



The Lutherpalian

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal)
Sayre PA 18840

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July 11, 2024



This Sunday we hope you will join us at the 10 a.m. service to help us welcome and thank Rev. Dominick (Nick) Lorenzetti as he leads us in worship while Pastor Melinda is away in Dallas and West Pittson fulfilling her Diocesan duties. Nick will be with us once a month through November.

Combined Summer Worship Continues

Next Sunday, July 21 our combined Summer Worship will continue at Redeemer at 10 a.m. We will be worshipping in the church itself—come in comfortable, cool clothing—we will not have air conditioning!

Joins us in the South Wing after the service this Sunday for coffee hour. We will be having breakfast pizza, Peggy Cranmer is making scones and there will be other refreshments. We are looking forward to sharing fellowship and food with one another.





HELP FILL THE NEED

Donate blood!  American Red Cross

Community Blood Drive **St. John Lutheran Church**

South Wing
207 South Hopkins Street
Sayre, PA 18840

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Receive a certificate for a free small ice cream cone or dish from Johnny D's when you donate blood at this drive.



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St John Sayre to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Be a force for good: Come give blood in July for a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on us. Terms at rcblood.org/twisters.



July Outreach Project

For the Month of **July** we will be collecting Pasta and or Pasta/spaghetti Sauce 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!

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



Scripture Reflection

Question for Reflection : The lectionary readings suggest comparing the exuberant dancing and merrymaking of David to Paul's enthusiastic description of the Christian's calling, while contrasting these to the deathly revelries of Herod's court. How do you know which present-day occasions to celebrate with all your might and which to speak out against?



Lessons for July 13&14

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm: 85:8-13 or Psalm 24 (*Saturday at Redeemer*)

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Serving in Worship

Reading the lessons & Prayers

Usher

Greeter

July 14th : Jeri Mullen

Gil Herbert

Renee Woinovick

Combined Summer Worship continues at Redeemer on July 21

July 21: Amy Murrelle

Glenn Murrelle

Diane Siebecker



St. John Birthdays

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| Daniel Joyce | 7/13 |
| Jean Neiley | 7/16 |

Redeemer Birthdays

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| Suzanne Storelli | 7/11 |
| Janice Patton | 7/11 |
| Donald Stevens | 7/11 |
| Nathan Garrity | 7/12 |
| Emily Schamel | 7/14 |
| Abby Davenport | 7/17 |

Dorothy Geiger

Mother celebrated her 107th birthday on June 18th. She sends her thanks to so many of you at St. John for the beautiful cards and touching notes you sent to her. She received 60 cards and many bouquets along with calls and visits. Those who know mother appreciate her warmth and conversation and have experienced both thru the years.

Thank you for your kindness.
Marion Campbell



Camp Firelight VBS Photo Album



In person registration occurred just outside of Redeemer's parish hall so that campers and their parents had immediate access to Johnny D's ice cream.



Over 50 people took advantage of the opportunity to get an ice cream of their choice. Campers, parents, and volunteers enjoyed the refreshing snack provided by a generous and anonymous benefactor.

Camp Firelight VBS Photo Album con't.



20+ children participated in the program, with an additional six youth assisting. Of course, there were several adult volunteers from all three participating parishes.



Preschoolers enjoyed their own space. They did all the things the bigger kids did: heard stories, made crafts, played games and ate snacks.



Camp Firelight VBS Photo Album con't.



'Counselor Sam' and Lumen 'Lu' the Firefly had an opening skit each of the four days of VBS.



Louise Sackett created a "Camp Store" where she had a multitude of craft activities. Above: the kids are making Jacob's Ladder. Rt: the kids are depicting the Storm at Sea.



Camp Firelight VBS Photo Album con't.



Each night featured a Science Experiment that complimented the evening's featured Story. Here Doreen Marshall has the rapt attention of some of our campers.

Being able to move around is important so the

Parish Hall made a perfect game room. Here the kids are trying to keep a balloon aloft.



Betsy Schumacher might tell you that the snacks are a very important part of VBS. Look at these "jello boats" made to com-

pliment the 'Storm at Sea' story. Thanks to Rose Carpenter, Linda Murrelle, and Margaret Cole for giving us fuel to keep our energy high!



Camp Firelight VBS Photo Album con't.



Pastor Paula Kraus, from Sayre Christian Church portrays an angel, while Betsy Schumacher prepares to sleep in the wilderness as Jacob, and Pastor Melinda narrates the story of Jacob's Ladder. Each day, the Bible Story set changed—our first night with Jacob's Ladder was the most spectacular!

Tuesday night featured the story of Ruth and Naomi. In the story, Ruth follows Naomi to Naomi's hometown. Pictured at right, this group is "following the leader" in a mirroring activity. It looks a little bit like "Simon Says!"

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US TONIGHT FOR OUR CLOSING: FROM 6 TO 8 PM at the Church of the Redeemer.

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RUSH YOUR SUPPORT

Children's hospital hit by deadly missile attack.



Dear Partner in Ministry,

I'm coming to you with a report directly from our team in Ukraine, where missile strikes hit cities across the country yesterday — including a children's hospital in Kyiv.

Our Lutheran World Relief team was blocks away at the time the missile hit. They rushed to the hospital — alongside first responders — providing care and support.

As you can imagine, the situation was terrifying and desperate, especially for the young patients and their families.

Our team was able to provide aid immediately to patients, their families and others affected by the attack. They distributed **LWR Quilts and Personal Care Kits** that we have on-hand in Ukraine because faithful congregations like yours have packed and sent them. Thank you.

They've asked me to let you know that **your compassion is urgently needed in this time of crisis**. The love of congregations has shown time and again that Lutherans will show up when there's a crisis – no matter where it strikes. **Will your congregation help get lifesaving support to neighbors in need?**

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Give a gift online at lwr.org/helpforukraine

Mail a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297. Please write "Ukraine Hospital" in the memo line.

[Share this graphic](#) on your congregation's social media pages and in worship.

Thank you for leading your congregation to shine Christ's love through the devastation, embracing families who have already lost so much.

In faith and gratitude,



Emma Wagner
Senior Advisor,
Congregational Engagement



Deadly missile attack hits Ukraine children's hospital

Your gift to Lutheran World Relief **delivers urgently needed** care and support.

lwr.org/HelpForUkraine



 LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF



Statement from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Anglican hospital closure in Gaza

Just two weeks ago at General Convention, we welcomed Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and heard him speak passionately about peace and the life-saving work of the Al-Ahli Anglican Hospital in Gaza. Today I am deeply troubled to learn that [the Israeli Defense Forces closed this hospital](#).

We stand in solidarity with our Anglican family, [including the Archbishop of Canterbury](#), against the closure and evacuation of this vital diocesan health ministry. This action violates the dignity of already-vulnerable people and is against international humanitarian law.

Let us pray particularly for the safety of the hospital's patients and staff—and those who had been sheltering at the hospital who are now displaced again.

As a church, we [again call for a ceasefire](#), for humanitarian aid to flow freely to all in need, and we pray for an immediate end to violence against civilian populations.

I also want to encourage Episcopalians to join the [Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) to receive updates and action alerts so you may advocate effectively to your elected representatives.

And as the prophet Micah said, may God give all of us the will and the courage to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends of Penn – York Opportunities,

You and I know that having a career is not just about money. What we do for a living often defines our personalities, shapes how people see us, and creates a place for us in this world. Employment is a critical piece to our self-worth, confidence, and independence.

And Bryan knows this all too well. Out of high school, Bryan didn't know if he was going to be able to find or keep a job. He hadn't yet found his "niche" - until his former employer connected him with Penn-York Opportunities. Here he found the support he needed to begin his career journey.

"Penn York did all the leg work getting me ready and set up for my job as a Janitor at the VA Hospital in Bradford County. They tested my housekeeping skills, supported me through all the paperwork, physicals, and fingerprinting - which gives me a lot of anxiety. They didn't just throw me in. I didn't get overwhelmed. They coached me through."

Now Bryan is thriving at the VA serving our Veterans. He loves his job, the people he works with, and never dreads a Monday. And Bryan isn't alone. Penn-York Opportunities works with 20 + Individuals, supporting their career goals. Our Individuals work at the Bradford County VA Clinic, Sweet Sharlene's, and our newest venture, a coffee shop named Java Junction. This helps build their community network and independence.

This program and so many more are supported by donors like you! **Please consider making a \$25 dollar donation to support our work changing the lives of people with disabilities.** Your support is critical to our mission of creating opportunities for all people, regardless of their abilities, in the community.

In Partnership,

Eugenia Bond

Eugenia Bond, BSW, MOL
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. Bryan never dreads a Monday and enjoys his work at the VA serving our Veterans. He attributes his success to Penn-York Opportunities. Please consider making a donation today!



Scan with your phone's camera to donate.

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Bryan at work at the VA.

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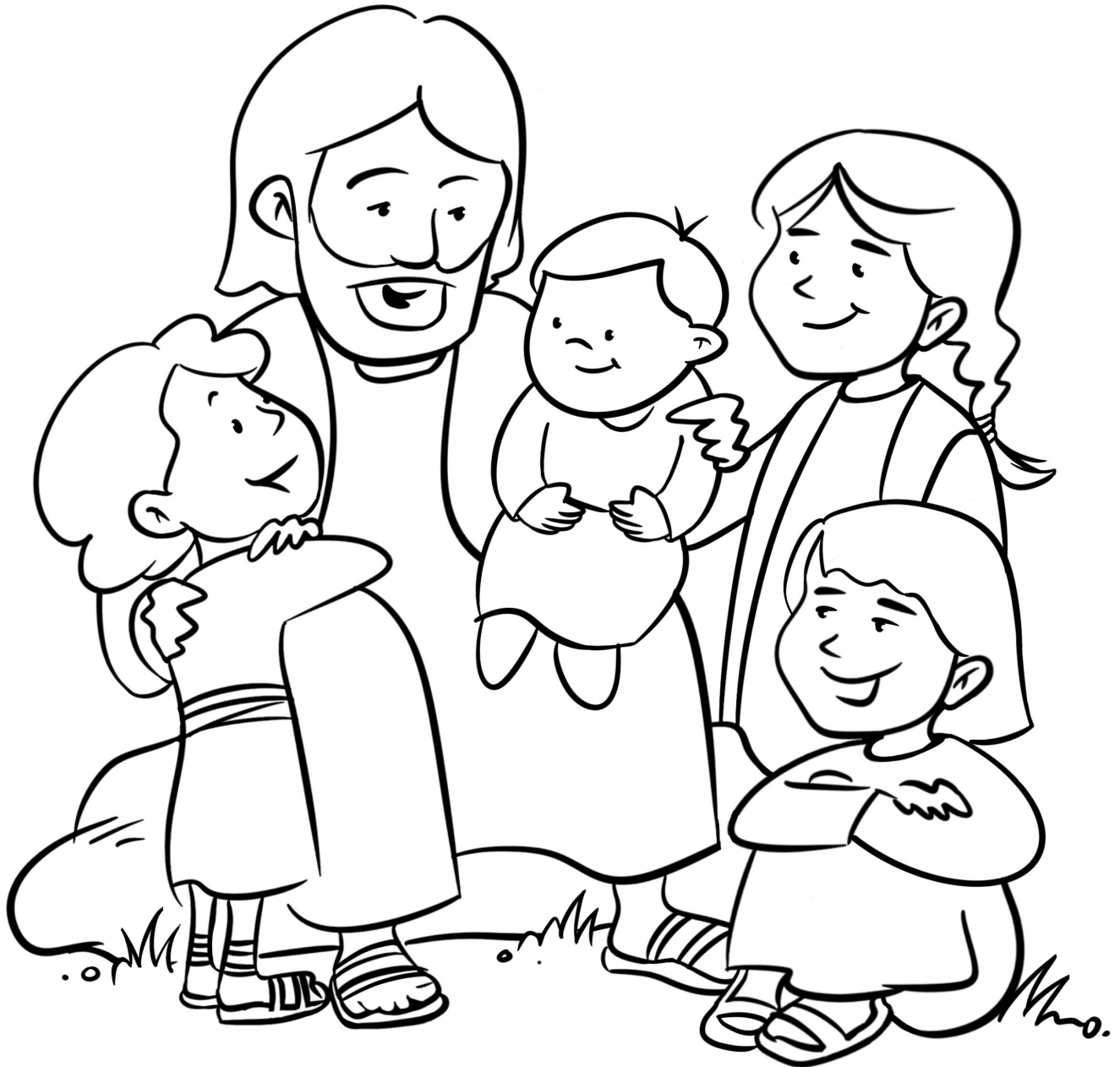
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THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU

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Thank you for your recent donation of food items to our feed my sheep food pantry. We so appreciate your faithful support of our community mission!

*In His Service,
Athens United
Methodist Church*



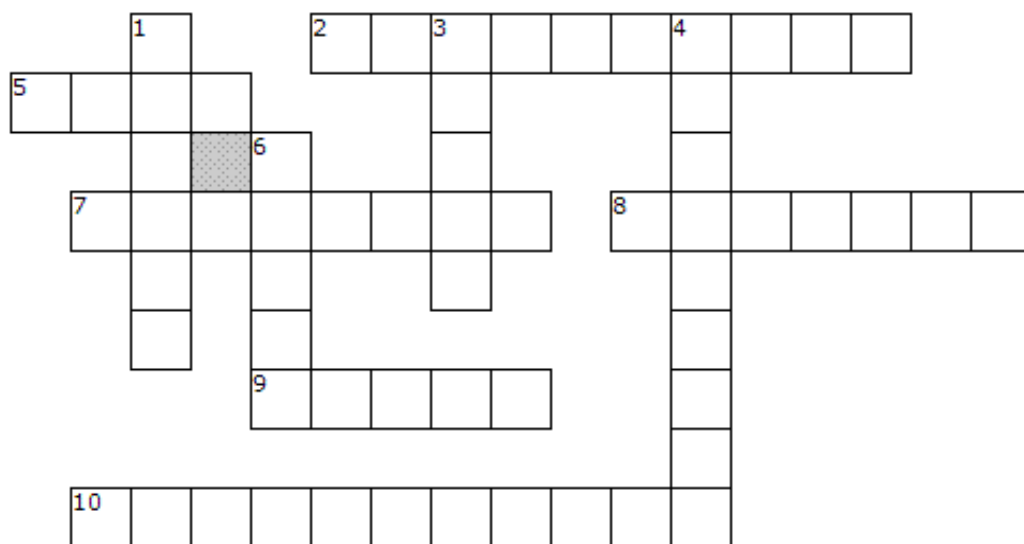
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"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" (Matthew 19:14, Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 NIV)

He Has Chosen Us

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Remaining the same
5. A proposed course of action
7. A considerate and thoughtful act
8. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
9. To have confidence in someone or something; to depend on
10. Money or property left to children by their parents

DOWN

1. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
3. To have selected something from several possibilities
4. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain
6. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

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