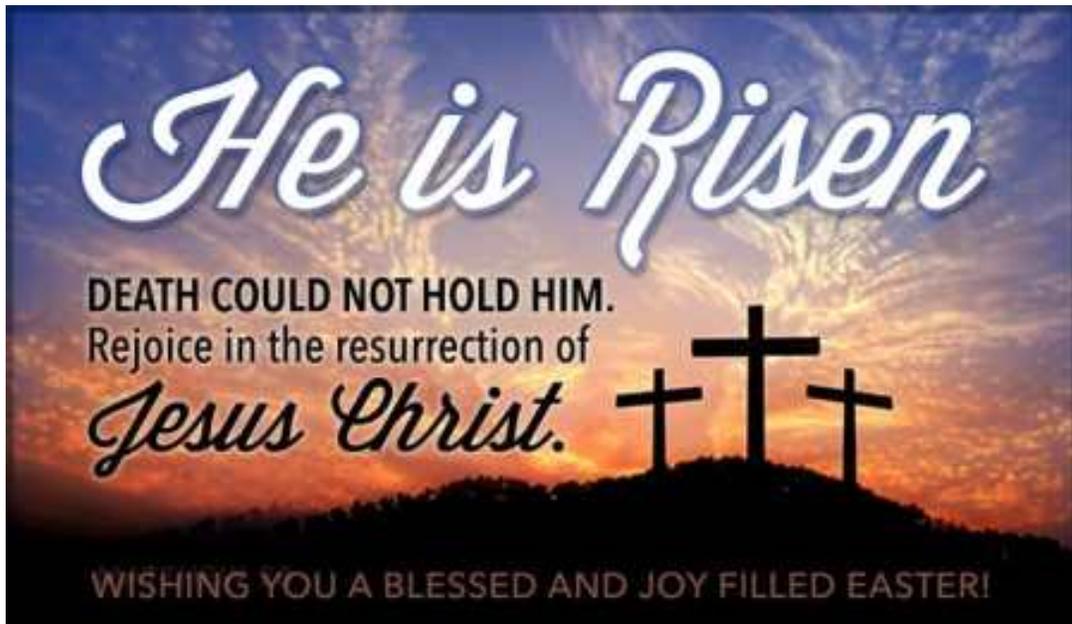


ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
RIDGE VALLEY
EVANGELIST NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2021



*St John's is a strong community.
We will weather this together.
Hope sees the invisible, feels the
intangible, and achieves the
impossible.*

Please welcome
Reverend James T. Heckman
St. John's new Bridge Pastor

Greetings sisters and brothers of St. John's,

My name is Rev. James T. Heckman, but you can call me Pastor Jim (even PJ will get my attention). I am your newest (and hopefully, last) Bridge Pastor. I wanted to take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself and share with you some thoughts about our time of ministry together.

I am 68 years old and I live with my wife (Linda) of 43 years and we are residents in Hilltown Township (although our mailing address is Hatfield). We have been at our current address for 18 years. We have been blessed with two sons: Eric and Justin. Eric is an attending physician at Beth Israel Deacons Hospital in Boston where he specializes in pulmonology, intensive care and sleep studies. He is married and he and Stephanie (wife) have given us two delightful grandchildren; James (7) and Julie (15 months). We are desperate to once again hug them, it has been over a year. Our younger son, Justin, is engaged to be married in June 2022, and he and his fiancé live in Portland Maine. Justin is the head purchasing agent for Ahold Delhaize which is a food conglomerate that owns a number of supermarket chains including Giant stores here in our area. He is responsible for the drug purchases for all pharmacies in their stores.

I have been an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament for 42 years (as of June 8th). For most of that time I served in the New Jersey Synod at congregations in Woodbury, Folsom, Villas and Pennsauken. I then came across the river, back to my home state of PA, to serve as Sr. Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Hilltown (which is where I worked for three years with your former Pastor Hotter). I left parish ministry in 2011 and served as Director of Pastoral Care at the Lutheran Community in Telford for just under 2 ½ years. Although my pastoral ministry was then relegated to supply preaching (which I love), the rest of my time was spent around the house trying to avoid my wife's honey-do-list. After about 6 months, my wife had had enough of me around the house and she said "get out and do something". So since I always listen to my wife, I decide to try my hand at school bus driving and on March 3rd, I celebrated my 6-year anniversary of driving. This year I am driving a route for North Penn Schools. Because of this fact, I am on the road (and unreachable) between the hours of 5–9:30 am and 1:15-4:30 pm. If you need to get me in an emergency, please call my cell phone (267-664-3160) and leave a message and I will get back ASAP.

In August of 2015, I was approached by the Bishop's office to consider doing Bridge work. I agreed and I was placed at St. Paul's Lutheran in Red Hill, where I served with another connection to St. John's – Pastor Leah Woehr-Grande was finishing up her Vicarage at St. Paul's. I was with them until February of 2016, when the Synod asked me to take over a long-term Bridge/Interim position at Peace Lutheran in Tohicken. I was at Peace for just over 3 years. After leaving Peace, I returned to the simple ranks of weekly supply preaching. Then of course, everything changed and 2020 became the year of chaos and shut downs. Not only wasn't I driving the bus, I also wasn't doing any church work. Things began to come to life again in September 2020, when I was called back to drive the bus, although on a modified schedule, and I began to get some calls to preach. Most notably I preach for a month at Christ Lutheran, Trumbauersville, several weeks at St. Luke's, Ferndale, and then in November I was asked to be the designated supply at Trinity, Quakertown after their pastor left. While I originally was only to be there only two months, things moved slower than expected and I was there until the end of February. It was at that time that I was approached to consider coming to St. John's. One reason I agreed to come was because I believe this will be a short stay – I am very optimistic that you will get your new pastor soon. However, if it takes longer, I will not be leaving you (unless God calls me home).

While my time here as a Bridge Pastor is limited, I have always tried to take seriously the task of a Bridge Pastor. The title itself helps me understand my task. When a Bridge Pastor is brought in, it means that the church is in transition; and that is certainly true here at St. John's. Fortunately you are on the upside of the curve having spent months in study and self-evaluation of your ministry, and now you are asking the Holy Spirit to help make a connection with the new shepherd pastor who will be with you in your future ministry. My job as Bridge is to help you get there. When you think about it, bridges are only built between unconnected places. It may be over

water, or a deep valley, or some other kind of hazard, but the bridge helps you move safely from your old space to a new space. This is not a ‘U’ shaped bridge – it is not designed to get you to go back to the place you where, rather it is a bridge to help you transition to a new and exciting place of ministry. I do not see myself as the pastor to simply help you tread water waiting for the new pastor. If you are treading water, you have fallen off the bridge and that is not good. I see my task as to help you keep moving forward focused toward that goal.

For me, the best way to keep moving forward begins in worship and I know that one of the biggest challenges facing us are understanding how to worship God, both inside and outside the building, while still reaching out to some new friends through virtual viewing. Obviously, we will be focusing on the end of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. We are all hopefully that indoor worship is only a few weeks behind that.

As we make this journey together, I invite you to share with me your joys and concerns. While I am easily reachable via email (rev.jth-home@comcast.net) or phone/text (267-664-3160) I would also be happy to talk with you in person. I am planning on trying to keep regular office hours of 10-12:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. You are welcome to drop in anytime. Home visits can also be scheduled with an appointment.

I appreciate you taking the time to make your way through this whole letter.

God’s blessing be upon you.
Pastor Jim Heckman



Pastor's April Newsletter Article - 2021

A blessed Easter to all.

This has not been an easy year, especially this past winter. There has been turmoil in our national government, shootings in our shops and on our streets, and even within the walls here at St. John's, there has been a considerable amount of stress and tension around the changes

taking place during your pastoral vacancy. Even the weather in February seemed to be against us. Is it little wonder then that some are asking, are these the signs of the coming end?

Jesus knew quite well this feeling. In the 13th chapter of Mark's gospel Jesus foretells of the destruction of the Temple. The disciples had trouble understanding what he meant because they just couldn't perceive of the temple ever being destroyed nor their way of life being changed. When alone, his disciples asked him how they would know when this is taking place. Jesus then warns them, "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place but the end is still to come. . . . This is but the beginning of the birth pangs." It is always interesting how once the child is born the pains of the pregnancy seem to fall aside.

The same pattern is seen when it comes to celebration of Resurrection. While our tendency is to want to skip past Holy Week and the Cross, when we do that we miss the most important fact of our relationship with Christ - THE CROSS where Jesus died to set us free from sin and death itself. The same is true with the church: we may want to fly past the painful parts of change which a vacancy brings to a congregation, but we would be remiss to do so. It would be like giving birth without the time of pregnancy. I have it on good authority from my wife that pregnancy is not easy, but a very necessary part of preparing for the birth, just as the cross is absolutely necessary if the empty tomb is going to mean anything. While most people feel that Easter is the most important day, it is really only a proof of what is actually the most important action - Jesus' death on the cross.

It seems that much of the past year we have spent just trying to get back to "normal". Now while this has been necessary, it also has, at times, made it difficult to keep our focus on the other elements of ministry; all we seem to think about is when can we get back to in person worship? When can I hug my loved ones again? The good news is that things seem to be heading in a positive direction. I would guess that we will be back at indoor worship (with some limits) within the next 6 to 8 weeks. Who knows, it may also be within that same window that you get to vote on a new pastor (wouldn't that be wonderful). Even if not, the reality will be that things will be looking more like they were before - although they will never be the same again. We will be looking at creating a new normal and that will mean reevaluating all elements of ministry. How will we be dealing with Christian Education? Not just for the confirmands and Sunday School children, but also the adults. How are we do our worship once we can be back inside - does that mean that we stop virtual worship? If the answer is no, let keep it going (which I think would make great sense), then what needs to happen to make sure St. John's online presence is the best and most inviting it can be? It is also clear that issues of stewardship, social ministry, youth ministry, women's ministry, property concerns, and the list can go on and on. All of these issues will need

to be addressed as we move back to new life and you become ready for the arrival of a new pastor down the road. Yes we want to get to Easter, but the hard work needs to take place before that - that is now.

There is no telling how long this final part of the process will take. What we are called to do is to live in the good news that God keeps his promise; that the tomb is empty and that there is new life just around the corner.

So while we wait, let us keep focused and strong by worshipping every week, reading the scripture, and keeping the ministry of St. John's in your prayers. Especially, ask God to keep your new pastor safe and guide her/him to you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim

A Message from our Church Council President ~

Hello to all and peace be with you.

Easter is just around the corner and so is spring. This Lenten season has been very somber for most of us, but we have so much to look forward to! We will be celebrating Jesus' rise from the grave, overcoming death. He died for our sins; he died to let us live. Take a deep, cleansing breath and let it out slowly. Repeat that with saying to yourself on the inhale: he lives, on the exhale: in me. Repeat until you feel refreshed and ready to take on the day.

We need to live in peace with ourselves and with others. We should open our hearts like the spring flowers and let that inner beauty shine for others. We need to tend to our gardens and our hearts. Who doesn't smile when they see flowers? Whether it's a little crocus or a large mum the size doesn't matter, we still see God's beauty. People will see your beauty when you let it shine. Brighten up someone's day by a phone call or a card dropped in the mail. Today, when you see a flower, remember to shine for God.

....and breath.

Be a light in someone's day.

Respectfully,

Vicki Guenst

St. John's Church Council President

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Annual Congregational Meeting has been postponed until April 11, 2021 with a rain date of April 18, 2021. All congregation members are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. Your voice and vote are important to the mission and ministries here at St. John's. There will be light refreshments available for the meeting. Masks and Social Distancing will be required. Please remember to bring your annual reports if you received them via the Eblast.



Confirmands and their parents are to meet with Pastor Jim following the worship service on Sunday, April 18, 2021 to discuss resuming confirmation classes downstairs in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.

transitions team updates

The Five Focus Points of Transition time.

They are:

- 1) *Heritage: reviewing how the congregation has been shaped and formed.*
- 2) *Leadership: reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing and developing new and effective leadership.*
- 3) *Mission: defining and redefining sense of purpose and direction.*
- 4) *Connections: discovering all the relationships a faith community builds outside of itself.*
- 5) *Future: developing congregational and pastoral profiles*

Call Committee Update

Call Committee members are:

Denise Rogers, Don Graham, Elsie Bartram, Sue Crouthamel, Kayla Ackerman, and Zack McLane.

The Call Committee recently interviewed a candidate for pastor, and viewed this person as a strong candidate. We will keep you posted.



St. John's Outdoor Property - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Spring is on its way....

We are looking for someone to spearhead the Outdoor Property committee and find volunteers to complete the many tasks that Chris Wall performed over the years.



For those who have Thrivent cards and have not used them yet Chris Wall is trying to attempt making soup again and needs some financial help to get them started. We are also discussing having other fundraisers in the future and the Thrivent cards can be used for that as well. Thank you. Denise Rogers is our liaison for Thrivent.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for Submissions for St. John's **May 2021 Newsletter** must be submitted by **NO LATER than 12 noon Friday, April 26, 2021.**

Submissions can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to: stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com. Thank you!



HELP US GROW THROUGH eGIVING

Through your contributions, we are able to continue our mission to do God's work and share our message, giving people strength and compassion needed to make it through difficult times like these. We hope you will continue to support St. Johns in 2021.

For your convenience, our eGiving service, Vanco, provides tools to make giving simple even when you're unable to attend church. Their eGiving is safe and secure and can be accessed on your phone by downloading the [GivePlus](#) Mobile App on the App Store or on Google Play. Enter the zip code for our church [18960] and give. You can also easily enter your donation from our church website. To learn more about giving online, contact Barb Berberich at 215-258-0282. Thank you again for supporting St. John's and the church we've all worked so hard to nurture.

"Help the life of one person and you can help the community."

Food Drive Benefitting Pennridge FISH

Drop off your donations at St John's during church office hours; Monday through Friday – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For a list of current needs visit www.pennridgefish.org

All collected food donations must be "in date" NOT "expired".

Please use the lists below for ideas. They ALWAYS need the items listed.

Donations may be brought to the pantry during our hours of operation:

Monday and Wednesday 3-5 pm, Thursday 6-8 pm, Friday and Saturday 9-11 am

(All donations are received at the back door. Please do not leave donations outside after hours.)

IDEAS FOR WHAT TO DONATE TO THE PANTRY:

- 100% Fruit or Vegetable Juice
- Spaghetti and other pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice and Rice mix
- Pasta sides
- Canned fish and tuna
- Canned meat, beans
- Canned chili and stew
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Dried fruit
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake syrup
- Cold and hot cereals
- Dry potatoes
- Gravy, broth
- Soups, all kinds
- Cake mix and frosting
- Flour and Sugar
- Condiments, spices, cooking oil
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- COFFEE, tea and hot chocolate
- Diapers, sizes 5,6
- Diaper Wipes
- Bath Soaps and shampoos
- Laundry detergent and cleaning products
- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- Gluten Free and Diabetic foods
- Feminine products, toiletries, shaving items, deodorant, toothpaste



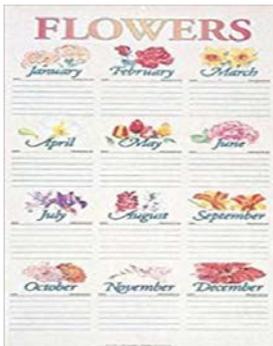
Quakertown Food Pantry maintains an Amazon wish list with its most needed items. Simply purchase the items and they'll be automatically shipped to their designated address.

Visit www.quakertownfoodpantry.org for more information.

Do You Shop on Amazon.com?



If so, please choose St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church in Sellersville, PA through your AmazonSmile account. There is no cost to you and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. John's. Just go to **smileamazon.com**, search for **St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church (in Sellersville, PA)** and then click on "select". If you have questions, please contact the church office. This is a great way to support our ministry with no extra cost to you. Thank you for your support! Visit www.smile.amazon.com to register your account.



The new sign-up calendars for Flowers, Bulletins and Candles for 2021 are available in the Fellowship Coffee Area once the church is allowed to open its doors again.

We are going to use the green potted plants on the altar instead of flowers during our virtual worship services. If anyone wishes to sign up for flowers bulletins and candles, contact the church office or email stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com.

A notice will then be put in the bulletin stating that the Virtual flowers were donated by _____ in memory or honor of _____.

This change will be beneficial in that no one has to go out and get flowers and not have to worry about how to disburse of the flowers after the service until the church is allowed to open for physical indoor worship services.



A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Richard Baxter** from *Sandra & Paul Tubito*

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Ralph Heffendrager** from *John Kibler*

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Margie Kulp** from *Kay Souder and Chris & Brenda Wall*

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Fred Schirk** from *Amanda Schirk, Chris & Brenda Wall, and Penny Markley*

A Memorial was received in Loving Memory of **Carl Knerr** from *Penny Markley*



When we pray together, we storm the gates of heaven. Please pray with one another for healing and the well-being of:

Please pray for a speedy recovery for the following people:

Arlette Frederick, Ed Galgon, Vicki Guenst, Andy Hopkins, and Laurie Hopkins.

Please pray for the family of Carl Knerr.

Please pray for the family of Patrick Harrington.

Please pray for the family of Carol Baxter.

Please pray for the family of Pastor Bill Vanderslice.

Please keep our homebound members in your prayers - Francis Allem, Edna Barndt, Pauline Brensinger, William Clayton, Stella Crouthamel, Nancy Esposito, Carolyn Hafler, Bob Kulp, Blanche Matczak, Naomi Nase, Shirley Nase, Myrna Reppert, Mark Trauger, Elaine Turner, and Harriet Woehr.

Prayers for our Military – Jacob Baxter, Luke Dixon, Bryanne Kelly, and Steven Walter.

If you know of someone that needs to be added to the prayer list please call the church office 215-257-9643 or email the office stjohnsridgevalley910@gmail.com



APRIL BIRTHDAY LIST:

- 1st Betty Jean Hanson & Dylan Berberich
- 2nd Jennica Lewis
- 4th Kristen Beck
- 9th David Schirk
- 12th Karen Ackerman
- 13th Sue Crouthamel
- 14th Naomi Nase
- 18th John Woehr IV & Lorelai Hopkins
- 19th Vicki Guerst
- 23rd Bonnie Caroff
- 24th Sue Felbinger
- 26th Marvin Belles
- 27th Grace Grater
- 28th Cornell Hopkins & Tyler Ackerman
- 29th Kristine Fallows

Did we miss anyone else? Please let the church office know if we missed someone's birthday.

COMFORT CRAFTERS REPORT FOR 2020

Even through a difficult year where we were isolated from each other Comfort Crafters continued to make hats, mittens, scarves, baby blankets and other comforting items to give to those suffering loss, illness or just needing relief from the cold.

Nancy Esposito continued to construct small quilts that were sent to Project Linus. Nancy's sister, Linda Horne continues to supply us with baby blankets that are given to parents when their child is baptized. We had help from Suzie Diehl, her mother, Brenda Wall who tied knots on the quilts. Bonnie Schirk made beautiful prayer shawls, hats, and scarves. The hats and scarves were sent to Angels Sharing Warmth. Nancy's comfort blankets went to those in need of warmth and to Project Linus. Comfort blankets and prayer shawls are available for our members of St. Johns and also for our friends. These items are found in the bins over the coat racks in the Sunday School Entrance of the building. Please take one for anyone in need of comfort.

Through the help of Thrivent we were able to purchase enough flannel for Nancy to sew 54 receiving blankets that were packed in Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

As the year 2021 progresses, we look forward to being able to meet again and 'tie' quilts and put together kits for LWR and other organizations. New ideas are always welcomed.

Thank you to everyone for your continued financial support, donations of yarn and fabric which are used in our ministry. We meet the second Monday of the months of September through June from 9AM, have lunch at noon and end around 1PM. All are welcome to join us!

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Yeakel

Scripture Readings for April 2021

April 1st – Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2nd – Good Friday

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13; 53:12

Psalm: Psalm 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: John 18:1; 19:42

April 3rd – Vigil of Easter

Readings

Genesis 1:1--2:4a - Creation

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 - God's mercy endures forever. (Ps. 136:1)

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 - Flood

Psalm 46 - The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:4)

Genesis 22:1-18 - Testing of Abraham

Psalm 16 - You will show me the path of life. (Ps. 16:11)

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 - Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 - I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously. (Ex. 15:1)

Isaiah 55:1-11 - Salvation freely offered to all

Isaiah 12:2-6 - With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Is. 12:3)

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 - The wisdom of God

Psalm 19 - The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart. (Ps. 19:8)

Ezekiel 36:24-28 - A new heart and a new spirit

Psalm 42--43 - I thirst for God, for the living God. (Ps. 42:2)

Ezekiel 37:1-14 - Valley of the dry bones

Psalm 143 - Revive me, O Lord, for your name's sake. (Ps. 143:11)

Zephaniah 3:14-20 - The gathering of God's people

Psalm 98 - Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. (Ps. 98:4)

Jonah 1:1--2:1 - The deliverance of Jonah

Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9 - Deliverance belongs to the Lord. (Jon. 2:9)

Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 - Clothed in the garments of salvation

Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a - Great is our God, the Rock, whose ways are just. (Dt. 32:4)

Daniel 3:1-29 - Deliverance from the fiery furnace

Song of the Three 35--65 - Praise and magnify the Lord forever. (Song of the Three 35)

Romans 6:3-11 - Dying and rising with Christ

John 20:1-18 - Seeing the risen Christ

April 4th – Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of our Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

April 11th – Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1; 2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 18th – Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

April 25th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: 23

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

**APRIL 2021 WORSHIP ASSISTANT LIST
10:15 AM VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE**

	APRIL 4 EASTER	APRIL 11	APRIL 18	APRIL 25
ACOLYTE	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
ALTAR GUILD	Marge Fitzgerald Barb Berberich Kathy Weirback			
BELL RINGER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
**LECTOR/ WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Pia Graham	Lynne Kelly	Don Graham	Linda Good-Allen
TELLERS (*Council Member)	*Vicki Guenst Rick Croisette David Schirk	Penny Markley Don Graham Cheryl Fuhrman	*Chris Wall Brenda Wall Sue Crouthamel	*Phyllis Kogel Denise Rogers Greg Gilton

****The assigned Lector will also act as Worship Assistant and read the prayers. If you prefer, you may request the Pastor to do the prayers.**

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please arrange to switch with another person on the schedule, then contact the Church Office or Brenda Wall or Sue Crouthamel by the Wednesday of the week you had been scheduled. Thank you. Anyone wishing to volunteer for Worship Assistants for either service, please contact Brenda Wall or Sue Crouthamel. Thank You!

***Tellers – please use the Sunday School room across the hall from the Pastor’s office to count the offerings. Thank you!**

Join the Card Shower

Simply pick up a “get well” or “encouragement” card or write a note, and send it to any or all of the folks listed below. They would love to receive your thoughts and prayers, and we know it would help to brighten up their day. Thank you for your time and care!

Frances Allem
2030 Old Bethlehem Pike
Sellersville, PA 18960

Edna Barndt
Parker at Stonegate
443 River Road, Apt. 313
Highland Park, NJ 08904

Elaine Turner
P.O. Box 254
Tylersport, PA 18971

Pauline Brensinger
12 Lutheran Home Drive
Room 402 – Healthcare Pavilion
Telford, PA 18969

Carolyn Hafler
12 Lutheran Home Drive
Personal Care Room 101
Telford, PA 18969

Marguerite (Peggy) Rohl
3250 State Rd.
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Sellersville, PA 18960

Blanche Matczak
205 Cleveland St
Mullins, SC 29574

William Clayton #133
Sacred Heart Senior Living
4851 Saucon Creek Rd
Center Valley, PA 18034

Myrna Reppert
1621 South Shore Rd.
Lot# 83
Ocean View, NJ 08230

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Trauger & Family
242 Telford Pike
Telford, PA 18969

Naomi Nase
2077 Hendricks Station Rd
Harleysville, PA 19438

Harriet Woehr
1504 Ridge Rd
Sellersville PA 18960

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2849 Big Road APT 3113
Zieglerville, PA 19492

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Shirley Nase
12 Lutheran Home Dr.
Telford, PA 18969

The Lord is good! God's love and faithfulness will last forever. PSALM 100:5

continuing promise

BCCsummer2021

We are grateful to our Bear Creek Camp community as the outpouring of interest and excitement for Summer Camp 2021 has been immense. We are encouraged by those that have made the commitment for their campers to attend camp this summer and grateful for the parents and community leaders that have been engaging with us in learning more about the BCC Summer Camp experience for 2021.

For families of campers, both registered and potential, we invite you to read the two updated documents below for important information regarding the current status of camper registration and COVID-19 specific procedures we will be implementing for our campers, families, and staff this summer.

Important Updates for Summer Camp 2021

Registration Update Highlights:

Many age groups are filling quickly and it's important to place your camper on the waitlist as more spots may open up.

We will begin considering the reallocation of cabins between age groups on April 19, 2021.

Multi-session registrations not available until May 1, 2021.

Read the Full Summer 2021 Registration

Read the Full COVID-19 Policy and Procedure Spring Update

In continued commitment to open communication, we invite any feedback or questions you have on the documents above. Please email the camp office at bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org or call 570.472.3741.

REGISTER FOR CAMP HERE!

Save the Date for May Play Day!

Mark your calendar and plan to join the Bear Creek Camp staff and NEPA Synod at camp for an open house day of family fun and connection, Saturday, May 1st.

Full schedule and registration information available soon!

Support Camp through Thrivent Choice

If you are a Thrivent member, you can support Bear Creek Camp through Thrivent Choice.

If you're a Thrivent member, login at thrivent.com/thriventchoice and select "Bear Creek Camp".

The deadline for directing funds is March 31st!

Bear Creek Camp depends on the support of generous individuals and congregations throughout the year for financial support. Consider a one-time donation or become a monthly sustaining donor. Your gift allows us to make camp available for all regardless of a family's ability to pay. Thank You!

Make a Donation Online

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