



The Lutherpalian

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June 6, 2024

Combined Summer worship Continues

Our combined summer worship continues Sunday June 9 through July 14, the Church of the Redeemer congregants will be worshipping with congregants at St. John Lutheran Church at SJLC beginning at **10:00** a.m. (note the new time.) Then, on July 21 through September 1 members of both congregations will worship at the Church of the Redeemer.

Parish Park Faire Highlights

The Parish Park Faire was a huge success. It was a beautiful day, the weather was great, and the turn out was very good. On the following pages are some pictures of the event. We would like to thank all of the volunteers from Redeemer and St. John who came out to help make the faire a great success. Thank you to Scout Troop 4019 for making the wonderful chicken BBQ. We look forward to next year!



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Assembly Livestream

Experience the thrill of the synod assembly by tuning into the livestream on the synod's YouTube Channel or assembly website.

June 8th

Livestream hours

June 8th

9:00am: Worship

10:30: Plenary 1

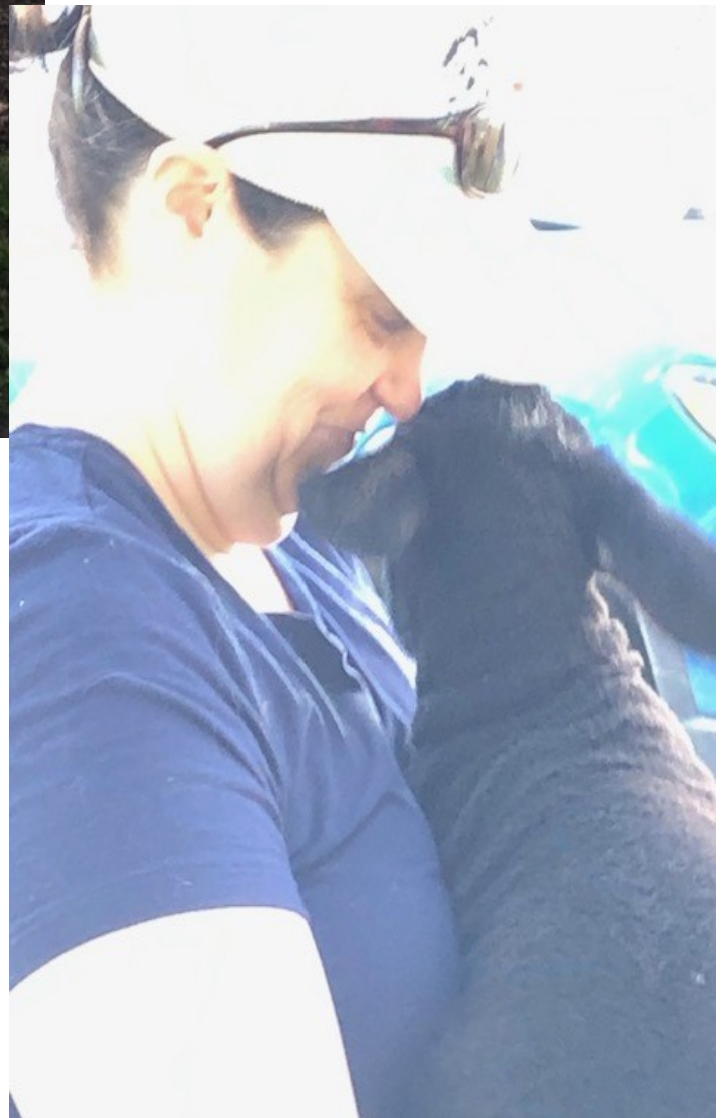
1:50pm Plenary 2

[NEPA Synod YouTube Channel](#)



Awwww. Lambs!

We were so pleased to have Jess & Jessica, both Women in Agriculture of Bradford County, bring ten day old lambs with them. They brought white twins and their mom, as well as a bottle fed black lamb whose momma rejected him. It was amazing how trusting and docile the lambs were; as well as patient with our youngest friends as they petted them.



Good Shepherd?

Pastor Melinda hopes the above picture will preach next year on Good Shepherd Sunday. Given how receptive the lambs were to Jess and Jessica's voice and how trusting they were—it was easy to see how Jesus could say "they know my voice."



Lutherpalians got talent! Both Redeemer and St. John have gifted bakers in their midst and we had a plethora of pies and baked goods for sale. We're grateful to Norma Stevens and Alice Bennett for ensuring we had an abundance. We also had several vendors displaying their wares, to include parishioners Deb & Duncan Breen. Deb loves to make Diamond Dot pictures and you can tell they are a labor of love.





Lots of attractions for kids!

In addition to the lambs and sheep, Mary Ann Bell of the Bradford Humane Society brought a puppy and two kittens, all three needing forever homes and all three very enticing to children.

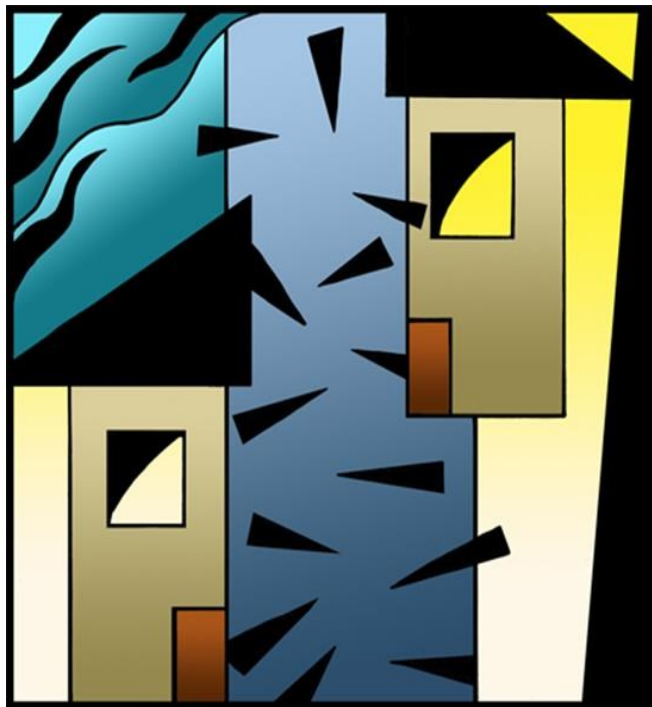
Belinda Klovekorn, Cheryl Bottone, Louise and Kate Sackett, along with Katie Zeller and our Youth, including Andrew & Nick Mizener and Jamison Root, had **so many games** for kids to play and so many prizes to give away.

These pictures were taken before the event really got started—they don't show how full the park became or of all the wonderful things to do, eat, and see. Plus we had really great LIVE music (Here's looking at you— Brian with a Uke! Sorry we couldn't get a picture). Our pastors spent the day with a prayer net, offered info on our parishes and enjoyed interacting with our neighbors in the Park.

Scripture Reflection

Reflection on the Gospel by Nibs Stroupe from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

In these verses in Mark, Jesus indicates that the power of these categories must be recognized and confronted in our lives if we are to experience the gracious and stunning love of God. He uses the metaphor of tying up the strong man in order to plunder his property. In using this parable, he speaks of the need of the gospel to expose our captivity to the “strong men” of our lives. In so doing, he seeks to free up our imaginations, which have become the property of Satan. Our captivity to Satan must be exposed in order for us to begin to discover the glorious freedom of the children of God, as Paul puts it so powerfully in Romans 8:21. In what ways are you held captive by the powers of Satan?



Serving in Worship

Reading the lessons & Prayers

June 9: Jeri Mullen

June 16: Jennifer Joyce

Usher

Gil Herbert

Rick Rhodes

Greeter

Jeri Mullen

Mary Rhodes

A LITTE COMMENTARY ON 1 SAMUEL



In her sermon last week, Pastor Melinda focused on what was happening at the time Samuel was called. Israel was in disarray as was the Temple. Last week's reading recounted how Samuel was called by God when he was just a boy and didn't recognize God's voice. She noted that Samuel became a priest, a judge and a prophet and was the greatest religious figure since Moses to the Israelites. Well, this week, we see Samuel not as a boy but as an older man, well respected, trusted and well established. Apparently Samuel's

leadership wasn't enough for the Israelites—they wanted a king, a king like everyone else had. This desire disturbed Samuel perhaps because Samuel recognized that he would lose power, a very human reaction to a proposed change. God essentially tells him “Nonsense! The people aren't rejecting YOU, they are rejecting ME.” God instructs Samuel to make people aware of what it will mean for them to be subjects of a king. Maybe this is the first time we exclaim “Careful what you pray for!” God often wants more for us than we want for ourselves. We follow people or ideas that work against our own interests, simply because we want to be like everyone else. In our own day, what might we be longing for that keeps us from participating in the Kingdom of God?

LET'S HAVE A POT LUCK AFTER WORSHIP!

"Pot Luck meal! On Sunday, June 23, after the 10 AM combined service at St. John Lutheran, we will be having a pot luck meal to celebrate and thank Fr. Scott Harvey and to wish him the best as he and Tim head off on the next adventure God has planned for them! Paper products and beverages will be provided as well as a chicken main dish, laughter, love and fellowship! Please bring something yummy to share - main dish item, side dish, salad, dessert... anything! If you do not regularly attend the Sunday service at St. John, please still come to Scott's celebration meal at around 11 AM! We have been very blessed to have Scott and Tim as part of our family.



We'll enjoy fellowship, share stories, and celebrate our mutual ministry with Scott. We can also celebrate the South Wing being usable and available.

A Request from the Bridge

We are currently working with a single mom and 2 children in our Interim Assistance Program who purchased a used car a few months ago with her income tax return which has now failed causing her to lose her job. She has been told by reputable mechanics it is not worth repairing for the value of the vehicle and the model's track record for the repair needed. **Do you or someone you know have a decent used vehicle you'd be willing to donate or sell in a low price range?** Maybe you or someone you know is giving up driving and has an older vehicle they no longer need or maybe have an extra vehicle you/they are ready to get rid of or maybe you/they are ready to buy a new car and have an older one you were planning to trade.



Please pray with me that by God's grace a vehicle will be provided for this household. The single mom has a new job starting in a week or so, trusting somehow she be able to get there.

Serving with you,

Kim

570-867-2628

P.S. We have another need for a car as well for an older woman in a similar circumstance with a car failure and need to get to work.

Miles of Pennies

The Church of the Redeemer holds a competition each year between the Sunday School students and the adults. Congratulations to the Adults for winning the Miles of Pennies competition. The Adults collected \$77.19 and Sunday School collected \$51.42. The total collection of \$128.61 is the most we've ever collected!

Congratulations to the Sunday School for their guess of 1,700 pennies in the Miles of Pennies jar. The actual number of pennies was 2,144!



June Outreach Project at St. John

For the month of May council has chosen to collect hygiene items for the Spencer-VanEtten schools hygiene closet. The items they are in need of are as follows:

Body Wash

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes



We appreciate your continued support of our outreach projects each month.

June Outreach Project at Redeemer



For the Month of **June** we will be collecting canned fruit for our local food pantries. These items can be placed in the in the Narthex at St. John or you can drop them off at Redeemer during office hours. Thank you for your support!

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER NEEDS A LITTLE SPRUCING UP!

Our landscaping team keeps our grass cut and the grounds looking tidy. Glenn Murrelle keeps our bushes and trees trimmed. There's a job, however, that's beyond what the landscaping team and Glenn can do: Clean up the parking lot. Redeemer members, please bring rakes, brooms, and gardening gloves on **Saturday June 8th at 10:00 a.m.** If we have enough people show up, we can be done in an hour and then our property will really sparkle!



St. John Birthdays

Joyce Mittan	6/6
Susan Stearns	6/7
Abbey Noldy	6/10
Matthew McCabe	6/12
Ian Repko	6/13
Nicholas Mizener	6/15

Redeemer Birthdays

Marylou Ranck	6/6
Ray Nobles	6/6
Emily Garrity	6/7
Scott Johnson	6/9
Norma Stevens	6/9
Bruce Carpenter Jr.	6/11
Betsy Schumacher	6/12
Eric Davenport	6/13
Ellen Croft	6/14



Paul W. & Amanda Mittan 6/10

Let's Help Celebrate

On June 16th, Dorothy Geiger will celebrate her 107th birthday. Lets help her celebrate by sending birthday cards to her at 790 Wildwood Road Sayre, PA 18840.



4th Annual Penn-York Valley

FISHING

Derby

Brought to you by the Penn York Community Association

Sayre
Pond
Brock St.



SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

Registration Opens at 8am

Fishing 9:15am - 11am | Awards 11:30 am - Noon

This is a free event that is open to children ages 3-14. Prizes will be awarded to the top fisherman in three age groups.

The age groups are 3-6, 7-10, and 11-14.

Sponsorship support, questions, or inquiries about the PYCA and its projects should be directed to pennyorkca@gmail.com

WHO WILL
Your Love
REACH NEXT?

SHARING YOUR GENEROSITY

How your congregation's love can reach more neighbors

Until Your Love Reaches Every Neighbor

Jake Lyell for LWR

Suzan Nzabake's family of eight suffered a life of extreme poverty in Uganda, living in a small mud shack and sleeping on the floor with very little to eat each day. Thanks to the love of congregations like yours, Suzan learned new farming techniques. Today she grows crops like banana, cassava, avocado and jack fruit in abundance to feed and support her family.

WATCH THE VIDEO



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Congregations like yours have brought hope to a hurting world for decades.
To watch the video, visit lwr.org/intro.

EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODING. CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE. HUNGER AND EXTREME POVERTY.

Where there is suffering, your love is there to help a neighbor in need.

Since 1945, Lutheran World Relief has worked ceaselessly to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. We carry your compassion to disaster zones to provide aid and help families restore their lives. We break the cycle of poverty so families and communities can thrive.

All because congregations like yours have responded to God's call to be the Body of Christ in the world.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

You continue THE LEGACY OF LOVE

Generous Lutherans have an immense impact. Because of you:



In **MALI**, extreme weather and the skyrocketing cost of fertilizer have made it hard for the poorest to survive. Your love provides food and fertilizer kits to help families like Deba's grow nutritious crops like carrots, cowpeas and drought-resistant moringa.



In **SOUTH SUDAN**, many communities are nomadic. "Home" is wherever there is relative peace and grass for their cattle to graze. Your compassion follows these populations in mobile medical clinics, which are set up in tents that can be packed up and moved when violence or seasonal flooding forces the community to relocate.



In remote mountain villages in **PERU**, you equip farmers with knowledge and supplies to sustain themselves. They have learned to grow a wider variety of crops, and you have provided training and support for them to raise livestock. Children who were once sick and malnourished have grown into young adults who are pursuing education and opportunities to further their communities.



In **UKRAINE**, our mobile medical clinic serves people who stayed behind — many of whom are elderly or could not afford to evacuate. Located in the back of a tractor-trailer, the clinic carries doctors to the hardest-hit regions near the Russian border. The clinic stays about two weeks in each location to ensure your love reaches as many people as possible.

How your CONGREGATION'S GIFT HELPS

Caring congregations like yours help in many life-changing ways.
Here are a few ways you can make a difference today.



\$2,100

purchases grain and fertilizer to support 10 farming families in Mali. Due to the war in Ukraine and other contributing factors, the price of these key supplies has skyrocketed in the past two years – leaving more and more families hungry. The fertilizer helps to boost their crop production, and the grain provides nourishment until their harvest is ready. With your support, Lutheran World Relief identifies those with greatest need to ensure the most vulnerable are cared for.



\$5,200

provides a solar panel system for one mobile clinic in South Sudan. There is no electrical grid in remote areas and fuel for generators is scarce, so solar panels are necessary for lighting and refrigeration. Without them, women give birth by flashlight, and there is nowhere to preserve vaccines that need to be kept cold.



\$10,000

establishes 750 plots of staple foods like quinoa, oatmeal and beans in 10 communities suffering from food insecurity in Peru. Diversifying their crops has helped them to prevent malnutrition and to weather the challenges of their unique land and changing weather patterns.



\$20,000

provides two months of medical supplies for our mobile clinic in Ukraine. The clinic offers basic health services such as general medicine, cardiology, gynecology, ultrasound and psychotherapy. It also carries a supply of common prescriptions on board. The clinic sees an average of 72 patients a day, seven days a week, for a total of 4,320 patients in two months.

Thank you for putting your faith into action
by loving your neighbors around the world.



Find study guides, worship tools and
additional resources at lwr.org/mission.

**Until your love reaches
every neighbor.**

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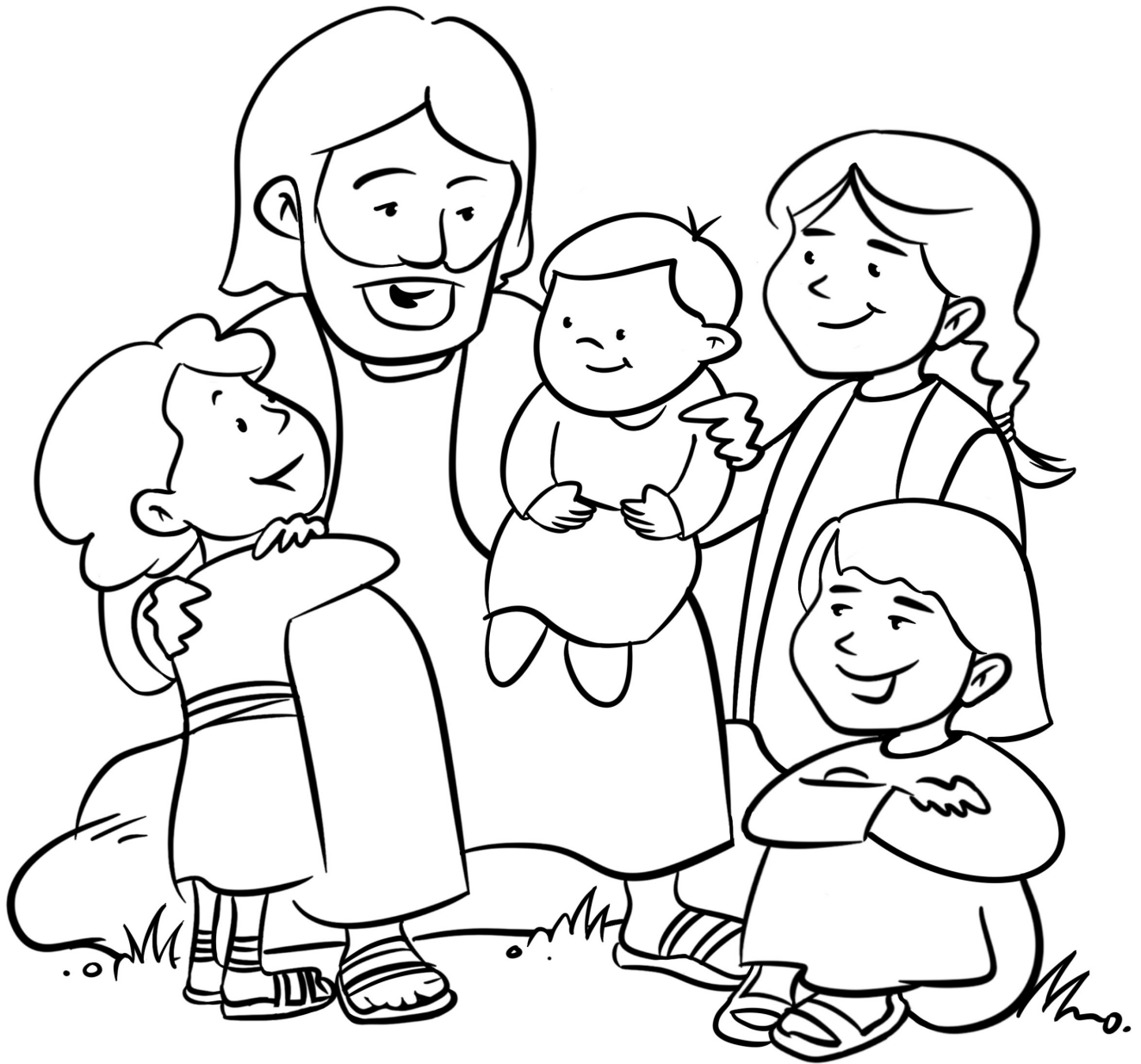
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Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Note: The dollar amounts listed represent the actual average cost of providing the respective service.
Your gifts contribute to the entire mission of Lutheran World Relief, to be used where the need is greatest.





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"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 NIV)

Family Ties

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."
Mark 3:35 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



F	Z	I	X	R	K	S	W	G	A	J	O	H	P	L	Y	U	V	Q	T	C	D	M	E	N	B
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 11-24-7-17-7 _____
- 13-12-17-7-24 _____
- 21-5-12-8-22 _____
- 23-12-20-13-24-5 _____
- 7-3-7-20-24-5 _____
- 26-5-12-20-13-24-5 _____
- 1-10-23-3-15-16 _____
- 22-3-7-21-3-14-15-24-7 _____

FAMILY	SISTER	MOTHER	HOUSE
BROTHER	JESUS	DISCIPLES	CROWD

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The puzzle is based on Mark 3:20-35



N C M V F E D Y O Z R S L W W
W W H C L W M A R G Q E A D U
F A O C O O O E H X V A W I F
J V R R D U H H J K M T T S W
Q I C G U T B N Z A O E X C R
C U N E O Z Z N F P T D S I G
K I R R F D J L Y K H R M P N
K Q B R S A H O U S E N G L Q
V A Y S D E M G U H R V B E G
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J H B Z B X V A L Z F L U K W
W E G O D J E I L Y P M R I V
N Q S P Y T S M D V E G L Q T
Z M U U O Q N X R E A N W A D
R N C C S H N F W Z D P E J F

FAMILY
LAW
HOUSE

CROWD
EAT
BROTHER

CIRCLE
MOTHER
SEATED

JESUS
DISCIPLES
TEACHERS

DIVIDED
KINGDOM
GOD