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From the Pastor's Desk – May 2024

“Say YES to God”

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

(Romans 6:1-11 NRSV-U)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The calendar has turned from April to May but it's still Easter, our celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ continues. We've got two Sundays of Easter in May, the 50 Days of Easter culminating, then, in the Festival of Pentecost on Sunday, May 19th. We are told that Jesus appeared to his disciples for

a period of forty days before his ascension to the right hand of God the Father. This year, Ascension Day falls on Thursday, May 9th. The last thing the risen Jesus told his disciples before his ascension was that they should wait in Jerusalem until they had been ***“clothed with power from on high.”*** He promised that they would, ***“be baptized with the Holy Spirit”*** through whom they would receive power to be his witnesses ***“in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”***

Our celebration of the day of Pentecost recalls that day when God fulfilled his promise and poured out his Holy Spirit on those who believed in Jesus. In the fulness and inspiration of God's Spirit, the disciples bore witness to the life and ministry, the death and resurrection of Jesus. In Acts 2, Peter preaches a sermon which leads to the baptism of 3,000 people. ***“Cut to the heart,”*** by Peter's words, they asked what they should do. Peter replied, ***“Repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”***

So, to this day, we obey the command of our Risen Lord, ***“making disciples . . . by baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you”*** (Matthew 28:19-20).

It is our tradition to celebrate Confirmation on The Day of Pentecost, which we will do at St. Matthew's for two of our young people who have completed their two years of Catechetical Instruction. While we don't have young people being confirmed at Holy Trinity, we will be receiving new members into our life and ministry on this day. Both Confirmation and the Reception of New Members use the order for Affirmation of Holy Baptism.

Having been baptized as very young children (our usual practice), our Confirmands declare their commitment to Christ and the Church by affirming (saying yes) to the promises that were made for them by their parents and godparents when they were too young to understand what was going on. In Confirmation we say to God and to the church that we will continue in the relationship God established with us in baptism and in the life and ministry of the church, which is the Body of Christ.

We also use Affirmation of Baptism in the Reception of New Members, believing it to be an opportunity for these new sisters and brothers to declare their faith and commitment to Christ and this new church family in which they have found a home. Though we don't have enough children and young people at Holy Trinity to have a Sunday School or Confirmation Classes, God continues to bless us by bringing new folks into our gathering, people who have found a welcome and have stepped up and become involved in worship and in other activities.

It all goes back to Baptism, to God's gracious act of claiming us his own and naming us his beloved children in Jesus Christ. By water and the Word, God pours out on us his Holy Spirit and both equips and empowers us for life, for witness and service. Over 500 years ago, Martin Luther, in his Small Catechism, explains the importance of Holy Baptism in our ongoing lives.

The question is asked: ***What is the significance of such a baptism with water?*** Luther answers: ***It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come***

forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Whether for Confirmands, or for new members, or for each one of us – you and me – we never grow beyond the importance of what God has done for us in baptism. We are still that helpless child needing to be given new life, which God graciously does for us each and every day. Born again in baptism, our life in Christ is continually fed and nourished by God's grace through Word and Sacrament. Each day, reminded of all that God has done and continues to do for us, we rise and say a joyous "YES!" to the love and grace of God by which we live.

Blessings to you and Peace in the Risen Jesus

Pastor Mike

HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

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



IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME



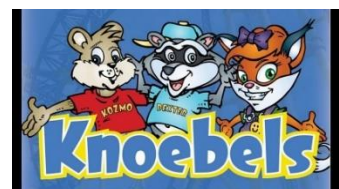
It is faith night on Friday, June 7th at the Iron Pigs game. Sign up in the Narthex or call the office by May 20th. Tickets are \$12, which includes a \$2 credit for food.

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.



MOLASSES TONGUE COOKIES

We will be baking molasses tongue cookies on Friday, May 10th. The price will be \$6.00 a half dozen and \$12.00 a dozen. Cookies can be picked up at the church from 10:00 - 2:00 on Saturday, May 11th. Please call or email the church office, 610-826-2524, to place your order by May 7th. Thank you.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 10	Michael & Sharon Bowman	44 years
May 17	Ronald & Kristine Keblish	27 years
May 24	Douglas & Lori Ruch	10 years
May 28	Barbara & Joseph Herman	18 years

BIRTHDAY WISHES!

Addie Ring	May 02
Ray Talamantes	May 04
Diane Williams	May 04
Kristine Keblish	May 05
Sharon Bonser	May 09
Nadine Schmidt	May 09
Brynn Merkel	May 13
Marian Roberts	May 15
Lisa Engle	May 16
Nicole Pryce	May 17
Seth Mertz	May 18
Joe Solt	May 19
Morris Bloomfield	May 20
Kara Matsco	May 23
Marlene Bollinger	May 24
Jennifer Engle	May 24
Lorene LaRose	May 25
Evan Tayntor	May 26
Carol Borger	May 28
Kay Elyse Gerhart	May 28
Frederick Young III	May 28
Garrett Kunkle	May 31
Connie Reinhart	May 31



FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

Mar. Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 10,737
Mar. St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,300
Mar. Additional Income	\$ 1,283
Mar. Monthly Expenses:	\$ 12,232
Attendance:	
March 3, 2024	40
March 10, 2024	47
March 17, 2024	34
March 24, 2024	46
March 29, Good Friday	38
March 31, Easter Sunday	61



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



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 19 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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



FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

Larry Arner	Treasurer
Carol Heffelfinger	Financial Sec.



New Members!

Holy Trinity will be receiving news members on The Day of Pentecost, May 19. Please contact the Pastor if anyone is interested in joining.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Worship Services 10:15 AM

May 5, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich
Altar Guild: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Flowers: In Honor of Krissy Keblish's Birthday
Bulletins: Eleanor Scheirer
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

May 12, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone
Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor & Terry Holland
Altar Guild: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Flowers: Eleanor Scheirer, IHO Wedding Anniv.
Bulletins: Eleanor Scheirer
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

May 19, 2024 COMMUNION

The Day of Pentecost
Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger
Altar Guild: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Flowers: In Honor of Krissy & Ron Keblish's Anniv.
Bulletins: Eleanor Scheirer
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

May 26, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Debbie Hansut
Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Flowers: Barb & Joe Herman (Anniversary 5/28)
Bulletins: Eleanor Scheirer
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

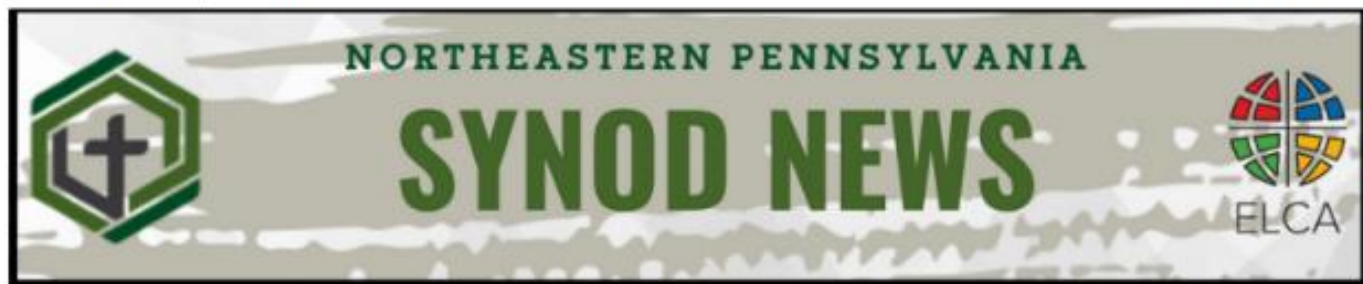
Bible Study

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.



STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

Experiments in Ministry

A story from the Central States Synod

As you read this story, what connects with you? What experiments are occurring in your synod and congregation?

How often have you heard folks in congregations lament that they just don't have the resources or learning opportunities they need to be strong leaders and vital congregations? The [Central States Synod](#) wondered how it could help address those needs and make access easy. That led to the beginning of the [Ministry Lab](#). The synod envisions the lab as a place to ask questions, learn, work with different "tools" or resources, and experiment to see what works. A lab is not just a depository for resources; it's an active place where one can gather and engage with others.

When visiting congregations, attending conferences or meeting partners, staff and leaders in the Central States Synod diligently listen to folks to identify common needs and areas of growth so that they can equip and support ministry. The goal of the Ministry Lab is to provide **"resources and tools so that we may live out God's purpose, united with Christ, as we walk the way of Jesus."**



The lab has three areas of focus: *good order*, meaning leadership, policies, building use, stewardship and meeting protocol; *means of grace*, including biblical interpretation, worship, communication and welcoming; and *living faith*, such as community engagement, social statements, collaboration and technology. Since the Ministry Lab began in fall 2023, it has offered opportunities focused on Scripture interpretation, ideas for worship and preaching during Advent, and leadership development. People learn through active engagement, not passive observation, so the Learning Lab is always lively. Some opportunities are "one and done" whereas others consist of multiple sessions.



Moving forward, the Ministry Lab is excited to offer an open conversation with the Rev. Susan Candea, bishop of the Central States Synod, about the upcoming ELCA social statement *Civic Life and Faith*, a Collaboration Lab in May and a Communications Lab in the fall. Anyone anywhere can check out and learn from the Central States Synod Ministry Lab. [See what's available now!](#)

Remember that a portion of offerings given to Central States congregations becomes Mission Support for the synod and allows staff and leaders to address congregations' needs and interests through the Ministry Lab, today and into the future.



BEAR CREEK CAMP

Join us for **May Play Day
and Family Work Day**

MAY PLAY DAY & WORK DAY

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am - Work Day Begins
 11:00 am - May Play Day Begins
 Rec hall open (foosball, ping pong, etc.)
 Nature center open
 Hiking/exploring
 Main camp tour
 12:00 pm - Free Lunch for All!
 1:00 pm - Gathering in the Courtyard
 Q&A about BCC Summer Camp
 1:00 - 3:00 pm - Activities Continued
 Guided hike on Lenape Trail
 Camp store open
 Rec hall open
 Boating

Join us for an open house day at BCC, Saturday, **May 4th from 11am-3pm!** Explore camp, meet staff, boat, hike, craft, and fellowship with our camp community. Cookout lunch is available to all and there is no cost.

Prior to May Play Day, starting at 9:00am, everyone is invited to help with projects around camp as we prepare for summer. All skill levels are welcome and lunch is provided.

Registration for both May Play Day and Family Work Day is available at the link below. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required.

