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# June 2024

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## **From the Pastor's Desk – June 2024**

### ***“The Life of Jesus in Us”***

***For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.***

***But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh.***

**(2 Corinthians 4:5-11 NRSV-U)**

In June, and into the first part of July, our second readings each Sunday will come from Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth.

The Book of Acts tells us that Paul spent a year and a half in Corinth after first proclaiming Christ as Lord of all and establishing the church in that Greek city that was a major crossroads in the ancient world. The New Testament includes two rather lengthy letters from the apostle to that community of believers, more than his writing to any other of the churches he had founded. He had come to know these believers well. He knew the issues being faced by these sisters and brothers as they sought to live out their faith in a world that was opposed and hostile to who they were and what they believed. He writes sometimes to encourage them and at other times to correct them but always in love for them so that they might more powerfully and effectively reflect God's love in Jesus Christ to those around them.

In the 1990's, one of my favorite Christian bands was Jars of Clay. If you aren't familiar with them, I would encourage you to look them up on YouTube or your music streaming service of choice. While they might be called a rock band, their music is far from hard rock and is very accessible. I especially recommend their self-titled first album. If you read the passage

from 2 Corinthians 4 at the top of this article, you may have caught the source of the band's name. Paul writes that "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" has been given to us, BUT "we have this treasure in clay jars, also that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to go and does not come from us."

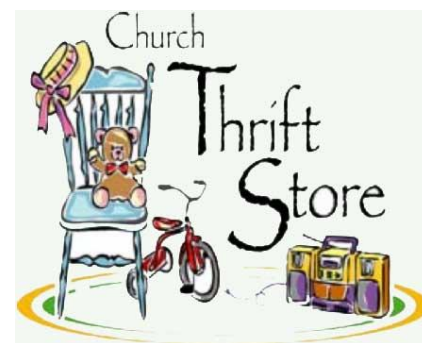
That's you and me – we are merely jars of clay. We are fragile, highly breakable vessels. By God's grace in Christ, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are blessed with this amazing knowledge, this light reflecting the glory of God out into the world, but it's not about us. It's always about God, always about "the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

In the Prophet Jeremiah we find the image of the potter and the clay. Just as the clay cannot dictate to the potter what will be made, so we are in no position to tell God what he should or must do with us or for us. We are his workmanship. He has made us for his glory and we are precisely who we are meant to be. We will never carry out the divine will perfectly. We are merely jars of clay, but we are filled with the love of God that we might carry this precious treasure out into the world.

We are loved as we are. Graciously, in Jesus Christ, our sins, our failures and shortcomings are forgiven. That good news is the message we have to share with everyone we meet in life, bearing witness to God's love in Jesus Christ. As Paul writes to the church in Corinth, ***"so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh."***

Blessings to you and Peace in Jesus Name.

Pastor Mike



### **HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY**

**Thrift Shop: Tues. 9am-12:30pm**

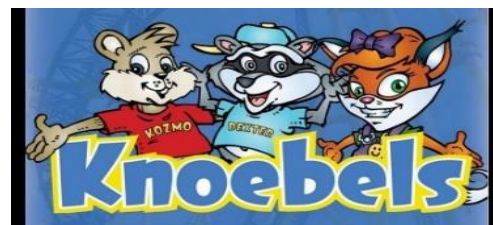
**\*Reminder:** If you signed up, the Iron Pigs game is June 7!

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 09, 2024**

**KNOEBEL'S AMUSEMENT PARK**

There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex for the picnic, carpooling, and food. Please join us for a day of fun food and fellowship.





## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 05	Loren & Lorene LaRose	47 years
June 12	Richard & Jeanette Hyer	14 years
June 15	Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield	50 years
June 17	Christopher & Jessyca Fredericks	24 years
June 18	Thomas & Nadine Schmidt	41 years
June 30	Jon & Jessica Kistler	06 years

## WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 01	Kelly Heinrich
June 02	Wyatt Spalding
June 05	Deb Hansut
June 05	Kathy Jahelka
June 08	Andrew Hollywood
June 14	Benjamin Jahelka
June 16	David Stemler
June 19	Eric Reif
June 24	Gerry Dorshimer
June 25	Nancy Treskot
June 28	George Husack IV
June 28	Janene Smith



*NOTE: If we have omitted your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.*



## FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

Apr. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 4,654
Apr. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,300
Apr. Additional Income	\$ 5,274
Apr. Monthly Expenses:	\$ 11,700
<b>Attendance:</b>	
April 07, 2024	41
April 14, 2024	31
April 21, 2024	40
April 28, 2024	41

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

June 16 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Terry Holland</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Jon Kistler</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>Karen Talamantes</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Larry Arner</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Jim Miller</b>	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>
<b>Steve Berger</b>	
<b>Gerry Dorshimer</b>	
<b>Scott Heinrich</b>	
<b>Krissy Keblish</b>	
<b>Ron Keblish</b>	
<b>Eric Reif</b>	
<b>Ray Talamantes</b>	

## FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

<b>Larry Arner</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Carol Heffelfinger</b>	<b>Financial Sec.</b>



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE 10:15 AM

### **June 02, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Rich Hyer

**Ushers:** Kelly & Scott Heinrich

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** Gerry Dorshimer IHO Deb Hansut's B'Day

**Bulletins:** Charlotte Koenig

**Communion Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### **June 09, 2024**

**\*Knoebel's Day – No Service\***

### **June 16, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Deb Hansut

**Ushers:** Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** The Sosik Family for Michael's B'Day

**Bulletins:** Eleanor Scheirer

**Communion Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### **June 23, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Lynn Perone

**Ushers:** Rich & Jeanette Hyer

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** Deb Hansut IHO Gerry Dorshimer's B'Day

**Communion Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

### **June 30, 2024 COMMUNION**

**Assisting Minister:** Larry Arner

**Ushers:** Gordon & Mary Walls

**Altar Guild:** Gerry Dorshimer & Deb Hansut

**Flowers:** The Sosik Family IMO Loved Ones

**Communion Bread:** Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield

**Times News / Website:** Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

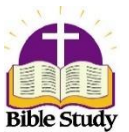


## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Mike will have a children's sermon on the second Sunday of each month.

## Bible Study

Mondays 1:30 PM - 3 PM at St. Matthew's  
Thursdays 10:30 AM - Noon at Holy Trinity



## HOME VISITS

Home visits and shut-in visits are being planned for May. If anyone would like to receive communion from Pastor Mike, please call the office @ 610-826-2524.





Good afternoon Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent donation, of \$942.83, to Heifer International! Your support means so much to us and to all the families around the world that will be receiving assistance thanks to your great efforts.

We are reaching out to thank you for your support and extend the offer for any additional resources you may need for any upcoming fundraisers or events. You can order resources here: <https://www.heifer.org/what-you-can-do/get-involved/faith/index.html> or give us a call at 888.548.6437.

Also, we wanted to let you know that your donation was matched! We also have an ongoing Community Marketing match that will double the value of donations postmarked by June 30, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity and we hope we can assist you in taking advantage of this match. Please let us know if you have any questions or are in need of any additional resources.

We are honored to have you as a valued supporter. Again, we want you to know that your support plays a vital role in the success of our mission. With your contribution, we can make a meaningful impact and bring positive change to those in need. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of many, and your commitment to our cause is truly appreciated.

Have an amazing day!

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us using any of the methods listed below or browse our website at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). With your support, we have power over poverty and hunger!

Kind regards,

Amari Briggs  
Donor Services Representative  
Heifer International

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## **June Happenings**

- **June 5** is **World Environment Day**— a day meant to raise environmental awareness across the globe.
- **June 14** is **Flag Day** (U.S.). Be sure to raise the flag!
- **June 16** is **Father's Day** this year.
- **June 20** is the **summer solstice**, which heralds the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the day with the most hours of daylight. In the Southern Hemisphere, winter begins at this time.
- **June 21** is this month's **Full Moon**.
- **June 24** brings **Midsummer Day**, also St. John the Baptist's Feast Day. Traditionally, this was the midpoint of the growing season, halfway between planting and harvesting. It is celebrated in many cultures on the night of **June 23**, as Midsummer Eve!



**9am-1pm**



## Worship & Art: A Congregation's Journey

A few years ago, Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale, set out on a journey to be as inclusive as possible. This journey led the congregation to install state-of-the-art cameras (for streaming worship), three 85-inch monitors (for reading the liturgy and music), and a new sound system (that would enable everyone to hear and engage during worship). This was the beginning of the trek to become the congregation God was calling them to be!

The people of Calvary knew they could do more to engage in worship or worshipful experiences so they asked, "How can we engage more of our bodies in worship?" They pondered, brainstormed, and listed ways they could inclusively engage their bodies in worship and Christian life. They decided that creating together would align with their values of inclusivity. This came to fruition through their first collective art project. They began with a Lenten collage that created a dark scene with the tomb of Jesus. The congregation loved the project so much that they asked for more. The next project was for Easter, which included a prominent cross and a rainbow collage surrounding and illuminating the cross. The congregation is currently working on a Pentecost piece that includes a centralized bird erupting from rings of fire. The congregation is in conversation with an art organization to place their piece on display for the wider community to enjoy.



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Easter



Follow Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/calvarylutheranlaureldale> to stay up to date!



## **New Outreach Ministry is Found at POP's Treasures**

POP's Treasures was established by Prince of Peace Evangelical Church in Bangor to create a location where the community/congregants can donate gently used items /clothing. Presented in a "boutique style" store front where the visitors can see creative displays and purchase said items at a fair price.



The outpouring of community involvement has far exceeded our initial plan. The community supports us with items, and they also attend monthly during the sale days. We have had several new members at the church since the boutique was opened May of 2023. Our attendees support us in other posts on Facebook, letting the community at large know of our location. We are constantly reminded how they feel that this is a wonderful program. We also have individuals who come in our doors that ask to help volunteer.

We applied for and received a Witness and Service Ministry Team Grant to help with the costs to prepare a location on our property and purchase a connex container. The container is used to repurpose and store inventory. Items not sold at the boutique, are then stored until we have our spring or fall rummage sale. Items not sold there are donated to a clothing collection box and other organizations. Currently we utilize the 2 back rooms of the church, along with part of the fellowship hall during the days of our sale, which in total in 7 hours for both days.



While our program was set up to respond at the end of the fiscal year. As we hear of a need, we act in trying to make it happen if we can. It is difficult to say how many attend during the sale days. However, recently we provided a free clothing and houseware day that was attended by 200 individuals.

We currently have provided 3 meals at Safe Harbor, a transition shelter for the homeless. We have donated children's toys, and a stroller to the foster care program. There were also monetary donations to a local youth program, animal shelter, Portland food pantry (PUMP), and the purchase of animals from ELCA Good Gifts.

You may wonder if your congregations could do the same. Yes! If the organizers have the faith it will work, be willing to make changes and to realize that there are many paths to take to make it work. Success can be measured by outreach to the community and the programs it helps. We have been blessed beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. If you would like more information, please contact Jackie Horn at [baskets@epix.net](mailto:baskets@epix.net).

**\*\*Visit the synod website at [www. https://nepasynod.org/](https://nepasynod.org/) to find out how to apply for a Witness and Service Grant.**