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## PASTOR JERRY'S MESSAGE



*"Be still and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our stronghold."  
Psalm 46:10-11*

Greetings and peace to you all!

Indeed the above Scripture passage is not the "normal" to prepare for the coming of the Christ child; however, this passage has been circulating in my own spirit for the last few weeks.

"Be still!" What a great message for the coming season of Advent! Take a moment from the chaos of the season, the shopping, the many additional social events, the planning, the preparation, the busyness of the season and simply "Be still!"

"Be still!" Allow yourself to see the world not only through the "eyes of this world" but through the "divine eyes" that dwell within you. "Be still!" Allow yourself a moment to bask in the beauty of what God has shared with you. Allow yourself to feel the forgiveness and grace that can only come from God from events in your past that have "bound" you. Allow yourself a moment to simply be in the presence of the abounding and steadfast love that God so willingly and wonderfully shares with you. "Be still!"

"Know that I am God!" In your moment of stillness allow yourself to imagine for a moment that constellations millions of light years from earth are part of God's dominion. "Know that I am God!" In your moment of stillness allow yourself to imagine for a moment that the absolute smallest cell in your body is part of God's dominion. "Know that I am God!" in your moment of stillness remind yourself that from the absolute smallest portions of the universe to the greatest and most grand portions of the universe all are part

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and parcel of God's dominion.

Now remember "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold." From the beginning of time to the end of time, God has known you and loved you! "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold." Recall that in your times of great trial and suffering the Lord of hosts has been with you and has been your stronghold. In your times of great joy and inspiration, in your times of great accomplishments and happiness "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold." Recall that in those times when all seems right in the world, God stands beside you celebrating and rejoicing with you!

Allow this Advent season to be a season in which we all recall, God has always been, God currently is, and God will always be our refuge and our strength, pursuing us all with the abounding, steadfast, and eternal love that can only come from God. May this season be a moment of time when each of us exalts our God in our lives and that God's eternal love is exalted in the earth.

Amen.

*Pastor Jerry*



Dear members of the UPG,

Peace is coming.  
God's peace is coming. Jesus,  
our Savior, Emmanuel (God  
with us), is coming. Thanks

be to God for the gift of Jesus who comes again into the world and into our hearts to bring us God's gifts of peace, love, joy, hope, mercy, grace, and salvation, the true gifts of Christmas.

Decorating trees, buying gifts, baking cookies, and singing carols are joyful activities that help us experience "the spirit of the season." But, first and foremost, we must also prepare for the coming of Jesus by opening our hearts and minds to

receive this precious gift of God's Son.

Worship services during December help us do just that. Services of Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and weekend worship at 5:00 PM on Saturdays and 8:45 and 11:00 AM on Sundays are offered to help us prepare for Christ's coming. In the midst of busy schedules that demand much of our attention, let us keep worship a priority.

Sit down in a quiet place and pray on these words from Luther's famous Christmas hymn, "From Heaven Above": "Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, a quiet chamber in my heart, that you and I may never part."

May all the members of the United Proclamation of the Gospel worshipping at Light of Christ and St. Peter's Lutheran churches be blessed anew by Christ's coming.

Yours in Christ,

*Linda Maule* **DEACON**



**STEPHEN SANDOR**, passed away on October 28, 2018. His funeral was held at the Connell Funeral Home on November 3.

**JAMES BISSEY**, a lifelong member of Messiah/Light of Christ, died on November 17. His funeral was held at Light of Christ on November 21.

**DOLORES WEAVER** died on November 17. Her funeral was held at St. Peter's on November 24.

St. Peter's church office was notified that **LUCILLE SERMAN** died on November 7 and that a private funeral was held.

Please keep the families of Stephen, James, Dolores, and Lucille in your prayers during their time of mourning.



**ST. PETER'S CHEESECAKE  
HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER  
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\$35.00 each -- 12" round NY Style Cheesecake  
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**WINTERFEST 2018!**

Winterfest 2018 Coming to the  
United Proclamation of the Gospel  
in Bethlehem!

On Saturday **December 1, 2018**  
from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the United Proclama-  
tion of the Gospel in Bethlehem will be celebrat-  
ing our first "Winterfest!" Winterfest is designed  
to be an event encouraging our neighbors in Beth-  
lehem to begin realizing the advent of God in the  
coming birth of the Christ Child! Our **Light of  
Christ** campus will be transformed for the night!  
On our front lawn facing Easton Avenue we will  
be displaying a Live nativity scene, complete with  
Christmas music and live animals. On our  
Worthington Avenue lawn we will be creating a  
special center for young people to celebrate the  
night with games, and activities designed to have a  
joyful celebration. Free food and Christmas cook-  
ies will be shared with all who attend this event  
and in our sanctuary we will be able to listen to  
"sounds of the season" music provided by guest  
musicians! At 5:45 all activities of the Winterfest

will come to a close so we can gather in our sanc-  
tuary and listen to the birth narrative of Jesus for  
the first time in 2018. Our evening will finish with  
the singing of a few Christmas carols. Please tell  
your friends and family about this exciting event  
and look for bulletin inserts in the coming weeks  
to volunteer your gifts, talents, and time to this  
new and exciting ministry.



**PASTOR'S DISCRE-  
TIONARY FUND**

From time to time, our sis-  
ters and brothers in Christ  
from our community of  
faith are in need of financial assistance. The Pas-  
tor's Discretionary Fund is a resource and gift that  
Pastor Jerry has in order to render aid in these  
times. Over the past year we have helped sisters  
and brothers in Christ purchase necessary medical  
equipment to help them have a better quality of  
life. We have offered assistance in helping to off-  
set costs which were life sustaining. If you would  
like to share a gift with this fund, please annotate  
"pastor's fund" on a check, or note if sharing a  
cash offering, and place these gifts in our normal  
Sunday offering plate. Thank you for your assis-  
tance in advance.



**Saturday December 22, 5:00 PM  
"Longest Night Worship"**

On Saturday December 22 at 5:00 PM, at **Light  
of Christ** Campus, we will be observing our  
"Longest Night Worship." This worship is espe-  
cially designed for sisters and brothers in Christ  
who might feel a "little out of step" with the rest  
of the world during the Christmas season. Per-  
haps you feel especially sensitive this year because

of the death of a loved one. Perhaps you feel a little down this year because a dream that you may have been holding on to has been lost. Whatever the reason you feel a little “down” this year, this worship is created to help us see the light of Christ in the midst of the darkness that surrounds us.

**JOINT UPG WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 9:30 AM  
“LESSONS AND CAROLS”**

On Sunday December 23 at 9:30 AM on our **St. Peter’s** Campus we will be uniting in worship to celebrate our traditional “Lessons and Carols.” This worship will be filled with wonderful music of the season standing side by side with Scripture passages that announce the coming birth of the Messiah. Always a worship filled with joy and glory!

**MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 4:00 PM  
“CHRISTMAS CHILDREN’S PAGEANT”**

On December 24 at 4:00 PM on our **Light of Christ** Campus we will be uniting in worship to celebrate our traditional “Children’s Pageant.” Come and celebrate with our children as through their words and songs they will share the meaning of Christmas with all who come to join in the celebration!

**MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 6:00 PM  
“TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP”**

On December 24 at 6:00 PM on our **St. Peter’s** Campus we will be celebrating our traditional Christmas Eve worship. Come and hear anew the wonderful story of the birth of the Christ child. Celebrate the evening with your family and friends as together we sing songs of the evening. Experience the beauty of glory of singing “Silent Night” by candle light. Allow the beauty and grandeur of God’s love to be felt and experienced in your life!

**MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 8:00PM  
“TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP”**

On December 24 at 8:00 PM on our **Light of Christ** Campus we will be celebrating our traditional Christmas Eve worship. Come and hear anew the wonderful story of the birth of the Christ child. Celebrate the evening with your family and friends as together we sing songs of the

evening. Experience the beauty of glory of singing “Silent Night” by candle light. Allow the beauty and grandeur of God’s love to be felt and experienced in your life!

**MONDAY DECEMBER 24, 10:30 PM  
“LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP”**

On December 24 at 10:30 PM on our **Light of Christ** Campus we will be celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. It’s been a long and busy season and day; come and allow the beauty of the night to permeate your being.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 25, 10:30 AM  
CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION**

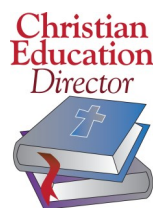
On December 25 at 10:30 AM on our **St. Peter’s** Campus we will be reflecting on the presence of the Christ child in our lives! The tradition of “ringing the church bell” and recalling all the gifts God has shared with us will also be celebrated at this beautiful worship.

**JOINT UPG WORSHIP  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 9:30 AM  
“HYMNS AND LESSONS” CELEBRATION”**

On Sunday December 30 at 9:30 AM on our **Light of Christ** Campus we will continue our celebration of the season with a remembrance of the Scripture passages which make this season so beautiful coupled with some of our favorite Christmas Carols!

A reminder that Holy Communion will be offered at all of our worship celebrations.

Our Church office will be working on an altered schedule from December 24 - January 2. If you are in need of pastoral services, please contact **Pastor Jerry** at **484 333-0433**. Messages left on our answering machines will be reviewed daily during this week.



Dear members and friends,

We are looking forward to our First Winterfest on our Light of Christ campus on December 1, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. both outdoors and

indoors. Members of our Sunday School and others will be participating in the Live Nativity. There are many amazing fun and entertaining activities planned for this festival! We hope you can attend!!

Our Christmas Eve Children's Worship Service will be held at 4:00 p.m on December 24, 2018 on the **Light of Christ** campus. Sunday School children in grades 6 and lower will participate. We will practice during Sunday School throughout the month of December. One mandatory rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Light of Christ sanctuary. Parents are asked to remain for the practice and to help with the snack following the practice. We will be finished rehearsing by 11:00 a.m. Santa will come to the party in the fellowship hall. Children should arrive Christmas Eve at 3:00 p.m. We will meet in the choir room. Confirmation students' help is welcome during the rehearsal and the worship service.

The children are asked to bring personal care items for youth, children and babies to the 4:00 service on Christmas Eve. We will give these donations to a local food bank. The congregation is invited to help us with this collection. Items may be placed in the red basket in the narthex of the **Light of Christ** campus and in the collection area on the **St. Peter's** campus. Thank you for helping us help others!

Suggested items:

Bath Soap  
Diapers – any size  
Baby Wipes  
Baby Shampoo  
Baby Lotion  
Desitin  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Paper towels  
Shampoo for children and youth  
Body wash for babies, children or youth

There will be no Sunday School on December 23 and 30, 2018. We will have one worship service on each of these Sundays at 9:30 a.m. On December 23rd it will be held at **St. Peter's** and on De-

cember 30th the service will be held at **Light of Christ**.

Our Sunday School children/youth will each receive a beautiful handmade Christmas ornament made by **KATHY** and **LARISSA PELLETIER**. We are blessed by their service to our Sunday School children and youth.

On November 10, 2018 we assembled thirteen care packages for our college students and military members. Thank you to the following people for the homemade cookies and other delicious treats for the packages and/or for helping wrap the packages and/or for monetary gifts for the postage: **PAT LITTLE, DOLORES KENNEDY** and their friend; **MARLENE HOTTLE, JOAN ERB, MARY MANN, DONNA MACKARAVITZ, MICHELLE HARVEY, JON TERRY, LOIS ZIGMUND, DEB BRANDLE, KAREN FAVINGER, AMY BLEIER, CAROL QUIRK, GERRY WELTON, RON DALLA PIAZZA, TRACY HAAS, SANDY HORWATH** and **JUNE SEGESDY**. We have heard from some of the recipients and know the packages were very much appreciated!! Thank you to all of the people whose participation has allowed this ministry to thrive!!!

Many people worked together to contribute to the celebration of our youth's confirmation on November 18, 2018. Thank you to **TRACY HAAS** for her work on the class photo, to **ANNETTE JONES** and to **KARIN BENGSTON** and to **ELIZABETH ELTERICH** for the flowers worn by the confirmands, to **SHARON HEIDECKER** for the calligraphy on their certificates, to **CAROL KNAUSS** and the Educational Ministry Committee for the cake and the reception and to **DIANE VORON** who created the cards for each student. Thank you to all who made the worship and celebration special for **TAYLOR BAGGEST, EVAN HAWK, QUINN JACKUS, LUKE KING, JESSE NICHOL, KAILYN SEIXAS, KEEGAN THOMPSON** and **JILLIAN WEIERBACH**. God Bless Our Confirmands!!

The 8th and 9th Grade Confirmation class will resume in January. Families will be notified of the winter term schedule by email. Please remember that while confirmation classes are not being held

during Advent that church and Sunday School attendance is ongoing.

Looking ahead to Educational Ministry's Events for December 2018 and January 2019:

- **DECEMBER 2, 9 and 16, 2018** – part of each Sunday School class held at **LIGHT OF CHRIST'S** campus devoted to the Children's Christmas Eve Service for preschool through 6th grades.
- **DECEMBER 15TH** – 10:00-11:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Eve Service in **LIGHT OF CHRIST'S** sanctuary, Christmas party and Santa's visit to follow in the fellowship hall.
- **DECEMBER 24TH-** 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service – **LIGHT OF CHRIST** campus – participants arrive at 3:00 p.m.
- December 23rd– No Sunday School
- December 30th – No Sunday School



- January, 2019 – 8th/9th grade confirmation class resumes with notification email sent during the Christmas holiday

As I am writing this article we just concluded our 11th Friendly's Family Fun Night. We raised \$1,283.00 - This is \$94.00 over last November's total. Thank you for your constant support of our church preschool!! We counted over 134 people in attendance. We had 27 baskets/items to raffle. So as not to omit someone's name I am not listing

all of the volunteers as over thirty people helped plan, create baskets and work at this event!! Thanks Be To God For All of You and to everyone who attended. Your support is awesome for our school children, staff and families!!! We will hold another Friendly's Family Fun Night and raffle in March, 2019. A quilt will be added to our raffle in March. We hope you can attend! More details as we get closer to March.

The lucky winners of the raffle this time are **PEYTON HAAS, WAYNE BRUCH, CARLY BAKER, LYNN MALOK, ADRIENNE MANTZ, KIM MCCLURE, WILL TERRY, MARY BENDER, JULIE and MICHAEL SLOMA, JEANELLE VUCHKO, KRISTEN CHRISTMAN, JEN GRUBE, MARLANE HASONICH, ALBERTA BAGGEST, SARAH MOORE, KRISTEN FRICKE, TERRY and CHRIS KNAUSS, JENNIE DANYI, MARK LOGORDA and DYLAN HASONICH**. Some friends were so lucky they won more than one basket/item. Thank you, everyone!!

Thank you to all members and friends who donated food needed to prepare Thanksgiving meals in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The families who received the food are very thankful for your support!

Our second annual Barnes and Noble Book Fair will be held on Friday evening, December 7, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble located at 4445 Southmont Way. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas to the store. The theme for the activities is based upon the children's storybook The Polar Express. A portion of the proceeds from the sale will go to the Child Center. Free gift wrapping will be offered as well as a small gift for each child attending. A scavenger hunt, create a bookmark and the reading of the Polar Express at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Terry are part of the experience. We hope you can attend. It is a way to purchase a Christmas gift for someone on your list and help our preschool simultaneously.

Our Christmas Chapel with families and friends will be held on December 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary. The congregation is invited to

attend. The children will be telling the story of Jesus' birth through songs and pageantry. They will also be bringing personal care items to chapel for babies and children served by a local food bank.

**Our Fascinating Fours' Class** will be attending the Edgeboro Moravian Christmas Putz on December 10th to further learn the story of Jesus' birth. All of our classes will be learning the story of Jesus' birth this month during our chapel lessons. Each child will receive a nativity ornament from the Child Center as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will also have a special visit by Santa Claus!!

Thank you to our Thrivent members who continue to designate their "Choice Dollars" to the Messiah Lutheran Church Child Center. We are greatly appreciative of these gifts which will be added to our scholarship fund.

Wishing all a Blessed Advent Season, a Merry Christmas and God's Blessings in the New Year!

In God's Love,

*Lynn Terry*

Christian Education Director/MLCCC Director

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## NEWS FROM GOD'S WORK.OUR HANDS TEAM

### 2018 GIVING TREE

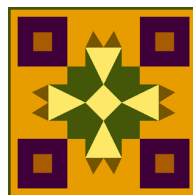


On the first Sunday of Advent, the Giving Trees on both campuses of the UPG will be decorated with tags requesting gifts for the children of our community. Please take one or more tags and purchase the item listed on the tag. Please follow these guidelines.

**LIGHT OF CHRIST** - There are two kinds of tags on the Giving Tree: tags to provide a book for a Preschool child and tags to provide books for the Marvine Elementary School library. The Preschool tags include the child's name with a suggested book topic. The tags for the library at Marvine list specific book titles and authors and ask that books be "hard copy." Please do not wrap any of the books. Return books and tags by Christmas Eve and place them in the appropriate box next to the Giving Tree. Thank you for sharing the joy of reading with these children.

**ST. PETER'S** - The Giving Tree is decorated with paper mittens. Please take a paper mitten, purchase children's mittens or gloves and a hat and return the items with the paper mitten and a \$3 donation for the purchase of a book in a clear plastic ziplock bag by December 16. There can be no reference to religious or secular holidays (ex. no Santa or religious themes). Warmest thanks for keeping Head Start children warm this season.

### CHRISTMAS QUILT RAFFLE



Two beautiful Christmas quilts have been donated for us to raffle during the month of December. They will be on display at **LIGHT OF CHRIST'S** campus on December 2 and 9 and at **ST. PETER'S** campus on December 16 and 23.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 30, after the combined worship service at **LIGHT OF CHRIST**. Proceeds will support missionary partners in Argentina.

### PANTRY COLLECTIONS



The GWOH Team has revised the system by which non-perishables are collected for the food pantries we support. Instead of asking for food donations each week,

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we will now be collecting donations on the second Sunday of each month on both campuses. We suggest that when you shop you set aside a purchase for the pantry (please check the Pew News for specific requests) and bring those items in on the second Sunday of each month.

Our next Pantry Sunday is December 9th when we will support Calvary Temple's food pantry. Their needs are ground coffee (no K cups), stuffing mix and dry brownie or cookie mix. Thank you for sharing your abundance with others.



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### THRIVENT NEWS

Calling all Thrivent members and those who have a passion for outreach ministry

Please attend a very important breakfast meeting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 12, (snow date – January 19) at **LIGHT OF CHRIST**. We will look at 2019 and plan the outreach projects we want to do. We need your input and your passion. Beverages will be provided and you are invited to bring some breakfast nibbles to share.

Choice Dollars – Please don't miss this opportunity to gift Choice Dollars from Thrivent to the church campus of your choice. These funds do not come from any personal account you might have with Thrivent. These funds are a gift from Thrivent for you to share.

If you are not sure if you have Choice Dollars, please call Thrivent (1-800-847-4836) for the information you need to know. Please call now.



### BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Last year, Christ UCC on Market and Center opened its doors as the official Bethlehem Emergency Shelter for men and women. This winter, the UPG will help at the Shelter on these dates: December 4, January 15, February 5 and March 5. Volunteers are needed on

these four dates to:

1. Greet guests and register them as they arrive.  
4:30 - 7:15 pm and/or 7:15 - 10:00 pm
2. Provide an entree for the dinner meal. You can bring food to cook at BES or prepare an item at home to drop off by 4:30 pm
3. Provide a side dish and/or dessert for the dinner meal
4. Help cook dinner, serve food and cleanup. 4:30 - 7:30 pm
5. Provide breakfast food (drop off by 8:00 pm)
6. Prepare and serve breakfast and clean up. 5:00 am - 7:30 am
7. One male and one female chaperone to spend the night. Bed is provided, bring your own pillow and sheets. A paid BES monitor is also present. 9:00 pm - 6:00 am

Suggestions for food items to bring (servings for 10 please)

Dinner: casseroles, sloppy joes, stews, soups, lasagna, frozen/fresh vegetables, potatoes, perogies, salads (BES provides salad dressings), rolls, desserts

Breakfast: egg/French toast casserole, sausages, eggs, fresh fruit, muffins, bagels, cereals (BES provides milk and juice)

Please contact **MICHEL LLOYD** if you can help, or with any questions. The shelter guests are very grateful for a warm place to stay, and for the warm welcome provided.

Contact Michel at: michellloyd@gmail.com or 484-695-3921



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| 7  | Brett & Carl Hauber, IV       |
| 18 | John & Jacquelyn Kalynch      |
| 19 | Krista & Bill Nagy            |
|    | Jay & Angela Smayda           |
| 27 | Christopher & Kathy Thomforde |
|    | Fran & Ruth Walter            |



1 Blake Fenice  
Paige Haas

3 Brenna DeAngelis  
Betty Fenicle  
Bruce Billiard

4 Linda Baltz  
Elsie Sziffer

5 Kayleigh Dillman

6 Alita DeAngelis  
Floyd Muschlitz  
John Storm Roberts

8 Sophia Zrinski  
Kathryn Jones

9 Peyton Haas  
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10 Michelle Geiger  
Bruce Gillette

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Bryan T. Green  
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12 Sandra Birchmeier  
Andrew O'Keefe  
Jean Perry

13 Andrew Demyan  
Sharon McDonald

14 Ryan James Baggest  
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Adam Kaltreider  
Joseph Bleier

Timothy Rolls

18 David Miller

19 Karli Inez Abrantes  
Judy Peek

Ronald Dalla Piazza

Colin Zarzecki

20 Karin Bengston

21 Carol Anders

Rebecca Righi

Helen Daniels

Dylan Olenwine

Ryan Ott

22 Christopher Voron

25 Lisa Mantz

26 Noah Young

Wyatt Young

27 Deborah Albors

Kensi Chung

Patricia Rupp

Patricia Velekel

28 Justin Galinski  
Massimo Piscitello

Rose Furchner

Raider Thakrar

29 Dolores Kennedy

Cody Zrinski

31 Faye Enstrom

Diane Hubinsky

Randy Schoch



Dear Church friends,

Thank you to all who gave communion, brought altar flowers, and visited Mom (Edna Pagel) during her stay at Holy Family Manor. She enjoyed those visits more than you will ever know.

Thank you also, to those who contributed to the church in her memory.

As long as we can remember, church was always a big part of our mother's life and we appreciate the kindness shown to her these past five years.

Sincerely,  
The Pagel Family

Dear United Proclamation of the Gospel members,

Thank you so much for your monetary donation to Truth for Women from your bake sale. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we continue to provide restorative care to survivors of sex trafficking.

Thank you,  
Kim Checkeye  
Executive Director

Tracy,

We want to thank you for choosing Unangst Tree Farms for United Proclamation of the Gospel's Fall Activity. We hope everyone had a wonderful time exploring the farm and getting lost in the maze. If anyone has any great ideas for our 2019 Corn Maze, please do not hesitate to email your ideas to us. We also enjoy seeing everyone's fun photos. If you would like to share them with us, please forward to Trudy at [unangsttreefarm@gmail.com](mailto:unangsttreefarm@gmail.com) or tag us on FaceBook or Instagram. We are always looking for new photos for our 2019 FaceBook and web site pages.

HAPPY FALL!

From your friends at Unangst Tree Farms

Dear Cliff,

Thank you so much for your donation of food from your Harvest Home Collection for Northeast Ministry's food pantry!

During the month of August, the pantry served 240 families, consisting of 288 adults, 270 children, and 144 senior citizens. There were 78 new families who access the pantry in August. During the month of September, the pantry served 225 families, consisting of 268 adults, 219 children, and 138 seniors. There were 39 new families who accessed the food pantry in September. Families accessing the pantry receive items such as canned goods and non-perishables, as well as refrigerated items such as fresh eggs, juice, produce and lunch meats.

We are so grateful to have your 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!

Sincerely,  
Grace Young  
Marketing Coordinator



# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### Visitors from Saxony, Germany



The Northeastern PA Synod is blessed with four Companion Synods—a special relationship with the Lutheran Christians in five countries. These are Argentina and Uruguay; Slovenia; Tanzania; and Saxony, Germany. From October 4 to 15, we had the privilege of hosting 15 of our brothers and sisters from Saxony, Germany. The visitors ranged in age from 17 to “older”.

While our visitors were in our Synod, they were each hosted by two different families—one in the Mountain Top area of the Synod and one in the greater Reading area.

From the moment they arrived on the 4th, the visitors had a very full agenda. Some of the opportunities provided to our brothers and sisters from Saxony were:

- worship with their host families,
- a retreat with our Saxony Committee to develop a covenant,
- going to a high school (American) football game,
- spending 2 days in New York City,
- a day in Philadelphia,
- a trip to Amish country,
- and a pig roast.

Of course they did get some down time too!



In order to host a group of this size, it takes the commitment and dedication of many people. A special “Thank You” goes to the host families and our synod’s Saxony committee. A extra special thank you goes to Pastors Wayne and Michele Kaufman.

## Final Reminder: Monthly Mailing to Be Sent Using Email

In an effort to be more faithful stewards both of the synod's financial resources and of the earth God has entrusted to our care, the synod "Monthly Mailing" will no longer be reproduced on paper and mailed through the post office.

**Beginning with the January 2019 mailing**, materials will be emailed to each congregation and also posted for download on the synod website.

**For this to work, it is important that each congregation have a current email on file with the synod office. If your congregation is not receiving the weekly E-News (sent out on Tuesday mornings), it is probably best if you contact us at [nepsinfo1988@gmail.com](mailto:nepsinfo1988@gmail.com) with the email you wish to use for the monthly materials.**

If your congregation does not use email, please recruit a member who does have an email address to receive your materials, and forward that address to the synod.

The synod recognizes that it may be inconvenient for a few congregations, and we appreciate your patience and cooperation with this transition. If you have any questions about what you need to do, please contact the synod at [nepsinfo1988@gmail.com](mailto:nepsinfo1988@gmail.com) or 610-266-5101.

## Grace, Reading Back to School Giveaway



The lazy days of summer maybe the norm for some people, but not for the congregation and supporters of Grace, Reading's Back to School Event. For the past four years Grace has hosted this event at their location on the southern side of Reading.

This community project started when four congregation volunteers agreed to assist on a project suggested by Rita Wilk at church council. Rita's dream was to hold an event open to all community members, where needed school supplies and backpacks could be given out to students. Donations were obtained from Grace members along with other churches within the West Berks Mission District. Reaching the targeted recipients was simplified by piggybacking on the resources established by our Growing with Grace Tutoring program. This tutoring program serves two elementary schools located within a few blocks of the church.

In its infancy, this one-day event reached about 120 students with new and used backpacks / bags filled with school supplies. A limited amount of new underwear was given out as well.

To make a greater impact, additional funds were needed to expand the number of backpacks and supplies offered. Over the last three years, grants have been written and granted from Thrivent, Walmart, and the NEPA Synod (your Mission Support dollars at work).

Read more online at <http://nepasynod.org/grace-reading-backpacks>.

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