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LIGHT OF CHRIST  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



**PASTOR JERRY'S MESSAGE** *28 Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. 31 They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem. Luke 9:28-31(NLT)*

Greetings and peace to you!

Together, we once again celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem!

Together, during the season of Epiphany we have seen with our own eyes how the Christ child has been revealed to us in spectacular ways!

Soon we will begin our annual pilgrimage with Jesus to the Holy City of Jerusalem!

We will journey with our Lord to the cross, keep Vigil while He's in the tomb, and celebrate His resurrection!

But before our Lenten pilgrimage begins, we pause to reflect on the Transfiguration of our Lord. A day when we acknowledge how Jesus was transfigured in the presence of His disciples. On this day we recall that Jesus became "radiant" and was standing with Moses and Elijah. On this day we remember that Jesus fulfills all the prophecies of the Old Testament and amplifies all of God's teachings spoken in the past through His current life. On this day we recall that each of us is called to "listen to Jesus." On this day you and I have an opportunity to bear witness to how God's call and our Lord's Spirit has also "transfigured" our own faith and our own life!

On March 3, 2019 the people of the United Proclamation of the Gospel will come together on our St. Peter's campus to celebrate and rejoice over the transfiguration that has occurred in our com-

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munity! Together, we will witness our Lord welcoming a new sister in Christ into our midst through baptism! Together, we will celebrate as sisters and brothers in Christ unite with our community! Together, we will rejoice that our Lord has empowered a sister in Christ to share her gifts and talents with us and commission her to be our parish nurse in the UPG! This worship promises to be exciting and joy filled! Following our worship celebration we will adjourn to the St. Peter's social room when we will share in a "Town Hall Meeting."

During this meeting we will be discussing the "Vision Plan" that has been generated based on the responses you shared in last year's questionnaire and the thoughts and visions of many dedicated sisters and brothers in Christ who have shared their time and talents with our leadership. A copy of this "Vision Plan" is included in this month's newsletter mailing. Our hope is that you will read this document and familiarize yourself with its content, bringing your questions, your thoughts, your concerns forward at the "Town Hall" meeting.

Recently a friend of mine shared an illustration with me regarding how she sees the events of the United Proclamation of the Gospel unfolding in her life. I found this illustration to be both profound and powerful and I would like to summarize and share her thoughts with you. She said "If someone told me that I could turn back the clock and become 25 again, I would immediately rejoice! I would recall the fun and relative carefree days I had at this age. I would recall the fond memories I have with friends and the excitement I felt with my husband. But, if I was 25 again, I wouldn't have any of my children and they have brought so much to my life. Rather, I like being the age that I am, remembering the joyful moments of my past, looking forward to the future, but relishing and living in the wonderful gifts and blessings that God is providing me in the present. This sister in Christ then shared with me many

wonderful ministries occurring within our midst that she thinks are wonderful and what a great and abundant opportunity God has provided us all.

My thoughts and prayers are that we would all be able to give thanks to God for the beauty of our previous days, that we would look forward to the fulfillment of all of God's promises in our future, but that we would be ever joyful and grateful for the opportunities that our Lord is sharing with us right here and right now!

Please consider joining us in this wonderful celebration on March 3, sharing your thoughts and visions with all who will gather!

Peace and blessings,

**Pastor Jerry**



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP—MARCH 6**

Lent begins with a solemn call as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. "Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord." The sign of ashes on our foreheads suggests our human mortality and frailty. What might seem like an ending is truly an invitation to make each day a new beginning in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness.

On Ash Wednesday, the UPG will offer three Worship opportunities:

- 6:30 AM                      St. Peter's Chapel
- Noon                              Light of Christ
- 7:00 PM                      St. Peter's Sanctuary

Please consider joining us for this powerful beginning to the season of Lent



Dear members of the UPG,

Are you ready for the journey? A useful preparation is to make a checklist of necessary items for the journey. In that way important items like toiletries, medications, clothing/shoes, itinerary, directions, cash/credit card, cellphone, umbrella, bathing suit, jacket, etc. will go with you.

Are you ready for the journey? Christians will embark soon on their journey through Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and culminating on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Here is a checklist of varying activities to accompany your Lenten journey. Please think prayerfully about this suggestion. Instead of fasting or eliminating a favorite food or activity, consider adding an activity to your daily/weekly schedule as part of your Lenten discipline.

### Lenten journey checklist

1. Attend weekend worship
2. Attend mid-week worship with other Lutherans in Bethlehem
3. Attend Bible study
4. Read scripture daily
5. Pray for others daily
6. Join the UPG 4-person pilgrimage group (see Pr. Jerry's letter)
7. Participate in the UPG Lenten "blog" ministry

(see Pr. Jerry's letter)

8. Support the UPG Lenten project for Mary's Shelter (see newsletter article on page 10)
9. Grocery shop for Pantry Sunday (2nd Sunday of each month)
10. Assist with food or be a presence at the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter
11. Lend a hand by joining a committee (Senior choir would love your help)
12. Offer assistance to the office staff
13. Bring a neighbor/friend to worship with you
14. Increase your monetary offering (especially to the World Hunger Appeal)
15. Visit a homebound member/take them a meal
16. Add your own spiritual activity or gift of service

Participation in any one or more of the activities mentioned will allow you to experience a more meaningful journey during Lent. Your faith will be strengthened, you will have given something of yourself to someone else, and your choice of activity/activities could become a welcome long-term habit.

May you have a blessed journey through Lent and, this is the best part, God will be right there beside you to inspire and sustain you.

Yours in Christ,

**Deacon Linda Maule**



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **PHILLIP SABATINO**, a member of St. Peter's, who died on January 11. He is survived by his wife Sara.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **JOHN G. ALTHENN**, a member of St. Peter's, who died on January 28. He is survived by his daughter Linda Althenn.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **MIRTA G. HEFFNER**, a St. Peter's member, who died on January 26. She is survived by her husband Herbert.

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **GUY 'BARRY' CHRISTMAN**, a member of Light of Christ, who died on February 3. He is survived by his son Billy.

## LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

Forgot to sign up for the Lenten Pilgrimage to Jerusalem??? There's still time! Call the church office or return this form no later than close of business on February 27, 2019.

### UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

### LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM

### MINISTRY APPLICATION

Yes, I am looking forward to joining my sisters and brothers in Christ across the UPG on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem during Lent 2019!

Please accept my application for:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Option 1:** Join a four (4) person pilgrimage group

\_\_\_\_\_ **Option 2:** Participate in the United Proclamation of the Gospel Lenten "Blog" ministry

\_\_\_\_\_ **Option 3:** Utilize prepared booklet as a personal Lenten devotion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### IF CHOOSING OPTION 1, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

If desired/and have other person's permission:

Name of person who will be joining me on pilgrimage: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOUR-PERSON PILGRIMAGE GROUP ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE SHARED AT PILGRIMAGE GATHERING ON  
MARCH 2, 2019**

### CONGREGATIONS ON MISSION TOGETHER (COMIT) TO SHARE MID-WEEK LENTEN OFFERINGS

It is with great joy that we share that once again, the United Proclamation of the Gospel will be joining other area Lutheran communities to share in Mid-week Lenten Worship. Each Worship is preceded by a "soup and salad" meal which begins at 6:00 PM at the host church. Worship, including Holy Communion, is celebrated at 7:00 PM.

This year's theme for our Lenten Worship will be "Perfect Love Casts out Fear."



- OUR MARCH SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**
- March 13th St. Peter's
  - March 20th St. John's Windish (617 E. 4th Street, Bethlehem)
  - March 27th Star of Bethlehem (514 3rd Avenue, Bethlehem)

## UPG NIGHT AT THE IRON PIGS

### TICKETS – SAVE THE DATE!



Join the UPG at Coca-Cola Park for Iron Pigs Baseball on **June 14** at 7:05 PM! Tickets are \$11 per person. Payment is due by April 15, either cash or check. Checks can be made payable to

St. Peter's with a note "Iron Pigs Baseball" on the memo line. Payments can be dropped off at either church office. Any questions, please contact either church office.

## CALVARY FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN ON MARCH 4 AND 5



The Calvary Food Pantry will be open from 9-11 AM on March 4 and 5 at 111 Dewberry Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. It will also be open on (April 1,2 and May 6,7)



In this article we introduce **DONNA MUSSELMAN** in her new role as UPG Parish Nurse. Donna tells us:

First a little about me: I am a life-long resident of the Lehigh Valley. I graduated from Liberty High School and St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing. I have been part of the health care community for almost 48 years. I have spent those years working primarily in a hospital setting, with the last 38 years in the operating room.

As a parish nurse, I am able to assist you in understanding health care information, such as treatment options offered by your physician, medications you take or have been prescribed to take,

and encouragement to develop a written personal medical history listing diseases, medications, allergies, surgeries to keep readily available in case you are not able to speak for yourself.

I would like to explain a little about my role as parish nurse as it relates to legalities of the health care system.

As a member of the health care field I am bound by HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 2000). I am not permitted to disclose any health information shared with me, not even with your physician, unless approved by you. Likewise, your physician is not able to share any health information about you with me, unless approved by you.

As a member of the health care field I am also a mandatory reporter. That means that if I suspect abuse of any type (child, spouse, elderly) I must report it to the proper authorities. I do not need your permission to do so.

As a registered nurse I am not trained, nor am I permitted, to make diagnoses. I may have a good idea of what is wrong, but by law I am only permitted to encourage you to contact your physician to be seen.

I am not permitted to prescribe medications, not even to suggest over-the-counter meds, or treatments of any kind.

I am looking forward to this new phase of my nursing career. Today there are some faith communities that have parish nurses, and we are breaking new ground in the UPG. I ask for your understanding as we all learn where this ministry will take us.



## ST. JOHN'S WINDISH STRIDERS WALKING SCHEDULE

DUST OFF THOSE WALKING SHOES & JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S STRIDERS FOR OUR WEEKLY WALKS BEGINNING IN APRIL! ALL ARE WELCOME, INCLUDING FAMILY, FRIENDS & EVEN DOGS (EXCEPT WHEN DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED PER THE LOCATION)

LET'S BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE GIFT GOD FIRST GAVE US...OUR BODIES!

- 04/30/19 GREENWAY, START AT CHURCH
- 5/7/19 HANOVER TOWNSHIP, MEET IN PARKING LOT
- 5/14/19 HELLERTOWN RAIL TRAIL, MEET AT GRIST MILL, WALNUT STREET TRAIL ENTRANCE
- 5/21/19 SAND ISLAND/TOW PATH, BETHLEHEM, MEET AT BRIDGE NEAR ICE HOUSE
- 5/28/19 TREXLER PARK, ALLENTOWN
- 6/4/19 HOOVER-MASON TRESTLE, START AT CHURCH
- 6/11/19 GREENWAY, START AT CHURCH
- 6/18/19 HANOVER TOWNSHIP, MEET IN PARKING LOT
- 6/25/19 HELLERTOWN RAIL TRAIL, MEET AT GRIST MILL, WALNUT STREET TRAIL ENTRANCE

ALL WALKS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. TUESDAY NIGHTS JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & EXERCISE!  
LET'S BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE GIFT GOD FIRST GAVE US...OUR BODIES!

### UPG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



On Tuesday, March 5 & 19, from 9:30 to 11 am, in the Social Room on the St. Peter's Campus, all women of the UPG are welcome at the table. Ring the "St. Peter's" doorbell and Kathi will let

you in the building. Whether you have come for a long time, come occasionally, or have never been to a Bible study, there is a place for you at the table when you can come. Coffee/tea and some snacks will be ready. **The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus** is the title of the study written by Pastor Julie Kanarr. As we read the Gospel of John, it begins with the words: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. This is a reminder of how God

was there at the beginning of time and continues to be with each of us every day of our lives. What a gift from God! And then to show how much God loves us, God gives us Jesus who experiences all the emotions and challenges of human life. The study helps women see how God/Jesus is always with us and understands the joys, sorrows, and challenges of this life. Faith grows and flourishes as we meet Jesus throughout our days and nights.

Prayerfully consider coming to the UPG Women's Bible Study in March. There is a place for you at the table.

**Elizabeth Elterich**

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## BLANKET MAKING RESUMES



Everyone is welcome to come make Lutheran World Relief blankets on Tuesday, March 19 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, in the Social Room on the St. Peter's Campus. These blankets require some skill in using scissors, pinning fabric, tying knots, and sometimes ironing~~skills many of us have to share. There are also parts of making the blanket that can be done from home if you are unable to come on the

19th.

In October, the UPG shipped off about a dozen LWR blankets which will be sent around the world to people in need of shelter, warmth, and the assurance that in their time of desperation, someone cares about them. These gifts of love mean so much to those who receive them. To be wrapped in a warm blanket can mean the world to someone fleeing home in the midst of war, violence, natural disaster, or abuse, or someone who is ill.

March 16 has been declared as National Quilting Day~~“ Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love.” So, if you can, come on over to St. Peter's Campus on March 19 and help make a blanket quilt and share God's love with others around the world. If you can contribute large pieces of cotton fabric 62 X 68, bring that along to the Social Room any Sunday. If you have questions about how you can help, see **ELIZABETH ELTERICH** or **LOUISE FIELDING** any Sunday.



Crafters Group

## CRAFTERS' NIGHT

Do you like to paint, weave baskets, knit, crochet, or any other craft? YOU should come on Monday, March 18th

from 6:30 to 8 pm, on the St. Peter's Campus. The gathering happens in the UCF room on Level 1 near the Church office. Ring the “St. Peter's” doorbell at Parking lot or C.E. Building and someone will let you in the building.

Bring your own supplies, ideas, patterns to share! It is an evening filled with busy hands, good conversation, and closes with prayers for those receiving the work of our hands.

NOTE: Crafters' Night is usually the 3rd Monday of the month, but in April 2019, the Crafters will meet on Monday, April 22nd, the 4th Monday, the week after Easter.

## SNOW POLICY REMINDER:



Women's Bible Study, Blanket Making, and Crafters' Night will not meet any time the Bethlehem School District has a delay or is closed because of bad weather.



- 6 Ronald & Carol Frankenfield
- 12 Thomas & Ratanaphorn Sarver
- 17 Theresa & Gabriel Mitchell
- 22 George & Jennifer Nagy
- 24 Scott & Kimberly Rawhouser
- 31 Michael & Kelly Jannett



## ANNOUNCING THE UPG CONCERT SERIES ON ST. PETER'S CAMPUS

You are invited to attend these great concerts at St. Peter's. Mark your calendars now for the exciting new season of music.

All concerts are in St. Peter's Nave and are free. A free will offering will be collected at each concert to fund this concert series.



Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM

### **Marisa Deshler, Organ Concert**

St. Peter's organist performs beautiful pieces to begin the Lenten Journey



Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3:00 PM

### **Lehigh University Chamber Ensembles and Soloists**

Showcases the many musical talents of Lehigh students



Sunday, May 19, 2019, 3:00 PM

### **"Music Among Friends"**

Lucille Kincaid with some of the Lehigh Valley's top musicians

## GOD'S WORK.OUR HANDS TEAM



### **PANTRY SUNDAY - MARCH 10**

On March 10, please bring your UPG pantry bags to worship filled with items to support dental health at Calvary Temple: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and mouthwash. Thank you for being a blessing to others.

## UPG LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT

The 2019 Lenten outreach project for the UPG (suggested by the Sunday school) is to support an agency in Bethlehem called **MARY'S SHELTER**. Mary's Shelter is administered by Cay Calgon Life House, 714 W. Broad Street, Bethlehem. We will participate in their Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for needy pregnant women and women with newborns.

On March 10, the first Sunday in Lent, Mary's Shelter will provide empty baby bottles for each congregational family to take home and fill with quarters. Please return the bottles on Easter Sunday, April 21st. You are encouraged to add an offering of quarters each day to the baby bottle accompa-

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nied by a prayer for the mothers and babies who need our prayers. Please consider filling the bottle with quarters more than once.

**Thank you for supporting Mary's Shelter with your generous offering. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of young mothers and their babies.**

**Please read this additional information about Mary's shelter.**

### MISSION

Loving children from the beginning; changing lives forever.

### VISION STATEMENT

Mary's Shelter provides residential and non-residential services for pregnant women and women with newborns who are in need of a supportive environment because of a lack of suitable housing or favorable family relationships. While caring for women in need, Mary's Shelter prepares mothers with newborns for independent living and a vision of hope for the future.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mary's Shelter's housing and social service programs have been used as a model for establishing new maternity homes and its successful program has been replicated in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Texas, Alabama and Iowa. In addition, Mary's Shelter executive staff members have been consulted on every aspect of establishing a Maternity Home from the grass roots beginning to program development to creating a development plan.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Please support the members of the Senior choir by singing with



them for a short term commitment of six weeks during the Lenten season and Easter Sunday. One of the most important functions of worship in the UPG is to give God praise and thanks for all the blessings that God bestows on us.

Singing with the choir is a special way for you to personally praise and thank God and, in turn, your presence in the choir will strengthen the choir's collective music making. The activity of engaging your entire body, mind and spirit in the singing process is a proven benefit to your health and well-being. Singing together in community is a social activity that creates a special bond with others. That's healthy - spiritually and physically! !

Please join the choir for rehearsal on either Light of Christ or St. Peter's campus on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Thank you for your support.

### UPG Choir Rehearsals

Both choirs rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 PM in the choir rooms.

If you're unable to rehearse on Wednesday evenings, come on Sunday mornings for the choir warmup rehearsal (8:15 AM at St. Peter's, 10:30 AM at LoC)

Anyone is welcome to join us – from middle school on up. We look forward to making music with you.

**Christian Education Director**



Dear friends,

March finds us beginning our Lenten journey in our Sunday School lessons, participating in our church wide Lenten Outreach

Project and planning for our annual Lenten Fair.

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Our Sunday School, in coordination with the UPG God's Work Our Hands team, is preparing to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign for a Bethlehem shelter for at risk expectant mothers and their babies. This shelter is called the Cay Galgon Life House. It formerly was named Mary's Shelter. Mary's Shelter continues to operate in Reading, PA. It is a nondenominational, non-profit organization that relies on the financial support of individuals, organizations, churches and businesses. Beginning on March 10th, our Sunday School students and teachers will receive a baby bottle from the shelter which we will take home and fill with coins for our daily Lenten offering. The filled bottles will be returned to Sunday School on April 28th and May 5th. A group of our youth and advisors will deliver a check to the shelter on a date to be determined.

The shelter accepts donations of gently used furniture to furnish their apartments. Also accepted are donations of diapers and other baby supplies and baby toys.

We look forward to helping these young mothers and babies in need of our help.

Our annual **LENTEN FAIR** will be held during Sunday School in the fellowship hall on April 7th. More details will be forthcoming.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held the week of July 15-19, 2019. We will lift off with Concordia Publishing House's "Miraculous Mission." We hope you will check your calendar and join us in bringing this program to life for our children. The countdown to a spirit filled week of VBS has begun!!

The UPG will come together for worship and a meeting following worship on March 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. on the St. Peter's campus. We hope you will join us to learn of our ministries and to help plan for the future. For this reason, there will be

no Sunday School on this day. Other than Easter Sunday, this is the last time that Sunday School will not be held for the 2018-2019 school year.

Looking ahead to future Educational Ministry's Events

- March 3, 2019 No Sunday School. Instead a 9:30 a.m. church service and meeting at St. Peter's campus
- March 26, 2019 LOCCC Friendly's Family Fun Night – 3099 William Penn Highway 5:00-8:00 p.m. (more info is included with the Child Center article)
- April 7, 2019 Lenten Fair 9:30 a.m. during Sunday School
- April 15, 2019 LOCCC Easter Chapel and Art Show 6:30 p.m.
- April 16, 2019 LOCCC Easter Hat Parade 9:15 a.m. fellowship hall and outside walkways  
All Are Welcome To View The Parade!!
- April 21, 2019 – Easter Sunday, no Sunday School
- April 28, 2019 – Sunday School will begin in the sanctuary and continue in the education building. Sunday School families and teachers will be reminded. A joint worship at LOC will be held on this day at 9:30 a.m.
- April 13, 2019 – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner following the 5:00 p.m. worship service
- May 19, 2019 Sunday School Closing Worship and Picnic/Festival Games on the lawn follow-

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ing the church service

- July 15-19, 2019 Vacation Bible School –9:00-noon



We are currently registering children ages 2, 3, and 4 by October 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year!! This school year will be our church's 12th year of operating our Christian preschool!! Please help spread the word and if you have a child or grandchild of this age and are looking for a preschool please arrange for a tour by calling the school number listed at the end of this article. It is a wonderful, nurturing, Christian preschool with caring, dedicated and creative teachers filled with the love of God! There is no time to wait if you are enrolling a child for our Fascinating Fours' Program as we always have a waiting list for this class.

Thank you for your assistance with the Giant A+ School Rewards Program. Registration in the program concluded on January 31, 2019. The cards that have been registered continue to earn points for the LOCCC until the end of March, 2019. Thank you to everyone who registered their rewards number.

Thank you to our Thrivent members who continue to designate their "Choice Dollars" to the Light of Christ Child Center. Thank you, also, to the individuals who contributed to our Scholarship Fund. We are currently assisting the families of three children with these donations and continue to have requests for tuition assistance. Thank you and God bless you for enabling us to fulfill our mission to provide a preschool education to those in need.

This month we are looking forward to celebrating our Friendly's Family Fun Night on March 26, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at 3099 William Penn Highway. We will be distributing vouchers for this event!!! The Friendly's Cooperation has changed their fund raising rules. Each person who attends must present a voucher before their food is ordered in order for us to receive credit for the purchases. We will distribute the vouchers through our churches and Sunday School before the event.

We will be selling raffle tickets for our baskets the three weekends prior to the event before our Saturday and Sunday church services on the LOC campus. We are currently accepting donations for our basket raffle. Please see me or any board member if you would like to contribute an item. Gift cards that will add value to our baskets are greatly appreciated. Cards that would be helpful are a Dairy Store Gift Certificate, Gift Cards to Wegmans, Barnes and Noble, The Learning Express, Dick's Sporting Goods, Starbucks, Bath and Body Works, Target, and a Pet Supply Store. Thank you for your consideration. Our dedicated board members are **JENNIFER GRUBE, CAROL KNAUSS, ANN NONNEMACHER, JOSE SANCHEZ, SUSAN SCHELLENBERG, KAREN SCHOCH and LOIS ZIGMUND.**

Our Baskets to date!

1. Two Crayola Baskets – donated by **ANN NONNEMACHER** and **KRISTEN CHRISTMAN**
2. Yard Care Services Certificate – **JEFFREY HASONICH**
3. Ice Cream Lovers Basket - **JENNIFER GRUBE**
4. Summer Wine and Cheese Basket - **ANN NONNEMACHER**
5. Outdoor Grill Basket - **SUSAN SCHELLENBERG**
6. Tea Lovers Basket – **KAREN SCHOCH**
7. Children's Spring Book Basket and Stuffed Animal - **LYNN TERRY**
8. Easter Basket for Children – LOCCC Families

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and Staff

9. Child's Wall Decal - **TOM SEIFERT** and **LYNN MALOK**

10. Spring Wreath - **JENNIFER HEIDEMANN** and **LYNN TERRY**

11. Two Fleece Knotted Blankets - **CAROL QUIRK** and **GERRY WELTON**

12. Kitten Care Basket – **LYNN TERRY**

13. Puppy Care Basket – **JOSE SANCHEZ**

14. Lottery Basket – **LYNN TERRY**

15. Sporting Event Tickets – **TRACY HAAS**

16. Two Surprise Items for Children

17. Knotted Blanket – **MARY MANN** and the **CHRISTIAN SERVICE WOMEN**

18. Avon Basket – **ANNETTE JONES**

19. A Weis Market Gift Card to be added to one of our baskets

Plus More!!

We are blessed to have received a Thrivent Grant for this event and thank **KAREN FAVINGER** very much for applying for the grant for our preschool.

I ask you to keep our children, youth, their families and our entire church and school staff and volunteers in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry to children and youth!

Peace and joy,

**Lynn Terry**

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Mark Wargo
- 2 Angela Morgan
- 3 Robert C. Groff III  
Harmony Gubich  
John M. Roberts
- 5 Patrick Merkle  
Lois Keiper
- 6 James Baggest III  
Paula Jimenez  
Tina Piscitello
- 7 Phuong Bergh
- 8 Richard Elterich
- 9 Richard Hawk III  
Richard Hasonich  
Harry Schoenberger
- 10 Brooke Bailey
- 11 Jennifer Danyi  
Doreen Wildt  
Reilly Richardson
- 12 Hudson Covely  
Shirley Herczeg  
Mason Repsher
- 13 Debbie Green  
Luke King  
Brad DeAngelis
- 14 Gretchen Cobaugh  
Edward Hassick
- 15 Herbert Heffner  
Thomas Stathos

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Virginia Cacciatore  
Nathan Rolls  
John McDonald Jr.
- 17 Patricia Hoffert  
Traci Braun
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Jeffrey Scheck
- 20 Olivia Rivera  
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On behalf of the students at Marvine Elementary, THANK YOU for blessing us with the gift of books for our elementary school library,. Many of our current holdings are older and have been in and out of backpacks between school and home for many years, so new selections are always welcomed by our eager readers. Your Giving Tree gifts will certainly bring enjoyment to our students for years to come!

Blessings,  
Laurie Werkheiser

Dear Linda,

Thank you so much for your donation of food to Northeast Ministry's Food Pantry. We are so grateful for this generous donation because without your support, we would be unable to provide the programs and services that are so vital to our clients. Thank you again for the impact you have on this community.

With Gratitude,  
Grace Young

Dear Friends at United Proclamation of Gospel,

Thank you for your generous donation of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

In October 2018 LWR and partner Children's Gift Ministry, distributed School Kits to over 12,400 schoolchildren in Honduras. The students, who receive these precious gifts ranging in age from elementary to high school, expressed what a tremendous difference the Kits made in their lives. Many of their families are unable to buy school supplies and, as a result, students couldn't complete their homework or skipped school entirely. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

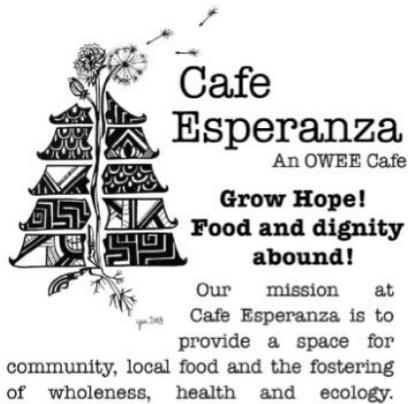
Your Quilts and Kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten,. In 2018, we also shipped Quilts and Kits to go to Angola, Burkina Faso, Nicaragua, Peru, India, Serbia, Tanzania, Ukraine, Thailand, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan, Mali and Georgia. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessing on your life and work!

In Christ,  
Melanie W. Gibbons  
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

# SYNOD NEWS

## Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

### Café Esperanza - Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient



Café Esperanza, a pay-what-you-can model community café, is scheduled to open in late Spring 2019. It is our vision that all people, regardless of financial means, deserve an opportunity to eat delicious, nutritious food. The café will serve breakfast and lunch, utilizing local, organic and seasonal foods as much as possible, highlighting the delicious products of local farmers.

Located in a densely populated neighborhood in the Northwest section of Reading, a city with a poverty rate of 43%, Café Esperanza will provide a place for people of all walks

of life to gather and get to know one another. Most of the labor will be provided by volunteers, including those who are offered a chance to exchange an hour of work for a meal, as well as others who simply enjoy serving their neighbors in this way. There will also be a job training aspect of our work. Young people will learn all aspects of food service, including the opportunity to receive barista training.

We are grateful for our recent grant from the ELCA Domestic Hunger program, as well as support from this Synod, the East Berks Mission District, the Reading Lutheran Parish, the Berks County Community Foundation, and many congregations and individual partners. For opportunities to contribute or volunteer, please follow us on Facebook (search for Cafe Esperanza).



The goal of the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal is to work toward "a just world where all are fed." Addressing this goal includes not only providing food for hungry people, but perhaps more importantly empowering people to provide a brighter future for themselves through community development, job training, and advocating for a more equitable distribution of the earth's resources.

In addition to supporting projects in more than 60 foreign countries, the World Hunger Appeal also administers a Domestic Hunger Grant program. Last year 77 grants were awarded to ministries and organizations in the United States that both address the root causes of hunger and provide relief services for those in need. Our synod received the two grants featured in this edition of *Synod News*.

Domestic Hunger Grant applications will be accepted again in 2019. Please check the program's web site - [elca.org/domestichungergrants](http://elca.org/domestichungergrants) - to learn about the process and timeline for submitting an application. The web site can also give you more information about ELCA World Hunger's strategic priorities, at home and around the world.

## Synod Assembly 2019



The 2019 Synod Assembly will be held on June 1 at Genetti Inn and Suites in Hazleton.

Online registration will open by the end of March - check your eNews and the website - but NOW'S the time to start GETTING READY!

The good news is: we've met the challenge of fitting all the necessary programming into one action-packed day. This means, you can save time and expense this year, saving up for next year (2020) when we will need three days to elect a new bishop.

More good news: REGISTRATION COST for voting members will be only \$100, while visitors this year will pay \$20 (which covers the cost of the full luncheon). Any and all are encouraged to attend.

To bring it all together in one day, we ask your help to make a couple things happen:

**FIRST** - we ask all congregations to select their two voting members by the end of March - for many of us, that means at our March Council Meetings.

**SECOND** - Those voting members should also plan to attend their MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY, which usually happens in April or May. Important information will be shared and actions will take place at these local events, which will help set up and streamline work at the Assembly.

Stayed tuned for more details, as we discover in Christ... "What A Difference A Day Makes!"

## Domestic Hunger Grant Recipient Easton Hunger Coalition



Easton, along with the neighboring cities of Bethlehem and Allentown, comprises the area known as the Lehigh Valley, which is the third most populous region in Pennsylvania. While recently Easton has enjoyed an economic rebirth, largely on high-end restaurants, artisan food shops, and a hugely successful farmers' market, too many households rely on emergency food from pantries and free meal centers. Over 50% of the area school children receive the federally funded free/reduced meal, and close to 1/3 of the Easton households self-identified in the most recent census as earning below the poverty level.

In 2014 a group of activists came together to form the Easton Hunger Coalition with the urging of a member of Arndt's Lutheran Church. The church has a long-standing relationship with food and community, although it is located outside of the Easton downtown. Persistent engagement around hunger relief guided the congregation to support multiple programs to help households reduce food insecurity.

The Coalition applied for an ELCA Domestic Hunger Grant to strengthen the organization; increase collaboration; and develop new tools to increase compassionate response to hunger, reduce stigmas associated with poverty, and to support self-advocacy programming and a significant public awareness program. Arndt's Lutheran Church as fiscal agent for the grant will support and guide this important work over the next three years. Their goal is "Hunger-Free in '23" for the Easton area, enabling a healthy community where all have access to nutritious food.



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