



# The Lutherpalian

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Sayre PA 18840

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**June 13, 2024**

## **The First Juneteenth**

On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. With the principles of self-determination, citizenship, and democracy magnifying their hopes and dreams, those Texans held fast to the promise of true liberty for all. We celebrate Juneteenth on Wednesday June 19th 2024. The Diocese of Bethlehem is commemorating this day with a Juneteenth Celebration on **June 15, 2024**, 11:30 a.m., at the St. Barnabas Center in Kutztown. All are invited and asked to register online: [click here](#).

This day will include prayer, fellowship, and a dramatic reading, telling the story of an imagined meeting in Cape May, New Jersey on Independence Day, 1872,.



*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*

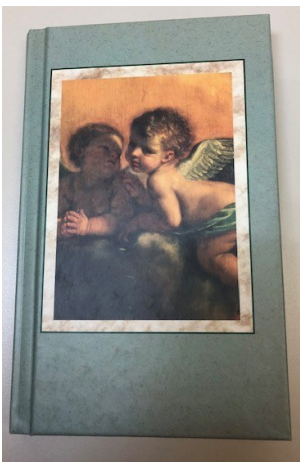
To all of the Father's, Step Father's, Grand Father's and those filling the role of father, we wish you a very Happy Father's Day.

## 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.



Please take the time to send a message of appreciation and/or good wishes to Pastor Scott in this Journal. You'll find it in the Narthex on Sundays or at the Church of the Redeemer in the Atrium on the next two Saturdays.

### **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. 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.

**Do you or someone you know have a decent used vehicle you'd be willing to donate or sell in a low price range?** Please call Kim at 570-867-2628. Prayers also appreciated!

## VBS IS COMING SOON



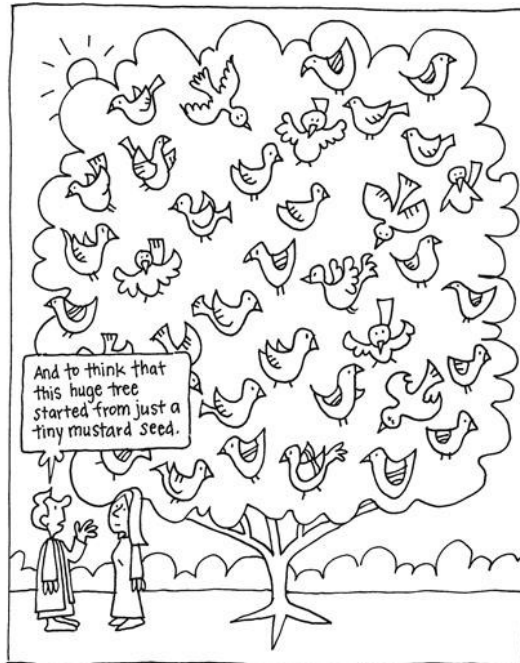
Vacation Bible School will take place at Church of the Redeemer on July 8,9,10, 11. Our biggest need is volunteers to help set up for the event. There may be need for help with other aspects as well. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the church offices and Jerry our secretary will put you in contact with the appropriate person to speak with. Jerry can be reached at St. John Monday & Wednesday from 12:30-4:30 and Tuesday & Thursday from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. She can be reached at Redeemer Monday & Wednesday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and Tuesday & Thursday from 12:30-4:30. We appreciate your willingness to help!



# Scripture Reflection

## Reflection on the Gospel by Don E Saliers from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

To follow this teller of parables is to become alive to all the paradoxes and the tensions of his life and death: goodness appears in human form, and human powers are threatened; yet death leads to life. We struggle to understand while yet standing under the signs of God's offer of life. Jesus told so many parables he became one. He told so many because he is the very parable of God in human flesh. This is the extraordinary under the signs and words of the ordinary. So, the hope is in the question: "What is God's kingdom like? To what shall we compare it?" No one answer will ever exhaust the meaning of this question, but the pulse of Jesus' words, deeds, death, and resurrection point to the secret hid from a distracted, hopeless world. This pulse is the heartbeat of God, whose rule and reign are coming with the terrible speed of mercy. As you read these week's lessons and consider this reflection, what is revealed to you of the pulse of God's heartbeat?



## Serving in Worship

### Reading the lessons & Prayers

June 16: Jennifer Joyce

June 23: Alice Bennett

### Usher

Rick Rhodes

Louise Sackett

### Greeter

Mary Rhodes

Kate Sackett



## June Outreach Project at St. John

For the month of May and June 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.

## Volunteers Needed

St. John is sponsoring the Community Supper at the Church of the Redeemer on Thursday, June 27th from 4-6 p.m. We are in need of Volunteers to supply desserts and also to help serve the meal. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are willing to help please do sign up. Thank you!!



## 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 or before/after Wednesday or Saturday worship. Thank you for your support!

## Let's Help Celebrate

On June 18th, Dorothy Geiger will celebrate her **107th** birthday. Lets help her celebrate by sending birthday cards to her at 790 Wildwood Road Sayre, PA 18840.





### **St. John Birthdays**

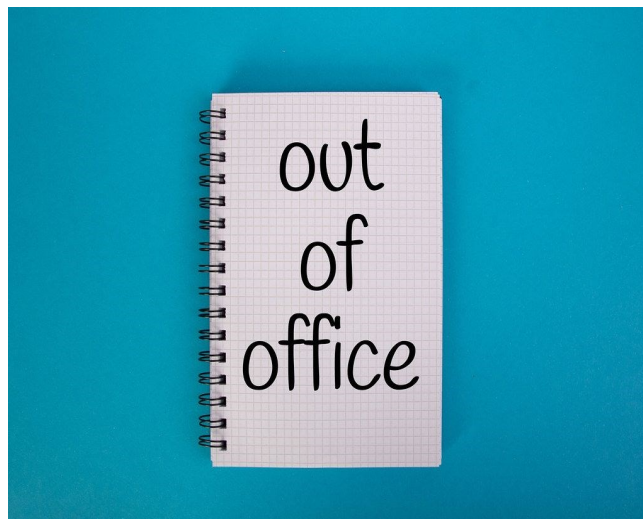
Ian Repko	6/13
Nicholas Mizener	6/15
Brad Vasey	6/16
Dorothy Geiger	6/18
Dakota Smith	6/20
Dawn Farrell	6/21

### **Redeemer Birthdays**

Eric Davenport	6/13
Ellen Croft	6/14
Jeanne Baird	6/14
Nathan Prickitt	6/15
Abigail Prickitt	6/15
Linda Murrelle	6/17
Erin Wayman	6/21
Chelsea McCutcheon	6/22

### **No Wednesday 12:05 p.m. service at Redeemer**

Next Wednesday is Juneteenth. This is a federal holiday. Pastor Melinda and Pastor Scott will not be in the office on this day. Jerry will be in the offices during normal hours should you need to stop by or call.



# 4th Annual Penn-York Valley

# FISHING

## Derby

Brought to you by the Penn York Community Association

Sayre  
Pond  
Brock St.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

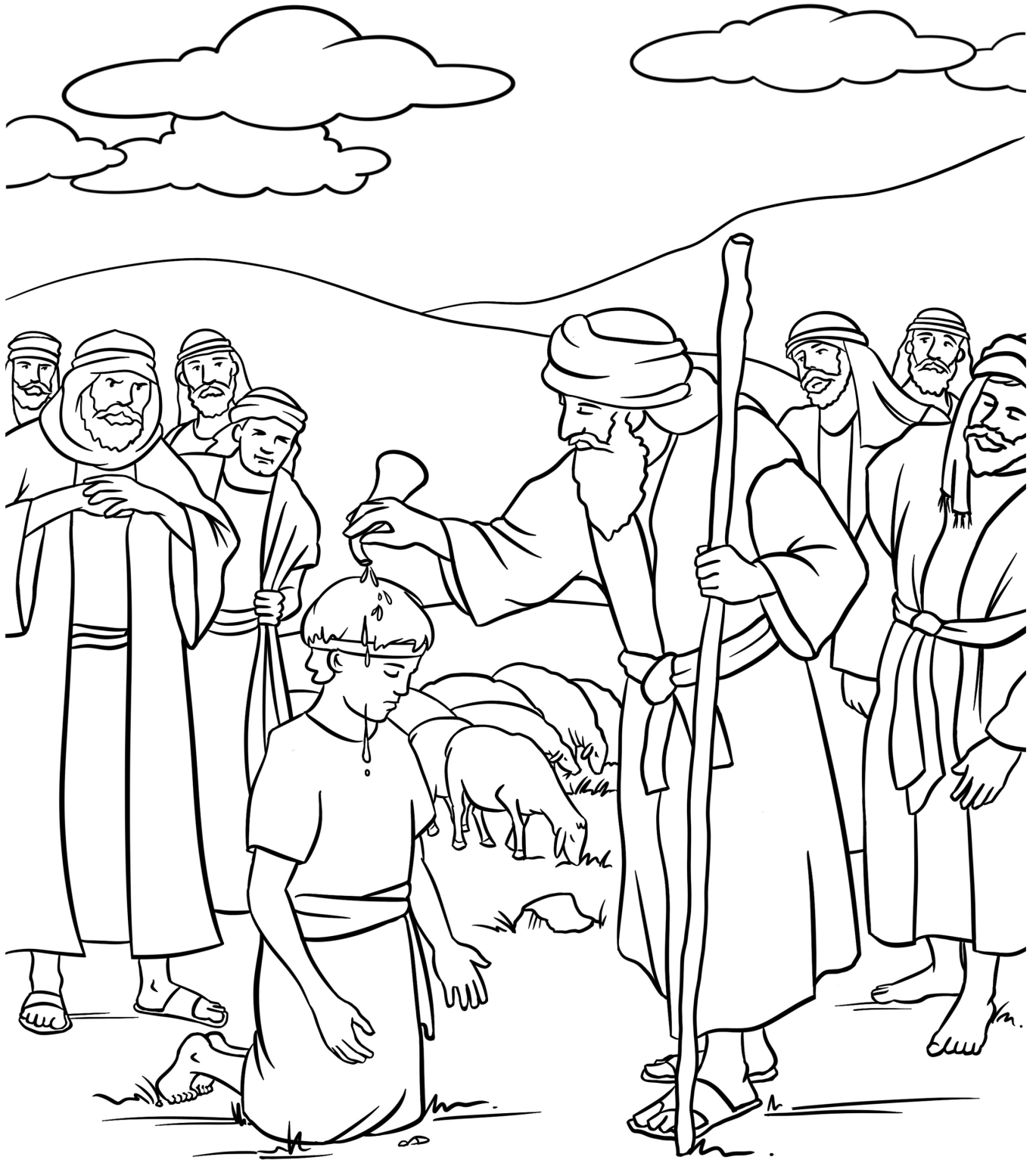
**Registration Opens at 8am**

**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](mailto:pennyorkca@gmail.com)**



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The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."  
1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)



# God Chooses a King

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

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



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2. 20-7-22-22-7 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 21-3-19-32-21 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 25-7-3-6-4 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 22-25-7-15-25-7-6-21 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 3-10-8-32-10-4 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 31-32-10-14 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 32-22-6-3-7-12 \_\_\_\_\_

ISRAEL	KING	JESSE	HEART
SAMUEL	DAVID	SHEPHERD	ANOINT

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Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13



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APPEARANCE	SAMUEL	CHOSEN	HEART	PEACE
REJECTED	DAVID	SHEPHERD	ANOINT	LORD
SAUL	ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	KING	JESSE