



# The Lutherpalian

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*The logo at left is from the Lutherpalian clergy page on Facebook. It superimposes the Episcopal Church shield on the Lutheran Rose.*

**June 27, 2024**

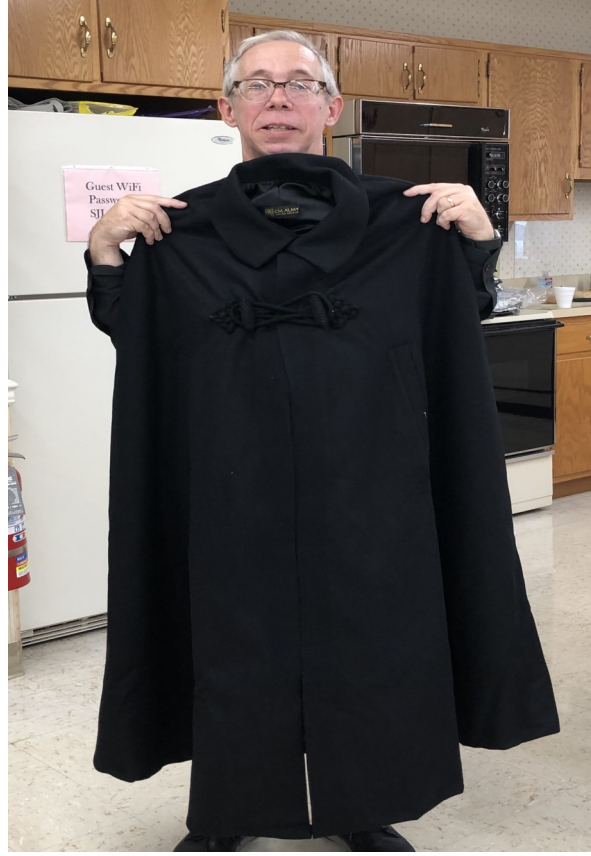
## **GODSPEED TO PASTOR SCOTT HARVEY**

Last Sunday was Pastor Scott's last Sunday among us. We had an impressive turnout at worship and for our potluck immediately after the service. Worship was joy filled, if bittersweet, the fellowship was warm, and the food was really good to eat. After a two week vacation to both move, settle in, and spend time away, Pastor Scott begins serving in the Tri-County Lutheran Parish on July 7. The three counties are Columbia, Greene, and Rensselaer in New York State's Hudson Valley. Pastor Scott will be part of a three person clergy team (plus an intern) serving six parishes, although he will be the only full-time pastor.



Lead by Pastor Melinda, the two parishes bless Pastor Scott, Tim Corp and Marilyn Corp. They will be greatly missed.

## A FEW MORE PICTURES FROM LAST SUNDAY



Pastor Melinda presents Pastor Scott with a gift from both parishes. An indispensable article of clothing for any pastor is the woolen cloak. Worn over vestments, it is particularly helpful when greeting parishioners at the door on a cold winter's day or when presiding at a graveside service. In the future, when Pastor Scott wears this cloak, we hope he feels enveloped by our love and warm wishes for him.

At right is a photo of Pastor Scott as most of us see him—in church, at worship.



# Scripture Reflection

## Question for Reflection

In this week's readings, various people bring their suffering to God, through lament and the search for healing. How does Christ enable you—and how might you enable others—to be honest with God in doubt and pain?



## Serving in Worship

### Reading the lessons & Prayers

**June 30th:** Margaret Cole

**July 7th:** Skip Roupp

### Usher

John Neiley

Bruce Carpenter

### Greeter

Jean Neiley

Rose Carpenter

## Office Hours:

**SJLC:** M, W 12:30—4:30; T, Th 8:00—12:00

**Redeemer** M, W 8:00—12:00; T, Th 12:30—4:30

In Observance of the 4th of July Holiday the **church offices will be closed** on Thursday July 4th. We will reopen for normal office hours on Monday, July 8th. We hope everyone has a safe and festive 4th of July.



## Filling in the gaps in the Lectionary for the Hebrew Scriptures

The lectionary leaves out so much of Samuel's, Saul's and David's story. You are encouraged to read all of 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel for yourself. However, if you are pressed for time, here is a Cliff Notes version: King Saul fell out of favor with God when Saul failed to fully obey a directive from God. (It is a grisly story: see 1 Sam 15.) God then chooses a king who is better than Saul ... the shepherd boy David, who with five smooth rocks slays Goliath and defeats the Philistines. Although Saul is jealous of David's military successes Saul's son Jonathan pledges loyalty to David. Saul grew fearful of David and made him a commander of 1000 troops AND gave his daughter, Michal in marriage to him in exchange for "trophies" from the dead bodies of 100 Philistines. [Saul expected a Philistine to kill David ... but the ploy failed.] Saul became David's enemy from that moment forward.

1 Samuel 18 through 1 Samuel 23 depicts something of a game of cat and mouse, where David eludes Saul who is actively trying to kill him. In Chapter 24 David has a chance to kill Saul but does not. Saul comes to understand that David is to be his successor. David takes another wife, Abigail (and there's an interesting story in 1 Sam 25) Saul makes another attack on David, and yet again David spares Saul's life. In the meantime, the prophet Samuel dies.

Bad blood continues between David and the Philistines. (See chapter 29) The situation is even worse with the Amalekites – two of David's wives and their children have been taken captive! But not to worry, David rescues them and "laid waste" to the Amalekites. Once again, the Philistines attack Israel and kill Saul's sons, to include Jonathan. Saul himself is badly wounded and begs his armor bearer to kill him. The armor bearer refuses so Saul falls on his own sword and dies. Upon his death, the Philistines took over towns formerly occupied by Israel.

And now we are ready to hear the story continue in Second Samuel. The portion of the first chapter left out of Sunday's reading describes how David was informed of Saul and his sons' deaths.

Pictured: Instead of killing Saul, David cut off the edge of his robe without his noticing it.

Image credit: [FreeBibleimages :: David spares King Saul's life :: David cuts the corner of Saul's robe \(1 Samuel 22:1-2, 23:1 - 24:22\)](#)



## 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.

## 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!



## VBS IS COMING SOON

Vacation Bible School will take place at Church of the Redeemer on July 8,9,10, 11. Please help us get the word out! We have been gifted **ICE CREAM** for opening night during registration. **Johnny D's** food truck will be in the Redeemer parking lot for VBS participants and parents.

**There will be a work bee on Friday, June 28th at 10 a.m. and Monday**

**July 1 at 6:30 p.m.** to help decorate etc. This is a great way to lend your artistic gifts and not actually have to commit to attending the entire week of VBS. 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. We appreciate your willingness to help!



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*Happy Anniversary!*

### **St. John Birthdays**

Dominic Musick	6/27
Kyler Roberts	6/28
Harold Schrader	6/29
Ayden Smith	7/2
John Mark Sackett	7/4
Sarah Efthimiou	7/6

### **St. John Anniversaries**

Belated anniversary wishes to Tom & Deb Brandt who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 23rd.

### **Redeemer Birthdays**

Louise Morningstar	6/27
Julie Lewis	7/1
Maria Layton	7/1
Bonnie Garrity	7/4
Emma Cole	7/5
John Johnson, III	7/5

### **Redeemer Anniversaries**

David & Lisa Cole	6/29
Ray & Diane Nobles	6/30



Congratulations to our high school graduates!  
Kaitlyn Vasey-Hunt, Tioga Central School - SJLC

Madison Barnes, Waverly High School, CotR

Emily Marshall, Athens High School, CotR

## **News from the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church: Sean Rowe elected Presiding Bishop**



A familiar face (to those who worship at the Church of the Redeemer) was elected Presiding Bishop on Wednesday afternoon. He is familiar as he was Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem for four years, from 2014-2018.

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected June 26 by the House of Bishops to serve as the 28th presiding bishop, and his election was confirmed by the House of Deputies at the 81st General Convention.

The bishops elected Rowe on their first ballot in a closed session at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Louisville. The result later was announced publicly in the House of Deputies' afternoon session by House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris. The announcement was greeted by cheers from the standing-room-only crowd on the floor of the convention hall at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

You can read more here:

[Breaking: Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop, will begin nine-year term Nov. 1 – Episcopal News Service](#)

## News from the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church

### Julia Ayala Harris re-elected

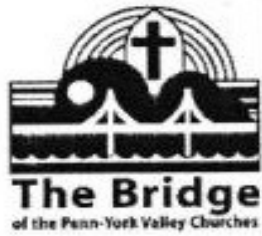


[Episcopal News Service — Louisville, Kentucky] House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris was re-elected June 25 at the 81st General Convention, winning decisively on the first ballot and fending off challenges from the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, the deputies' vice president, and Zena Link, a former Executive Council member. Ayala Harris, 43, is the first Latina and the first woman of color to serve as president of the House of Deputies. A first-generation Mexican American and the daughter of an undocumented immigrant, she was reelected from a field of three candidates on the first ballot. Ayala Harris' reelection on June 25 was historic, marking a slate of three women of color vying for the leadership position. Ayala Harris can serve up to three consecutive terms, or, in her case, a total of eight years.

You can read more here:

**<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/06/25/breaking-house-of-deputies-president-julia-ayala-harris-re-elected-on-first-ballot/>**





**We are looking for good people to do God's work!**

The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches needs volunteers to help fulfill its mission of bridging the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ!

The **Clearinghouse** is a key function for *The Bridge*, and we have an immediate need for volunteers to answer the Clearinghouse phone and to provide information and/or facilitate getting assistance. The positions require good communication and computer skills. We are looking for a Clearinghouse Coordinator and two or more Clearinghouse Support Representatives (Refer to Position Descriptions for details). The time commitment for these positions can vary from two to several hours per week. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Wendy 570-596-4008 or Kim at 570-867-2628 or [clearinghouse@thevalleybridge.org](mailto:clearinghouse@thevalleybridge.org).



In addition, *The Bridge* needs these helpers:

- **Helping Hands** furniture moving volunteers – flexible hours
- **Clothes Closet** volunteers, especially from 6:30-8:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
- **Mobile Food Pantry** volunteers, especially help with parking/traffic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 9-11:30am
- **Interim Assistance Coordinator** – variable time commitment
- **Catastrophic Assistance Coordinator** - variable time commitment

For more information on these volunteer opportunities or to find out more about *The Bridge's* ministries, please contact Kim at 570-867-2628 or [president@thevalleybridge.org](mailto:president@thevalleybridge.org).

*Bridging the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ.*



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28*

Volunteer Position Description:  
**Clearinghouse Coordinator**

**General Position Description:** The Clearinghouse Coordinator oversees the ministry of the Clearinghouse which provides communication with individuals seeking assistance, voucher writers, member churches & representatives, and others in the community at large as well as facilitating *The Bridge's* voucher process. This also includes assuring coverage by Clearinghouse Support Representatives (CSRs) and training those representatives.

**Major Responsibilities:**

1. Oversees the Clearinghouse Support Representatives (CSRs) covering the Clearinghouse and assures coverage.
2. Trains CSRs as needed.
3. Assures that the message on the answering machine is up-to-date and follows-up on messages left.
4. Maintains a list of current Voucher Writers and communication preferences.
5. Maintains an up-to-date Resource List and other reference material, distributes to voucher writers and the Leadership Team, and uploads to Box.com "Resources" folder.
6. Provides a monthly report when appropriate as well as an annual report.
7. Provides feedback to *The Bridge* Board of Directors as needed or requested.
8. Is able to serve as a CSR when needed. Refer to CSR Position Description for Major Responsibilities.

**Qualifications:** Commitment to Jesus Christ and the mission of *The Bridge*, good telephone/communication skills, supervisory skills, computer skills including use of Apricot, Word, Excel, Box.com, and Roundcube email.

**Time Commitment:** Variable, but minimum likely 2 hours a week. In addition, monthly Board of Directors Meeting, occasional Leadership Team Meetings, and annual Pastors'/Voucher Writers' Luncheon.

**Reporting Relationship:** *The Bridge* Board of Directors or designee.

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Volunteer Position Description:  
**Clearinghouse Support Representative**

**General Position Description:** The Clearinghouse Support Representative (CSR) provides phone support to those calling *The Bridge's* main phone number which includes individuals seeking assistance, voucher writers, member churches & representatives, and others in the community at large as well as those contacting *The Bridge* by email. The CSR also facilitates *The Bridge's* voucher process by performing basic screening, and maintaining records of those assisted.

**Major Responsibilities:**

1. Maintains the bridge phone and answers telephone calls to the main Bridge phone, 570-888-8826. As appropriate:
  - a. Refers individuals seeking assistance offered by *The Bridge* and meeting basic eligibility requirements to voucher writers (Refer to #2).
  - b. Refers individuals seeking assistance not provided by *The Bridge* to other organizations as well as when the assistance we can provide is not enough to cover the need.
  - c. Provides general information about *The Bridge* and its ministries referring to ministry leads or others in the organization as necessary.
  - d. Provides general information about volunteer opportunities with *The Bridge* referring to ministry leads or others in the organization as necessary.
  - e. Provides donation information to those wishing to donate money, clothing, and/or furniture.
  - f. Follows-up on phone messages left.
  - g. Maintains the Roundcube Clearinghouse email following up on emails as appropriate.
2. Facilitates the voucher process. Refer to "Emergency Assistance Policies & Procedures" for details.
  - a. Screens those seeking assistance for basic eligibility including geographical residence, type of assistance, income, & prior assistance received from *The Bridge* by checking the database. Enters collected information into the database. Also, verifies that the client is not on the "Permanently Barred" list due to deceptive practices in the past.
  - b. If the individual passes the basic eligibility screening, assigns the individual a voucher writer and instructs them to take photo ID, proof of income or assistance, and current bills including a shut-off notice, eviction notice, or lease as appropriate for the requested assistance to the appointment with the voucher writer. Notifies the voucher writer of the client assigned according to the voucher writer's contact preference.
  - c. Enters the voucher number assigned by the voucher writer when informed by the voucher writer after issuing a voucher.
  - d. When deceptive practices are identified, the individual and adult individuals in the household are identified in the database as "Permanently Barred" so that they are ineligible for future assistance.
  - e. When exceptions are made or other unusual circumstances occur, indicates the Exception Team members approving as well as the reason for the exception.
3. Refers to "Resources" on Box.com for current reference material including "Step by Step Using Apricot - Clearinghouse" and "Apricot Standardized Entry" as guides for entering assistance in the database.

**Volunteer Position Description: Clearinghouse Support Representative**

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**Qualifications:** Commitment to Jesus Christ and the mission of *The Bridge*, good telephone skills and computer skills with willingness to learn Apricot and Roundcube email.

**Time Commitment:** Variable based on other CSR coverage with the minimum time commitment generally being 2 hours weekly or less frequently as a fill-in.

**Reporting Relationship:** *The Bridge's* Clearinghouse Coordinator.

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Touching the Garment  
Mark 5:24-34

# There's Power in a Touch

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Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



And a \_\_\_\_\_ was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many \_\_\_\_\_ and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew \_\_\_\_\_. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his \_\_\_\_\_, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be \_\_\_\_\_." Immediately her \_\_\_\_\_ stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her \_\_\_\_\_.

At once Jesus realized that \_\_\_\_\_ had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who \_\_\_\_\_ me?' "

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your \_\_\_\_\_ has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

worse  
power

cloak  
bleeding

woman  
healed

suffering  
touched

doctors  
faith

# There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

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



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
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- 7-5-11-20-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-18-10-10-16-17-24-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-5-20-7-5-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-1-17-7-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-5-16-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-18-5-7-4-10-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-10-1-18-10-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- 9-5-8-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-11-14-14-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR	FAITH	TOUCH	SUFFER	CLOTHES
WOMAN	BODY	BLEEDING	HEALED	POWER