit makers while you are there. Let's see if the NEPA Synod can fill the truck!

SEPTEMBER



- 1 - Church @ 10 am; Coffee Hour
- 2 - Labor Day; Church office closed
- 3 - LCW Meeting @ 1 pm
- 4 - Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am
- 8 - Adult Bible Study @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am; Anniversary Service Choir Practice time TBA
- 9 - Scouts @ 6 pm
- 11 - Slime Party from 6 to 8 pm
- 12 - Church Council Meeting @ 7 pm
- 15 - Adult Bible Study @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am; Lellani Chesonis Concert @ 2 pm
- 16 - Scouts @ 6 pm; October Newsletter Deadline
- 18 - Prayer Shawl Ministry @ 9:30 am; 225th Anniversary Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 21 - Divine Providence Meal
- 22 - Adult Bible Study @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am
- 23 - Scouts @ 6 pm
- 26 - S.E.R.V.E. Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 27 - Church Office Closed
- 29 - Harvest Home Sunday; Adult Bible Study @ 8:45 am; Church @ 10 am;
Anniversary Service Choir Practice time TBA
- 30 - Scouts @ 6 pm

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SAUSAGE & PANCAKE SUPPER
OCTOBER 19th - 1 TO 5 PM PICK-UP

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

BBQ Chicken Dinner - Take out - September 14th: St. John's UCC - pick up time is 3 - 5 pm. \$12.00 each - Tickets Only! Call Chris 570-956-9657; Frank 570-788-7222 or Gale 570-788-5606

Golf Outing/9 Hole Scramble - September 21st: Black Creek UMC held at Sugarloaf Golf Course - 3 pm registration - 3 pm shotgun start. 4-person teams. The cost is \$60 per pp. Sign up to play: blackcreekumc158@gmail.com or 570-384-4087

Broadway Bound Variety Show - September 6th, 7th & 8th: St. John Bosco Gym - 7 pm Friday & Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. Tickets are available at the door.