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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 1 10:15am Worship Service in Church and Facebook Live	2 Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 41 (Parish Hall - Scout Room)	3 Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm 9:00am Thrift Shop	4 Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm	5 10:30am Bible Study (Adult SS Room)	6 Festival at Palmerton Park Office Hours 9:00am - 1:00pm	7
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From the Desk of Pastor Mike – September 2024

Of Faith and FROGS

¹Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁸By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

¹²And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-12 (NIV)

This week has been a struggle for me, technologically speaking. On Monday morning, my computer at St. Matthew's seemed to have been completely changed around by Microsoft. My settings were all changed, I couldn't access my files, and I couldn't email from my Word documents. Somehow, by Tuesday, all had gone back to "normal"

and I could get things written and sent the way I wanted to. It's Wednesday as I type out these thoughts. I'm at Holy Trinity and, today, the same nonsense happened to my computer here. It's taken me nearly two hours just to be able to get Word open in order to work on this article.

Which gets me thinking – always a dangerous thing. How dependent have we become on all of these technological tools: computers, tablets, phones, etc? I'm so old that, in my college and even seminary days, I had to write my papers on a typewriter. Eventually it was an electric typewriter, an IBM Selectric with a ball (some of you may understand) rather than a manual Royal, but it was just a typewriter – no memory, no saving documents to anything, just hard printed copies. Now, as I type out these thoughts, I have to hope that they are being saved in such a way as to send them or, at least, print them. The problems I've had this week makes me wonder about such "faith" in the technology.

Many years ago, a friend had a plush frog that used the letters in frog to declare: **Fully Rely On God**. As we talk about all of the things in life that we have grown to be dependent on, like phones and computers, it might make us think about where it is we ought to be placing our full faith and dependence, our reliance and trust. The Apostle Paul writes powerfully that our relationship with God is not based on our obedience to the law, even God's own law, but on his grace, his undeserved favor poured out on us in the saving work of Jesus, his death and resurrection where were and are for us. That gift is ours, Paul writes, simply by faith, not by works. It's not about us and what we have done or ever can do.

It's all about God and what he has done for us in Jesus.

The quotation at the top of this article, from the Letter to the Hebrews, comes from chapter 11, a chapter that describes how so many Old Testament figures lived by faith in God; how their faith and trust in God enabled them to overcome problems and obstacles and be successful in life.

As you and I live our lives in this world, we must put our faith in people and in the things that have come to be part of our routines. Unfortunately, nothing in this life goes perfectly smoothly all of the time. Stuff breaks down and people fall short of our hopes and expectations for them. If our ultimate hope and trust has been in the things and the people of this world, we will be disappointed. We live in a broken world populated by broken people. That is the reality of sin in us and all around us.

Only God is worthy of our ultimate hope and faith. God's promises will always be fulfilled for us. God will never leave us or forsake us. Though, in this world, death seems ever-present, always looming over us; in the victory of God's saving love in the resurrection of Jesus, we come to know that death does not, cannot, and will not have the last word.

Blessings to you and peace.
FROG – Fully Rely on God!
Pastor Mike



HOLY TRINITY ACTION MINISTRY

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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!

September 11	James & Lisa Engle	42 years
September 13	Nicole & Christopher Jahelka	16 years
September 15	Larry & Susan Arner	45 years
September 24	Gale & George Husack	19 years
September 24	Tricia & Jason Pryce	13 years
September 25	Eugene & Lynn Perone	14 years
September 29	Gordon & Mary Walls	40 years





BIRTHDAY WISHES!

- September 02 Amy Broadfield
- September 06 Lee Arner
- September 06 Terry Holland
- September 09 Aliyah Snyder
- September 15 David Blocker
- September 16 Damon Mertz
- September 16 Larry Mertz, Jr.
- September 18 Joseph Herman
- September 18 Jesse Ruch
- September 19 Dr. Robert Reinhart
- September 19 Jan Sosik
- September 19 Jason Weimert
- September 20 Aaron Pryce
- September 24 Julianna Snyder
- September 25 Amy Steigerwalt
- September 26 Robert Treskot
- September 28 Jereme Barkanic
- September 29 Frederick Young, Jr.

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

9AM-1PM



FINANCE & ATTENDANCE

July Monthly Envelope Offering:	\$ 8,741
July St. Matthews Pastoral Service	\$ 3,300
July Additional Income	\$ 4,887
July Monthly Expenses:	\$ 11,978
Attendance:	
July 07, 2024	28
July 14, 2024	33
July 21, 2024	42
July 28, 2024	27



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 15 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting

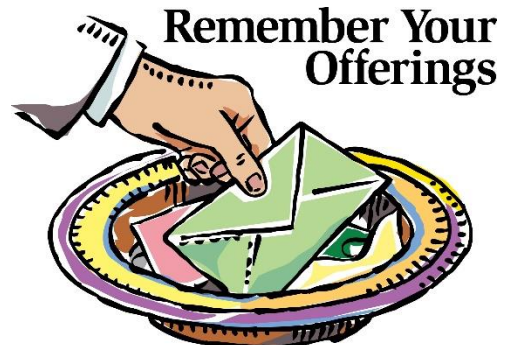


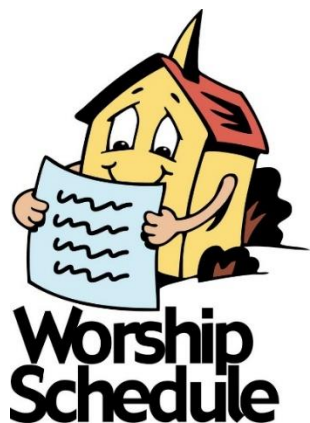
COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

FINANCIAL PERSONNEL

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| Larry Arner | Treasurer |
| Carol Heffelfinger | Financial Sec. |





WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

September 01, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Rich Hyer
Ushers: Kelly & Scott Heinrich
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers, Bulletins & Communion Bread:
Barb & Joe Herman -
IMO Larry Walck 1/4/40-9/1/03
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

September 08, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Krissy Keblish
Ushers: Ron Keblish w/Taylor, Terry Holland
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers, Bulletins & Communion Bread:
IMO Jean & Emil Suarez -
Betsy & Dale Hart, Emil & Kathy Suarez,
Robin & Shirley Suarez, Brian & DeNeil Suarez,
Todd & Andy Suarez
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

September 15, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Deb Hansut
Ushers: Loren LaRose & Carol Heffelfinger
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: The Sosik Family – Jan's Birthday
Bulletins: Larry & Susan Arner
Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

September 22, 2024 COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Larry Arner
Ushers: Rich & Jeanette Hyer
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers: Ray & Karen Talamantes –
In Thanksgiving for daughter Hillary Leach
Bulletins: The Sosik Family- IMO Loved Ones
Communion Bread: Morris & Suzanne Bloomfield
Times News / Website: Fred & Betsy Masenheimer

September 29, 2024 COMMUNION

A Healing Service
Assisting Minister: Lynn Perone
Ushers: Gordon & Mary Walls
Altar Guild: The Keblish Family
Flowers & Bulletins: IMO John Keblish
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, beginning Sept. 9.
*Thursdays 10:30 AM - Noon at Holy Trinity



HOME VISITS



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



MUSIC TO YOUR EARS!

** Choir will begin on September 1 after worship.

** Bell Choir will begin on September 15 at 9:00 AM.

Please consider joining us!



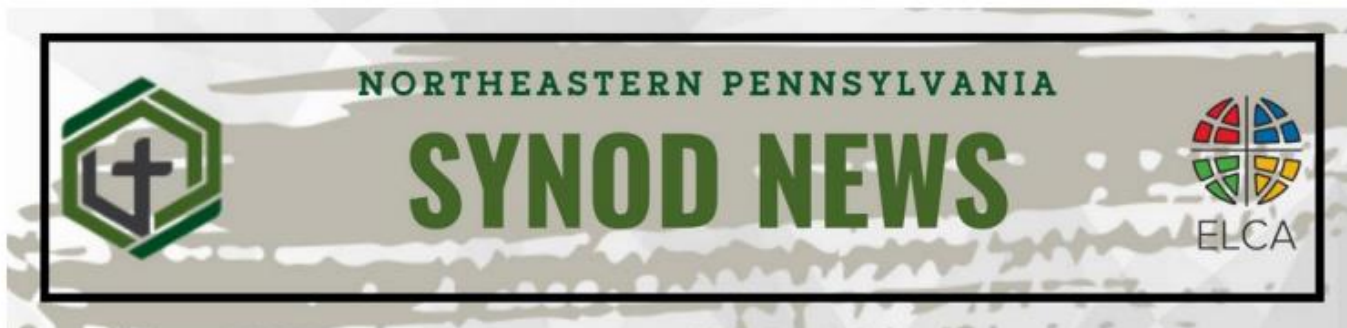
The Palmerton Community Festival is September 6-8. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



September Calendar

- **September 2**—the first Monday of the month—is **Labor Day**. Canadians also observe Labour Day.
- **September 11** is **Patriot Day**, held in honor and remembrance of those who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.
- **September 11** is also **Grandparents Day** this year. Honor your grandparents today—and every day!
- **September 17** is **Constitution Day**. This day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution, which occurred on September 17, 1787.
- **September 21** is recognized as the annual **International Day of Peace**.
- **September 22** marks the start of fall! This year's **Autumnal Equinox** occurs at 8:44 A.M. EDT. On this date, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.
- **September 26** is [Johnny Appleseed Day](#), celebrating John Chapman and everything apple!
- **September 29** is **Michaelmas**. Michaelmas is an ancient Celtic “Quarter Day” which marked the end of the harvesting season and was steeped in folklore.





A Tapestry of Love: Unveiling the Impact of Our Quilting Ministries



The results are in for our Quilt Survey - and it is AMAZING the wonderful gifts of comfort and love that our congregations across the Synod share with others. Each year more than 1000 quilts, lap blankets, baby quilts and other blankets are made and donated to a host of charities from the 17 congregations who shared their stories. And the wonderful stories we have to tell! The **oldest** quilting ministry was shared by **Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Lehighton** - Trinity Knotters. They started in 1965 from an article about using coats and suits to make quilts. Initially, they started sewing at home and then moved into Luther Hall where they still meet today. They have a brick on the Good Samaritan Plaza at the Baltimore LWR Headquarters. Their quilts are shared with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and locally for graduating students, Carbon County Action Committee, Sanctuary for Veterans and

others. In addition to quilts, they make baby, personal care and school kits for LWR. Our Quilting groups have posted some very impressive numbers! The most annual quilt volume was posted by **Christ Lutheran in Hellertown** providing 180 quilts and lap quilts to a variety of organizations including Project Linus, Hospice, Habitat for Humanity, their internal faith community and fundraising. **St. James Lutheran in Coopersburg** - started in 2013 - reported 155 annual quilts donated to Turning Point, Bethany Ministries and to LWR prior to the pandemic. They have also made baby and personal care kits for LWR. **St. John's Lutheran in Slatington** reported 135 quilts and lap robes donated to LWR and to Chemo Bag, Gracedale, Topton Lutheran Home, Ripple, Sayre Center for Children, Kids Peace, Light House and Rescue Mission. **St. John's Lutheran in Hamburg** reported 100 quilts donated to LWR and the Topton Home.



Our Quilters are very talented, making a host of additional items to benefit our community.

Trinity Ev. Lutheran in Tipton – Compassionate Crafters - makes a wide variety of crafts including fidget blankets and sleeves, crafters critters, prayer lap blankets and shawls in addition to quilts! Their handmade items are donated to LWR, Lutheran Home, Lehigh Valley and St. Luke's Hospitals and Arden Court. Newly started in 2022, the Compassionate Crafters donated 114 items that year and 218 items in 2023! Our quilts are shared near and far – across the USA and around the world.



St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran in Reinerton – Tyers of Comfort - have made over 2000 quilts since their start in 1999. Among the groups to whom they donate quilts is the Navajo Lutheran Mission in AZ and LWR. The group is led by Kathryn Lewis, founder and chairperson, who is 90 years old and going strong! Tyers of Comfort also have a sidewalk brick at the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. These are just a few of the stories from our Quilting family across the Synod and there are more stories to tell from the rest of the groups – we will include them next time.

Submitted by: Eileen Lane, Quilting Ministry Volunteer at St. John Lutheran Church, Allentown



Sept 21
9:00am to 12:00pm
2354 Grove Road Allentown, PA



On **September 21st**, to facilitate donation of quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief, we are hosting our **first LWR Ingathering at the Synod Office**. If Allentown is a convenient drive from your location, we will be collecting boxed quilt and kit donations from 9AM till Noon. A truck will be parked at the Synod office for you to drop off your donations. We will also have refreshments so you can meet other quilters and kit makers while you are there. Let's see if the NEPA Synod can fill the truck!