



The Lutherpalian

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal)
Sayre PA 18840

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July 25, 2024

Join us for Supper?



Join us this afternoon at the Church of the Redeemer for the free community Supper from 4-6 p.m. (Although we will gratefully accept a donation.) We have no idea what the menu will be for today, but one thing we know for sure is that it will be tasty and the desserts mouth watering!

According to History.Com the phrase “Dog Days of Summer” originated in Ancient Rome and described the period from July 3 through August 11. If so, we are right in the middle of the “dog days.” Please send in a picture of your dog to be featured in the eBlast—tell us about your pet and perhaps tell us how you understand that there is a reason “dog” is “God” spelled backwards.



Pastor Melinda is using the “Dog Days” to plan out the coming program year. So far, the ideas are simply in her mind. If you have something you would like to participate in and you can make it happen, please be sure to let Pastor know.

Lessons for July 27 & 28

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:11-15

Psalm: 14

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

Serving in Worship

Reading the lessons & Prayers

Usher

Greeter

Combined Summer Worship continues at Redeemer on July 28

July 28: Margaret Cole

Gil Herbert

Phoebe Marshall

August 4: Rose Carpenter

Bruce Carpenter

Rose Carpenter

Other Acts of Service

We can always use more assistance at worship as readers, ushers, greeters, and with distribution of communion. If you feel called to this ministry, please see Pastor Melinda. Other things you might consider:

- Watering our plots at the Community Garden (See Pastor Melinda)
- Assisting the Bridge (see Belinda Klovekorn) in a variety of ways, such as:
 - Voucher Writer
 - Clothes Closet
 - Furniture Ministry
 - Food Pantry
- Participation in Community Events such as supporting “Wine and Dine and a Brew or Two” at Spalding Library in Athens on Wednesday August 14 from 5 pm until 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. If you would like to purchase a ticket see Bruce Carpenter or Nina Seebeck. The event features finger foods and wine and beer as well as a number of basket raffles all to support the Spalding Library. Wearing a church themed hat or shirt is an easy way to be an evangelist!
- Sayre Library is having a Holiday Sale starting TOMORROW and continues through August 3.



St. John Birthdays

Lucas Webster	7/26
Jerame Eltringham	7/29
Frank Bottone	8/3

Redeemer Birthdays

Dolly Marshall	7/25
Walter Chaykosky	7/28
Ronald Hunt	7/30
Marcella Chaykosky	7/30
Shannon Woodruff	8/1
Glenn Murrelle	8/3



St. John Anniversaries

Justin & Kylene Ward	8/3
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Redeemer Anniversaries

Ray & Shannon Nobles	7/25
Bruce & Rose Carpenter	7/25
Rick & Mary Rhodes	7/29
Larry & Kate Gabb	8/1

Scripture Reflection

The feeding of the 5,000 appears in all four gospels, the only miracle that all four recount. Last week’s Gospel reading left out Mark’s version. This week, we begin five weeks of readings from John – the uniting theme is bread of life. This cycle begins with the feeding of the 5,000. Below is a side-by-side comparison of Mark’s account and John’s account. How are they alike? How do they differ? What else do you notice? How might this passage inform your answer to this question: How does Christ feed YOU today? (You might also like to consult Matt 14:16-21 and Luke 9:13-17.)

Mark 6:35-44 NRSV	John 6:1-14 NRSV
<p>When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “five, and two fish.” Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.</p>	<p>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who has come into the world.”</p>

Cliff Notes version of our readings from Samuel

So far this summer, much of our readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) revolve around Israel's greatest King, David. From our perspective in the 21st Century, David may have indeed been a great King but he was not particularly good to the women in his story. It seems that the women around David are only known by the awful things that befell them. Two weeks ago, we heard of a joyous celebration in the return of the Arc of the Covenant. David danced and sang naked. One of his wives, Michal, looked out the window and despised him. Did you ever wonder why?

Michal was a younger daughter of King Saul, and Michal loved David. Scripture is silent as to whether David loved Michal. Saul offered Michal in marriage to David with a bride price of 100 Philistine foreskins, expecting that the Philistines would kill David. David defied expectations and did as was asked. Saul was as good as his word, and Michal and David married. Saul came up with another plot to kill David, but Michal learned of it and help David escape. Saul may have determined that David abandoned Michal (he was gone for 14 years) and gave her to be the wife of another man named Palti. The conflict between Saul and David escalated further, until finally David is victorious. As part of the settlement with Saul, David demanded Michal's return. Unfortunately, Palti actually loved Michal and David's demand was heartbreaking for both. By the time the Arc was returned to David, Michal rebuked David saying that his dancing was shameful. David retaliated by making sure that Michal never had a child by him. For a woman in Biblical times, having no children was a source of great sorrow.

Sunday's reading is about Bathsheba. This is probably the most well recognized story about David, after his encounter with Goliath. We don't really know Bathsheba's name – "Bathsheba" merely means "from the house of Sheba." Throughout this Sunday's reading, we will hear about David's abuse of power. Bathsheba could not avoid David's summons and in her day and culture, had to submit to David's demands. Today we might call David's actions rape. And then he tries to cover his misdeeds by manipulating Bathsheba's husband, Uriah. When that doesn't work, he engineers Uriah's death. God is angry at David's behavior. He causes the baby Bathsheba conceived with David to die. Why would this terrible story be included in the Bible? Perhaps because God warned the Israelites what even a "good King" would do. Perhaps it is to show how absolute power corrupts absolutely. Ultimately, Bathsheba and David will become the parents of David's youngest son, Solomon – about whom we'll hear about shortly.



Image: David looking down on Bathsheba.

NEWS FROM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER


(Ugly Quilts)

Below is My Brother's Keeper updated brochure with new contact info plus some changes in materials we take.

We are partnering with a group that makes plastic sleeping mats from single use plastic grocery, pharmacy, Walmart size bags.(see photos). We would appreciate donations of plastic bags for this project. We will be adding a mat to each sleeping bag for the homeless we make.

Also on the next page is our 32nd anniversary photo. We would not have lasted this long if not for community support. Many thanks !

My Brother's Keeper





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A.K.A. - Ugly Quilts

We are a group of nondenominational volunteers making sleeping bags for the homeless.

We meet every Tuesday from 9am - 12pm at the Athens United Methodist Church
118 S. Main St.
Athens, PA



Contacts: Call or Text
Gloria Riegel (607)-857-7731
Pat Trout (570)-867-1849

What we do requires no sewing skills at all. We tie knots, so if you can tie a shoe you can help us.

We do not create quilts we create sleeping bags and blankets for the homeless. The sleeping bags and blankets are sent to homeless shelters as close as Elmira and Owego. They are sent to a central location in the Methodist Church for use all over Pennsylvania and any other location foreign or domestic that is in need.

List of materials and supplies that are always in need:

- Volunteers
- Any Fabric, Any size
- Mattress pads, batting, blankets, afghans
- Men's neck ties
- Men's Sweatpants w/elastic or stretch waistbands (Sizes M, L, XL)
- Men's Sweatshirts & Sweaters (Sizes M,L,XL)
- Men's T-Shirts (Sizes M,L,XL)
- Men's Socks
- New or Used Shoelaces
- Winter Scarves & Hats
- Mittens and/or Gloves
(4 ply yarn used to make scarves,hats, gloves and mittens)
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Disposable razors
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (0.16 up to 2.7 oz.)
- Travel or Hotel Size; Shampoos, Soaps, & Lotions
- 1" Band-aids
- Large Safety pins (2" long)
- Men's Handkerchiefs/Bandanas
- Quart size ziplock bags
- 33 gal. Trash bags

All of the listed items are used in the making and "stocking" the sleeping bags.

Thank you for your support,it is greatly appreciated.

My Brother's Keeper Continued





**“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”
—Psalm 139:14**

Dear friends,

This weekend, families around the country welcomed youth home from the first ELCA Youth Gathering in six years. The 2024 Gathering theme, “Created to Be,” was inspired by the verse above. I got to see the energy and excitement of youth at the Gathering firsthand, and it proved to me that this truly is the generation that will lead our church into the future. I hope you’ll get a chance to hear stories from youth in your congregation or synod about their experience!

[During the last week, thousands of youth raised nearly \\$100,000 to be the generation that ends hunger, and now they’re challenging the rest of the church to do the same. Will you join them?](#)

This year our church also celebrates the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger — a ministry that reflects who we are created to be, as individual Lutherans and as the whole church. We believe that, through baptism, God calls us to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth” (*ELW* page 236). ELCA World Hunger has carried us forward in this mission, addressing the root causes of hunger at all levels — from policy change to community gardens.

Youth had the opportunity to learn about ELCA World Hunger and express their commitment to this mission by joining Generation Zero-Hunger. They learned about how they can play a role in bringing about a world with zero hunger and were invited to support this work through their own generosity.

To encourage their giving, a group of generous donors provided a matching challenge of \$250,000 in support of Generation Zero-Hunger. The youth did their part in raising nearly \$100,000 — now they need your help to get over the line!

[Will you show your support for the youth of our church and join the challenge to build Generation Zero-Hunger?](#) Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger have the power to transform lives, families and communities around the world. You will help plant fruit trees, raise chicks, dig irrigation ditches, provide school supplies for kids, open the doors of health clinics and so much more.

Thank you for your partnership in this work. I rejoice at all we are created to be, together, in Christ's name: people of courage, people of justice and people of hope.

God's peace,

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

[P.S. Make a gift today and help ensure that we reach the \\$250,000 match, so that we can double the impact on our work to end hunger!](#)

Anything highlighted in blue is a clickable link that will take you to where you can donate if you so choose.

50
years



ELCA
World Hunger

Games, Food, Prizes, and More!



Sunday July 28, 2024
4:00-6:00PM

Featuring:
Eric Gutierrez,
the "Balloon Man"

MULDOON PARK
WAVERLY, NY

Bring your lawn
chairs and come
on down!

Register for ROAR VBS!

Call 607-565-8650 For More Information!

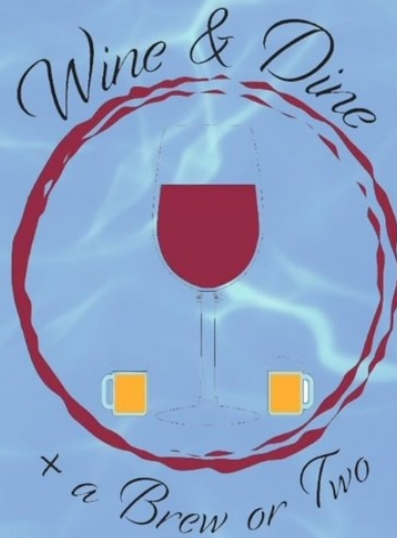
Hosted by your friends at Waverly First Baptist Church,
Waverly Community Methodist Church, Milan UMC,
Epiphany Catholic Church, St. James Church, and
Valley United Presbyterian

Spalding Memorial Library and Tioga Point Museum

August 14

5-8PM

**Tickets
Available at the
Library or
Museum**



**OR SCAN
HERE TO
PURCHASE**



Music, Food, Raffles/Auction, and Friends!

Funded In Part By The Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency

Questions? Call us: 570-888-7117

See Bruce Carpenter or Nina Seebeck for tickets ... or scan the QR Code above.

If you decide to attend, look for our own Skip Roupp who will be pouring Da-
mini Wines damianiwinecellars.com

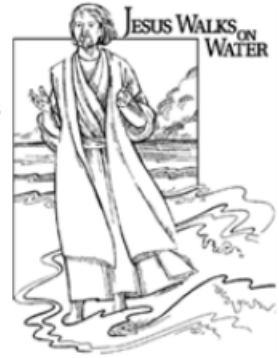


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They saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.” (John 6:16-24, Mark 6:45-56, Matthew 14:22-36)

Jesus Walks on Water

When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." John 6: 19-20 (NIV)



Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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

1. 2-15-1-20 _____
2. 23-1-12-11-9-14-7 _____
3. 12-1-11-5 _____
4. 5-22-5-14-9-14-7 _____
5. 23-1-20-5-18 _____
6. 23-9-14-4 _____
7. 4-1-18-11 _____
8. 1-6-18-1-9-4 _____

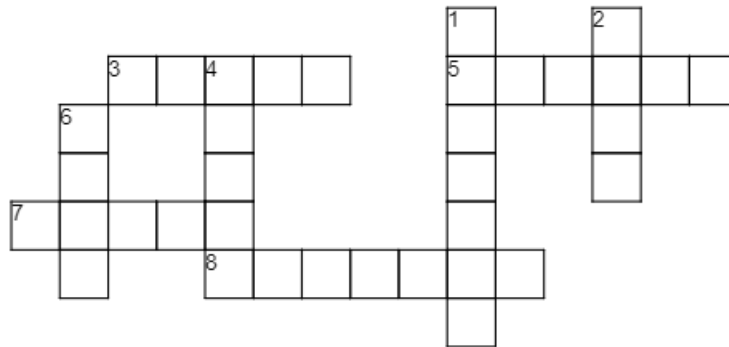
BOAT	WALKING	LAKE	EVENING
WATER	WIND	DARK	AFRAID

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Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

- 3. The Son of God
- 5. Filled with fear
- 7. A liquid necessary for the life of plants and people
- 8. The later part of the day

DOWN

- 1. Traveling on foot
- 2. A body of water surrounded by land
- 4. Land along the edge of a body of water
- 6. A small vessel for travel on water

JESUS	BOAT	AFRAID	WATER
SHORE	EVENING	LAKE	WALKING