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PASTOR JERRY'S
MESSAGE



*¹³ If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. ¹⁴ **Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.** ¹⁵ He died for*

everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them." 2 Corinthians 5:13-15 (NLT)

Greetings and peace to you all!

If three years ago, I had shared with you that in the near future, we would be sharing ministry with two other communities of faith, not only in powerful and profound ways, but in very functional and intimate ways, you probably would have thought I was crazy! If two years ago, I had shared with you that in my years of ministry that the community of faith I currently belong offers more opportunities to fully participate in and live out a life of discipleship than any community of faith that I had ever been part of, once again you may have suggested that I was crazy!

Yet, here we stand, on the cusp of the second anniversary of the United Proclamation of the Gospel and these things are true! **New life and new opportunities have come to God's people who gather on the campuses of the United Proclamation of the Gospel!**

The United Proclamation of the Gospel was once an "unspoken hope." An "unspoken hope" that God's children who gather in Bethlehem and hold the principles of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America central in their faith could come together in powerful ways to promote the love of God within our community. An "unspoken hope" that together these communities of faith would be able to be better stewards of God's abundant resources and find ways to more effectively and efficiently share this proclamation. An "unspoken hope" that together these communities of faith can have a greater impact on the world around us by increasing our

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understanding of what God is up to in the world around us and inviting more people to join us in **our shared mission!** An “unspoken hope that became a “whisper.” A “whisper” that became a “thought.” A “thought” that became an “idea.” An “idea” that was shared and surprisingly became an “opportunity.” An “opportunity” that has become a type of “journey.” A “journey” that has become this community of faith’s “current reality”, yielding incredible opportunities in ministry for those who have opened their hearts and minds to **the movement of God’s Spirit among us.**

As we enter into the summer of 2019 in the United Proclamation of the Gospel, I look forward to **some moments of “re-creation” and perhaps a bit of relaxation;** however, the never-ending work of the discipleship continues to advance forward!

During this summer, the leadership of the UPG has implemented the thoughts and ideas that YOU have shared with us through the survey completed last year! I am excited to share with you that we will offer UPG Joint worship celebrations frequently in the summer months, as per your request **(June 16, July 14, and in a “weekly rotational” experiment August 4 – September 8.)** I am also incredibly excited to have been invited and have the leadership of our community of faith accept an **invitation from St. John’s Windish Church to join their community of faith in their annual “Polka Mass” on June 23, 2019!** Truly all of these worship celebrations have the opportunity to increase **our awareness of God’s presence dwelling within** and among us as together we lift up our voices to the Lord!

During this summer, the UPG will also be working diligently to follow the hopes and dreams that YOU provided last year in filling out the questionnaires to have more ministry opportunities for the younger believers within our community of faith. REV. EUGENE SHARKEY will be working with PASTOR JERRY, TRACY HAAS, and CINDY

KEMP to develop a UPG youth ministry that will prayerfully increase the faith, fellowship, and **understanding of God’s presence, in the lives of** young people. The UPG youth group will have our first meeting on May 19, 2019 and is planning at this point of meeting on a monthly basis, the third Sunday of the month at 4:30 PM. This youth group is designed for our believers who are in the 7th grade up to 12th grade. The hope is that if this is a successful ministry that in the near future we will begin a youth group designed for even younger believers!

Yes, the once “unspoken hope” seemed CRAZY; yet this craziness has been offered to bring glory to our God! This Craziness has brought new life into our community of faith! This craziness is proclaiming the love of God to a world in desperate **need of hearing about God’s love! This craziness continues to journey forward proclaiming God’s** love; one heart at a time!

Peace and blessings,
PJ



Dear members of the UPG,

Summer!!! – The season eagerly awaited by school students who tire of being in the classroom and adults who need a break from their busy routine. Not everyone is able to enjoy a vacation or time away from school or jobs, but those who do may enjoy visiting new places, reuniting with family or friends, or relaxing with no particular agenda.

When the anticipation of summer vacation arises including the temptation to miss worship, please remember that God never takes a vacation from us; God’s loving presence is with us at all times. Please make every effort to attend church this summer whether at home or away.

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We might see new faces attending our UPG churches this summer. They could be folks passing through on vacation, those looking for a church home, or UPG members we may not know yet. In any case, we, as the members of Christ's body, need to welcome these guests to our worship services with a smile, a handshake or a friendly "hello."

This is what Jesus would do and what Jesus asks us to do. We are all part of the same church, the church of Jesus Christ.

May you have an enjoyable, safe summer wherever you are and whatever you do. When the opportunity arises to welcome someone to worship, these words and a smile will work well, "Hello and welcome – we're glad you came to worship today!"

Yours in Christ,
DEACON LINDA MAULE



AVERY ELISE BOKSAN was baptized on April 28, 2019 at Light of Christ. Her parents are Corey and Danielle Boksan.



STEPHANIE H. DRINKA TRUCHAN died on May 1, 2019. We remember her son Michael, his wife Kay and all their family in our prayers. Michael Truchan is a member of Light of Christ.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Starting in June, the UPG will publish a special **"Celebrations" list twice a year which will include members' birthdays and anniversary dates.** This

will take the place of the listing in the Proclamation each month.

Please look for this new "Celebrations" list at our joint worship on June 16.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UPG:

To address the parking situation at the Light of Christ campus I would make several suggestions.

When possible pick up a friend on the way to church to reduce the number of cars needing a parking space.

If you are able, park on Belmont Street or the 2100 block of Worthington Avenue and leave space for those that have difficulty walking.

Do not park on the south side of Easton avenue as crossing Easton avenue can be difficult and potentially dangerous.

Many ideas have been suggested such as valet parking, parking at a nearby business and carpooling. If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions please email me at jtterrisci@gmail.com or talk to me at church. Working together we can make worshipping our Lord enjoyable for all.

Thank You.
JON TERRY

SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

A spread sheet of actionable items resulting from the visioning process has been developed. The congregation will be kept up-to-date as items are completed.

- ◇ The IT team is close to completing the creation of a single website that will cover both

campuses. Thanks to their expertise and diligence this is likely to be finished several months before the projected completion date.

- ◇ **Head Start and the St. Peter's campus** have agreed to a new 3-year commitment to use the building.
- ◇ LOC has a new phone platform in place; it is working well. A proposal has been received **from RCN for the St. Peter's campus to become part of that platform.** Combining the campus phone platforms will tie both campuses together and allow for improved staff efficiency.
- ◇ LOIS and JAMES RITCHIE have volunteered to **represent St. Peter's campus at the Mission District Assembly on May 11 and the Synod Assembly on June 01.**
- ◇ New members will be received on June 16.
- ◇ The council will be developing a committee to look at security during the time of church services. Anyone interested in being part of that committee should contact either church office.

UPG SUNDAY SCHOOL

The UPG Sunday School will be offering a new Sunday School opportunity on our **St. Peter's Campus** beginning September 15, 2019.

Pre-school through elementary school-aged children who worship on the **St. Peter's campus** of the UPG and are unable to join our classes on our Light of Christ campus are invited to gather after **St. Peter's campus worship for a bible story, craft, singing, snack and fellowship.** Look for more information to come in future publications of the UPG.

SUMMER WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



GATHERINGS

During June, July, and August **2019, the Women's Bible study** will gather on the **St. Peter's** campus in the Social Room on the parking lot level from 9:30 to 11 am. Use the parking lot entrance and ring the CHURCH doorbell, and you will be let in. Coffee and tea and some light snacks are always part of the morning. All women are prayerfully encouraged to be part of this gathering where joys and concerns are shared, prayers are said, and time is spent studying **God's word.**

This summer study in June, July, and August, will focus on the 10 Chapter book of Esther. **Although God's name does not appear in the book of Esther, God is present in Esther's life. This story** occurs while the Jews are living in exile under the authority of the Persians. Come whenever you can and study along with other women of the **UPG to understand Esther's role in God's story.** The author of this 3-month study, is Bishop Kay Ward of the Moravian Church. She has written previous Gather Bible studies. Kay wrote this study about Esther while she was recovering from some severe laryngitis, being told not to whisper, sing, yell or do any public speaking for three months! Kay **"loved using 'voice' as a theme for exploring the book of Esther."**

The dates for Summer Bible studies are: June 4 & 18; July 2 & 16; August 6 & 20.

JUNE 4 --UPG WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON



All UPG women are welcome on the **St. Peter's** campus for a luncheon Tuesday, June 4th at 11:30 am. Enter at the Parking lot/Social Room door. Use the SOCIAL room doorbell

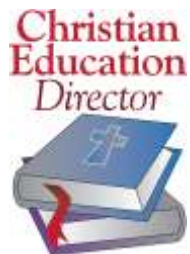
and you will be let into the building. This will be a time of good food and conversation. Feel free to bring a snack, salad, or dessert or just yourself and enjoy the buffet of goodies~~there is always plenty to share!! Come and enjoy some time with other women of the UPG.

BLANKET MAKING



Do you know how easy it is to help people in need around the world? It is as easy as helping make blankets for Lutheran World Relief. By cutting 21” fabric squares, or sewing them together, ironing fabric, or knotting off the 3-layer blankets, anyone can be of help in the blanket making process. Some folks do the work at home, others come together the 3rd

Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am on the St. Peter’s campus and work together to put blankets together. If you would like to help from home, please see LOUISE FIELDING or ELIZABETH ELTERICH. See them also if you have donations of fabric, large enough to make 21” squares or the backing pieces which are 64X82. The dates for blanket making are June 18; July 16; August 20, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.



Dear members and friends,

The people of the UPG are happy to congratulate the following recent high school and college graduates who are members of our Light of Christ Campus. God’s Blessings to all!! We are so very

happy for you and we pray for you to feel God’s presence as you continue to walk with God wherever you may go. All of these young people have remained active members of church and we will

dearly miss those for whom their plans include travel.



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

- ◆ TERYAN GERHARD – Freedom High School with plans to attend Northampton Community College to study Graphic Communication
- ◆ RYAN GRUBE – Freedom High School with plans to attend Penn State University Park to study Mechanical Engineering
- ◆ CHRISTOPHER KNAUSS – Saucon Valley High School with plans to attend Delaware Valley University to study Landscape Design/Build
- ◆ HOLLIE NOLAN – Northampton High School with plans to attend the University of Delaware to study Civil Engineering
- ◆ DECLAN THOMPSON – Liberty High School with plans to attend Penn State University Park to study Forest Ecosystem Management

OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES:

- ◆ JORDAN HAAS – Moravian College with a BA in Art History and Criticism
- ◆ ADRIANNA MANTZ - Moravian College with a BA in Psychology and a Minor in Art



3, 2, 1 Lift Off with us this summer at Vacation Bible School as we explore God’s “Miraculous Mission” of sending His Son, Jesus to teach us of

God's great love for us!! Vacation Bible School will be held on our Light of Christ Campus the week of July 15-19, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Join us as a volunteer or a student. Forms for both are on both campuses and can also be found **on each church's web site. Forms were also sent** home with our Sunday School and week-day school children and youth. We have classes for children age four by October 1, 2019 through youth entering 7th grade. Youth entering eighth grade and older may volunteer. Community Service forms for the BASD may be found through each high school. Light of Christ is an approved agency with the BASD for community service. **Get ready to explore God's amazing love for us!!** Please see or call (610)861-0645 Lynn Terry with any questions.

VBS at Light of Christ is always a spirit-filled, fast paced week full of inspiration, fun, friends, games and healthy, delicious snacks.

Please join us as we are in need of additional teachers and assistants to bring this program to the children of the UPG, our weekday students and the children of our surrounding neighborhoods. At the time of the deadline for this newsletter, recruitment had just begun for VBS volunteers.

OUR VBS STAFF AS OF MAY 12, 2019

Teaching and Administrative Staff: KAREN FAVINGER, TRACY HAAS, JENNIFER and RYAN GRUBE, KATHY and LARISSA PELLETIER, KATHY COFFIN, CAROL LOPEZ, MICHELLE HARVEY, HANNAH BOSCO, HANNAH NOLAN, QUINN JACKUS, KAYLYNN SCHOENENBERGER, LYNN TERRY, JILLIAN and JOSHUA WEIERBACH, FRANCESCA PISCITELLO

STAFF OASIS: Volunteers donate food for the staff break time.

- VBS Luncheon: Volunteers help set up and serve the luncheon. The food is provided by our families.
- VBS Ice Cream Party: Volunteers help set up, serve and clean up the party which will be held following worship on July 20, 2019.

THE IMPORTANT DATES FOR VBS:

- VBS staff meeting – library – date to be determined
- July 15-19, 2019 9:00 a.m.- noon VBS
- July 18, 2019 noon – VBS staff luncheon – old fellowship hall
- July 20, 2019 5:00 p.m. VBS closing worship as part of the Saturday evening service and ice cream party to follow the service – sanctuary and fellowship hall

Our 8th/9th grade confirmation class concluded on May 19, 2019. Please remember that church attendance continues to be counted during the summer months. Please know that the fall date is **quickly approaching for the current 9th graders' Confirmation Day!** The minimum number of services attended must be attained in order to be confirmed this year. Our young people are aware of this.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sunday School Closing Picnic and Festival Games!! A special thank you to the teachers who provided all of the activities. The deadline for this newsletter was in advance of our festival so more details cannot be given at this time.

RALLY DAY, 2019 will be held on September 15, 2019 when we return to our fall schedule.



Registration is well underway for our 2019-2020 school year. We have classes for children who will be 2, 3, or 4 by October 1, 2019. We offer early morning care from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., classes from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and extended care from 11:30-3:00 p.m. We are preparing to extend our hours of care based upon the need of the families who enroll. Please call me at 610-861-0645 to arrange a tour of our school or to receive information concerning enrollment.

Please help us spread the word of this wonderful, nurturing preschool for young children held in a secure environment where the love of God is also taught through songs, stories, play and prayers.

OUR SCHOOL YEAR!

Awesome Teachers and Aides
Supportive School Board
Caring and Loving Families
Weekly Visits by Pastor Jerry

- * Learning through play experiences
- * Small Class Sizes
- * Letter of the Week
- * Gym Time/Outdoor Play Yards
- * Shape, Color, Number Lessons
- * **New Children's Reading Room**
- * Varied Art Materials
- * Chapel Program
- * Friends
- * Prayers
- * Circle Time
- * **Friendly's Family Fun Night**
- * Centers
- * Library Literacy Program
- * Small Group Lessons
- * Read Across America
- * Pumpkin Patch Trips

- * Parent and Guest Readers
- Dressing up for Halloween Fun
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Art Show
- Christmas Pageant
- Trip to Edgeboro Moravian Putz
- Celebrating Mardi Gras
- Easter Hat Parade
- Decorating our Christmas Tree
- A Visit by the Tooth Fairy
- Science Experiments
- Polar Express Book Fair
- Varied Activities in Extended Care
- Valentine Parties
- Leprechaun Fun
- Lunch with friends
- Lutheran Schools Week
- Math Games
- Celebration of 50th Anniversary of the Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle through art!
- Visit by Firefighters
- Unbirthday Party
- Special Events with family members
- Picnic Lunch Day
- Bean Bag Games
- Closing Programs
- **Mother's Day Tea Parties**
- Spring Capers
- Book Day
- Parents sharing special talents
- New play equipment
- Visits by our resident golden doodle, Marley!
- Pajama Day
- Color Days
- Visit by Santa Claus
- Collection of food and baby care products
- Usborne Book Fair
- Apple Festival

God loves us all!!

Love and peace,
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GOD'S WORK.OUR HANDS TEAM

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR MARY'S SHELTER

During Lent, members of the UPG filled many baby bottles with coins and checks to provide support for Mary's Shelter here in Bethlehem and their mission to help needy pregnant women and women with newborns.

Could we have imagined that filling these small baby bottles with coins would have resulted in approximately \$2,034? Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of young mothers and their babies.

SUMMER PANTRY SUNDAYS

Please check the weekly 'Till We Meet Again' for Pantry Sunday needs. Pantry Sundays this summer are June 9 for Calvary Temple, July 14 for North-east Ministries, and August 11 for New Bethany Ministries.

SUMMER HYMNS

Your favorite hymns, the same wonderful hymns you enjoyed singing last summer, are also scheduled this summer during weekend worship. Come and enjoy singing them.

ST. PETER'S WORSHIP TIME IS 8:45 AM.

LIGHT OF CHRIST'S WORSHIP TIME IS 10:30 AM.

Saturday night worship at Light of Christ is 5:00 PM with worship on the lawn and a picnic on the first Saturday of every month with the exception of June when the 5:00 PM outdoor worship and picnic will be on June 8th.

Please check your magnet for the location of 9:30

AM summer joint worship services.

PLEASE SAVE SEPTEMBER 8 - when another UPG Day of Service will take place. Details of activities will be announced by the end of the summer.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Looking ahead, the UPG's commitment to the Christmas Ingathering in December is 175 bars of soap and 175 washcloths. Collections will actively resume in the fall but please begin now to plan your personal support of the Ingathering.



UPDATES FROM THE UPG TECHNOLOGY TEAM

The UPG Technology Team has been hard at work over **the past few months.** We'd like to share some updates with you today:

NEW PRAYER OF THE DAY FEATURING "GOD PAUSE"

Today, many St. Peter's members receive a Prayer of the Day via email. The Tech Team would like to introduce a similar feature for the entire UPG **using a new format called "God Pause."**

God Pause is a beautiful, concise source for daily **devotions available through the ELCA's Luther Seminary.** It contains a short reflection for the day along with Bible verses and a daily prayer. These devotions are based on the readings for the coming Sunday.

God Pause was introduced to our team by MATT PISZEL and has a **"thumbs up"** from PASTOR JERRY and Tech Team member, PASTOR TOM

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KEENER. Take a look via this link:

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/default.aspx>

Starting today, St. Peter’s and Light of Christ members can sign up to receive a daily God Pause email using the link above. A few tips for signing up:

Use the link above.

On the upper right side of the page, look for the **box that says “God Pause Devotions”**.

Click the “Sign Up Now” button and on the next page, enter the required information.

At the bottom of the page, click the “God Pause Daily Devotions” checkbox then click Submit.

Please select the lists to join:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	God Pause Daily Devotions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Monthly News from Luther Seminary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewardship Weekly Tips and Resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lifelong Learning Monthly News
<input type="checkbox"/>	Festival of Homiletics

A link for God Pause will be placed on both websites – **you’ll be able to reach God Pause by clicking that link.** You can also sign up for God Pause later using that link.

A note: the **St. Peter’s current prayer of the day** emails will end on May 31.

UPG EMAIL BLASTS

Beginning soon, St. Peter’s and Light of Christ will combine their email mailing lists so that all UPG members will receive the same emails from one emailing source.

When the email lists are combined, the sender of

the email will be lightofchrist@rcn.com or “**Light of Christ Lutheran Church**”. The Tech Team is hard at work on a new UPG website - **when it’s ready, we hope to send emails using a UPG sender name and a UPG email address.**

You may know that Light of Christ members currently receive a monthly e-Newsletter. The **newsletter will be renamed “UPG E-News” (or similar)** and will be sent to all UPG members.

If you’d like to update your email address, or if you’re not receiving emails from St. Peter’s or Light of Christ today, please contact either church office with your current email address.

We hope you will find both of these enhancements valuable; we will share more information soon about the UPG website progress.



Thank you to Pastor Jerry, Shirley Kulp and Pastor Garbe for their visits to Roma and me and for the beautiful church flowers that were delivered to us. A thank you also to Susan Swavely for her kindness and generosity to Roma and me.

Joyce

Dear Friends of Northeast Ministry,

On behalf of the staff at Northeast Ministry, thank you so much for your generous donation of food to our food pantry on April 15, 2019.

During the month of March, the pantry served 197 families, consisting of 253 adults, 190 children, and 120 senior citizens. There were eight new families who accessed the pantry in March. Families accessing the pantry receive items such as canned goods, and non-perishables, as well as refrigerated items.

erated items such as fresh eggs, juice, produce, and lunch meats.

We are so grateful to have your ongoing support because without your generosity, Northeast Ministry would be unable to provide the programs and services that are so important to our clients. Thank you for investing in the children and families of the Marvine-Pembroke community!

With Sincere Gratitude,
Grace Young
Marketing and Development Coordinator
Northeast Ministry

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, altar flowers, call from Donna, our parish nurse, and visit from Pastor Jerry during my hospital stay and recovery from a heart attack.

I am now in cardiac rehab and doing much better.

God Bless,
Elaine Laufer



A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH

Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that **“this is our Father’s world”** and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, **“O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen**—Sandy Hyland

- **“Sometimes when you’re in a dark place you think you’ve been buried, but you’ve actually been planted. Bloom!”**—Christine Caine
- **“Truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people.”** —Harry Chapin
- **“I only went out for a walk, and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in.”** —John Muir
- **“There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go, and that is to travel that way yourself.”**—Abraham Lincoln
- **“Jesus, like any good fisherman, first catches the fish; then he cleans them.”** —Mark Potter

WHAT RAIN REVEALS



Unless you’re a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. **To make South Korea’s long monsoon season more colorful**, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks **with hydrochromic paint. It’s invisible**

on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.

Life’s storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God’s true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God **“rain or shine,”** we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.

“DO” DILIGENCE

Against the backdrop of people who avoid work, cut corners and do half-hearted jobs, a diligent [person] stands out. Practicing diligence is an excellent way to stand out for Christ at home, in the workplace and even at church. Today, complete each one of your tasks, however big or small, with diligence.—David Jeremiah

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Saturday Evening at Zion, Tamaqua



Pr. Cindy White offers blessings to three companions at a Saturday service

One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to worship styles. Five years ago Zion, Tamaqua developed a Saturday evening service to

- provide an alternative time of worship for people who cannot get to a Sunday service, and
- provide an alternative style of worship for people who do not relate to the typical traditional high liturgy.

The service includes all the parts of a traditional service but in a more relaxed, informal style. Within a short period of time, we installed a digital projector and purchased the ProPresenter program to organize our worship and to allow us to add purchased music and subject matter videos to our service.

Because of its flexibility, the Saturday service has been adapted to include a special service for cancer survivors, our annual blessing of the animals, a vow renewal service around Valentine's Day, and a Christmas in July service complete with a full holiday dinner following the service. All the Saturday services begin with Godsightings, when people are encouraged to share where they have seen God at work in their lives during the past week.

In December 2017 we began live-streaming our Saturday and Sunday services through Boxcast. As of March 30, we have webcast 107 services. On our website we've reached 379 unique viewers who watched 1,491 times. We began posting on Facebook in March 2018. Since then we've had 2,522 viewers of Saturday services and 2,830 viewers of Sunday services. Services are archived for several weeks.

Correction: In the last edition of Synod News Pastor Carl Shankweiler was reported as having retired. Although Pr. Shankweiler has stepped down from synod staff, he is still the called pastor at Zion, Frackville and also working under contract with Trinity (Chapel), Buck Run.



Community Breakfast at St. John, Easton



A member of St. John's Lutheran Church in historic downtown Easton came to the Outreach Committee meeting and said, "Let's have a community breakfast." No agenda, no cost, just something to get people together. The committee mulled it over and said, "Let's do it!"

Breakfast had already become a speciality for Roger Ruggles. On Sunday mornings he cooked pancakes, French toast, and bacon/sausage; and he served them with fruit for any in the Sunday school before the 9:00 start time.



Roger decided to extend what he already knew; so he recruited some others to help cook: Mayor Sal Panto, and Roger's brother-in-law Dennis Greenleaf. And Roger also invited Bishop Zeizer, who was kind enough to attend and help fix the plates.

At the free meal firefighters, police officers, community leaders, Lafayette students, neighbors, some homeless, and parishioners gathered together to eat. Another church even sent volunteers to help serve. The volunteers served over a hundred people, and comments from the diners were very positive.

A simple breakfast became an example of hospitality in downtown Easton at its best!



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JUNE 2019 WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	June 1 & 2, 2019 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30	June 8 & 9, 2019 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30	June 15 & 16, 2019 Joint worship St. Peter's 9:30	June 22-23 2019 St. John Windish	June 29, 30 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30
Assisting Minister	5PM Shirley Kulp 8:45 Joe Bleier 10:30 Lynn Terry	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Matthew Bleier 10:30 Deborah Wagner	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Tony Villani	5PM Rosalie Adducie	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Elizabeth Elterich 10:30 Hannah Nolan
Communion Assistant	8:45 Tony Villani 10:30 Tom Keener, Cindy Kemp, Shirley Kulp, Mary Mann, Hannah Nolan	8:45 Joe Bleier 10:30 Massimo Piscitello, Helga Rimonneau, Richard Romig, Kaylynn Schoenberger, Jon Terry	9:30 Lynn Terry, Shirley Kulp, Tom Keener, Matthew Bleier, Hannah Bosco		8:45 Susan DeAngelis 10:30 Catherine Ziel, Louise Fielding, Stacy Gerhard, Olivia Grube, Rich Hasonich
Lector	5P Lou Dravec 8:45 Stephanie McGregor 10:30 Deborah Wagner	5P Delynn Gerhard 8:45 Donna Musselman 10:30 Lois Zigmund	5P Kathy Gerhard 9:30 Barbara Keener	5P Barbara Keener	5P Tom Keener 8:45 James Ritchie 10:30 Delynn Gerhard
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8:45 Evan Hawk 10:30 Olivia Grube	8:45 Judi Shelly 10:30 Massimo Piscitello	9:30 Ethan Seixas		8:45 Jimmy Bleier 10:30 Rosalie Adducie
Baker	8:45 Gina DeAngelis 10:30 Sandy Horwath	8:45 Susan DeAngelis 10:30 Cindy Kemp	9:30 Elizabeth Elterich		8:45 Judi Shelly 10:30 Marilyn Musgnung
Ushers	8:45 Tony DeAngelis Jr., Gerry Cutsler, Dolores Kennedy, Joan Helman 10:30 Charlie Mann, Jack Reichel, Richard Hasonich, Richard Romig	8:45 Mary Bender, Glenn Breidenbach, Joan Glancy, Josh Gulotta 10:30 Lois Zigmund, Jean Finn, Helga Rimonneau	9:30 Tracy Heberling, Nancy Kostas, Shirley Kulp, Donna Musselman		8:45 Ed/Pat Little, James Ritchie, Tony Villani 10:30 Cindy Kemp, Nancy Kostas, Donna Mackaravitz
Greeters	8:45 Jackie & Dan Groff, Mary Bender 10:30 George & Linda Baltz	8:45 Gerry Cutsler, Sue Swavely 10:30 Cliff Bengston	9:30 Sandra Butch, Joan Glancy		8:45 Tracy Heberling, Nancy Kostas 10:30 Karen Favinger
Altar Guild (LoC)	Ron/Sandy Horwath	Ron/Sandy Horwath	Ron/Sandy Horwath		Ron/Sandy Horwath
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Bosco Family, Buzz Heidecker	Sandy Horwath, Karen Favinger	Bette Kovach, Donna Mackaravitz		Marilyn Musgnung, Cliff Ousley
Sexton (St. P)	Tony DeAngelis Jr	Ron Frankenfield	Kim Frankenfield		Kenny Young

JULY 2019 WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	July 6, 7 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30	July 13, 14 Joint Worship LoC 9:30	July 20, 21 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30	July 27, 28 St. Peter's 8:45, LoC 10:30
Assisting Minister	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Josh Gulotta 10:30 Nancy Seidenberger	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Rosalie Adducie	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Rich Hawk 10:30 Kaylynn Schoenenberger	5PM Rosalie Adducie 8:45 Michel Lloyd 10:30 Susan Schellenberg
Communion Assistant	8:45 Evan Hawk 10:30 Bonnie Harper, Eric Harper, Steve Harper, Mike Horwath, Sandy Horwath	9:30 Catherine Ziel, Rich Hawk, Nancy Kostas, Cindy Kemp, Shirley Kulp	8:45 Josh Gulotta 10:30 Mary Mann, Hannah Nolan, Massimo Piscitello, Helga Rimonneau, Tom Keener	8:45 Richard Hawk 10:30 Richard Romig, Susan Schellenberg, Kaylyn Schoenenberger, Jon Terry, Lynn Terry
Lector	5P Shirley Kulp 8:45 Tony Villani 10:30 Tom Keener	5P Lois Zigmund 9:30 Catherine Ziel	5P Lou Dravec 8:45 Susan DeAngelis	5P Delynn Gerhard 8:45 Joe Bleier
Acolyte/ Crucifer	8:45 Matthew Bleier 10:30 Joan Erb	9:30 Delynn Gerhard	8:45 Evan Hawk 10:30 Olivia Grube	8:45 Jon Terry 10:30 Massimo Piscitello
Baker	8:45 Gina DeAngelis 10:30 Helga Rimonneau	9:30 Kasey Bosco	8:45 Susan DeAngelis 10:30 Sandra Butch	8:45 Elizabeth Elterich 10:30 Louise Fielding
Ushers	8:45 Tony DeAngelis Jr., Gerry Cutsler, Dolores Kennedy, Joan Helman 10:30 Bosco Family	9:30 Mike Horwath, George Baltz, Cliff Bengston, Massimo Piscitello	8:45 Mary Bender, Glenn Breidenbach, Joan Glancy, Josh Gulotta 10:30 Joan Erb, Sandra Butch, Rosalie Adducie, Bette Kovach	8:45 Tracy Heberling, Nancy Kostas, Shirley Kulp, Donna Musselman 10:30 Jen, Ryan, Olivia Grube, Kaylynn Schoenenberger
Greeters	8:45 Ed/Pat Little, Donna Musselman 10:30 Louise Fielding	9:30 Jean Finn, Ted Birchmeier	8:45 Lois Ritchie, Jon Terry 10:30 Mike Horwath	8:45 Jackie & Dan Groff, Mary Bender 10:30 Ron and Sandy Horwath
Altar Guild (LoC)	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry	Joan Erb, Jean Perry
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Jack/Pat Reichel, Richard Romig	Bosco Family, Buzz Heidecker	Sandy Horwath, Karen Favinger	Bette Kovach, Donna Mackaravitz
Sexton	Tony DeAngelis Jr.	NA	Kim Frankenfield	Kenny Young

AUGUST 2019 WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	August 3, 4 Joint worship St. Peter's 9:30	August 10, 11 Joint worship LoC 9:30	August 17, 18 Outdoor Worship Louise Moore Park 9:30	August 24, 25 Joint worship St. Peter's 9:30
Assisting Minister	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Donna Musselman	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 Lynn Terry	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 TBA	5PM Rosalie Adducie 9:30 James Ritchie
Communion Assistant	9:30 Catherine Ziel, Tony Villani, Deborah Wagner, Cliff Bengston, Shirley Kulp	9:30 Joe Bleier, Matthew Bleier, Kasey Bosco, Hannah Bosco, Sandra Butch	9:30 Susan DeAngelis, Elizabeth Elterich, Joan Erb, Karen Favinger, Louise Fielding, Stacy Gerhard, Jen Grube, Olivia Grube	9:30 Josh Gulotta, Rich Hawk, Bonnie Harper, Eric Harper, Tom Keener
Lector	5P Kathy Gerhard 9:30 Matthew Bleier	5P Barbara Keener 9:30 Evan Hawk	5P Tom Keener 9:30 Carl Langkamer	5P Shirley Kulp 9:30 Gene Luff
Acolyte/ Crucifer	9:30 Douglas Bleier	9:30 Sanjay Vaskas	NA	9:30 Jimmy Bleier
Baker	9:30 Shirley Kulp	9:30 Sandy Horwath	NA	9:30 Gina DeAngelis
Ushers	9:30 Tony DeAngelis Jr., Gerry Cutsler, Dolores Kennedy, Joan Helman	9:30 Bonnie, Steve, Eric Harper, Teryan Gerhard	9:30 Charlie Mann, Jack Reichel, Richard Hasonich, Richard Romig	8:45 Ed/Pat Little, James Ritchie, Tony Villani
Greeters	9:30 Nancy Kostas, Ed/Pat Little	9:30 Gene Luff, Donna Mackaravitz	9:30 Sandy/Ted Birchmeier, Lynn/Jon Terry	9:30 Mary/Charlie Mann, Donna Musselman
Altar Guild (LoC)	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann	Linda Baltz, Mary Mann
Flower Delivery (LoC)	Marilyn Musgnung, Cliff Ousley	Jack/Pat Reichel, Richard Romig	Bosco Family, Buzz Heidecker	Sandy Horwath, Karen Favinger
Sexton	Tony DeAngelis Jr	NA	Kim Frankenfield	Kenny Young