



Dear Friends,

In recent months I have used the phrase "Lutheran Christians" more frequently as an invitation to explore what I believe to be the best theology and interpretation of scripture. I've heard it said, "If you want a feel for the richness of the phrase "Word of God," ask Lutherans."

A number of years ago Dave Daubert shared with me the draft of his book titled "*Lutheran Trump Cards - Playing our Best Hand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*". In the preface he writes, "At the heart of this book is the belief that there is something at the core of the movement that has become known as "Lutheran" that is worth thinking about in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Recent studies about the place of religion in North America show an ongoing decline in interest and commitment to the church as a place for people to live out their spiritual journeys. More and more people are referring to themselves as "spiritual, but not religious." It is not that the majority of them lost interest in God or have taken up atheism as a worldview. Quite the contrary, interest in spirituality may, in some ways, be higher than ever. But more and more people are not looking to organized religion for the answers to their spiritual questions."

He continues, "'There is great treasure in this Lutheran stuff, and many of us aren't quite sure what it is!' Somehow, many of us have simply taken these things for granted and have lost sight of our own unique insights. Others among us know that, at some basic level, they semi-remember things from their confirmation classes years ago but have no way of using or making sense of them today. If these great things are there for us, how can we discern them, and make them fresh and useful again?"

Church leaders, Dave reports, ask him all the time how can we help people in our congregation to be more energized and excited about their faith in what God has done in Jesus Christ. They ask, how can we revitalize congregations to be spiritually more helpful to people? What do leaders need to know and do in order to help the people they work with in the congregations they lead work more effectively?

While brief, only 68 pages, this book is powerful. It contains the keys to unlocking what many of us have come to know as the foundational pillars of our faith in God. This little book was written to nurture and invite conversation. Remember – bible study, prayer and holy conversation are or should be our community gathering time agenda. Those are my brief words for this moment. The following were my words to Dave nearly a decade ago.

"Our core theological convictions, what Dave Daubert calls the *Trump Cards* of our Lutheran heritage, when understood and articulated, instill confidence and courage to love and enjoy God more fully. Five centuries later, the voice of Martin Luther can still be heard in Daubert's latest work. Rather than feeling exhausted, wondering if you can pull off another new program or practice, you will, with refreshing awareness, smile at the cards God has dealt you: *Trump Cards* reminding you of the victorious life you are called to experience and share with others."

You're invited to go deeper. This fall attend a small group, join us in November for a weekend with Dave and Marlene Daubert, and of course come and worship with your siblings in Christ.

Be blessed!  
Pastor Bob



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All Ages Welcome!



# LIFT

*Living in Faith Together*

-  Wednesday, September 11, 18, 25
-  6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (*dinner provided*)
-  Fellowship Hall  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown

**REGISTER ONLINE**



LIFT is designed to foster intergenerational community by bringing generations together around tables for four activities each week:

- Sharing Food**  
(breaking bread together)
- Enjoying Fellowship**  
(playing together)
- Worshipping**  
(praying together)
- Studying the Bible**  
(studying God's word together)

A typical night at LIFT looks like this:

- 6:00 pm**  
Gathering for dinner and conversation
  - 6:45-ish**  
Finishing up dinner and listening to live music (maybe you're moved to sing along!)
  - 7:00-7:30 pm**  
Bible study and activity time (this will involve a craft or game to enhance learning)
- Each night is led by a different facilitator.
- All ages encouraged to attend... sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 sessions!
- Invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening together learning, eating, and **HAVING FUN!**



## Zoom Workshop

Sunday, October 27

3:00 pm

2 options for the call:  
from home or  
meet in the Lower Level

## Retreat

Saturday, November 16

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Lower Level

**STAY TUNED FOR  
REGISTRATION DETAILS**

## LIVING LUTHERAN LIVES: SAVE THE DATES!

Who are we? We know we are blessed children of God. But who are we as Lutherans? Mark your calendars to learn more and share more about who we are as Lutheran Christians, Lutheran Christians in America, and Lutheran Christians in Boyertown, PA at this moment in time.

Congregation Council is pleased to announce that Dave and Marlene Daubert have accepted our invitation to help us learn and grow as Lutheran Christians. Dave Daubert is the lead consultant for Day 8 Strategies and the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL. He is committed to renewing mainline, progressive and socially conscious churches and their leaders. He is a nationally known author, speaker, consultant, coach, and teacher. Marlene Daubert serves as Diaconal Minister at Zion Lutheran Church and works as a Social Worker at Presence St. Joseph Hospital. Her work involves engaging the congregation to be active in the local community as well as teaching, caring for people, and occasional preaching.

So what's in store? Save the date for Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 pm as the Dauberts will lead a Zoom workshop open to the entire congregation. This workshop offers an opportunity for congregants to ask questions about being Lutheran Christians.

And then mark your calendars for a wonderful weekend of learning on November 16 and November 17. On Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, the Dauberts will lead a retreat so we can learn more about the core elements of our Lutheran faith and how to put our faith into words and deeds. On Sunday, November 17, the Dauberts will offer the sermon during worship.

Finally, to reinforce these teachings and consider how we can apply what we've learned to our ministries at St. John's, Jennifer Schlegel will offer a small group study of Dave Daubert's book, "Lutheran Trump Cards" in the five weeks following the Dauberts' visit to Boyertown, beginning Monday, November 18.

# CALLING ALL STUDENTS

By: Virga Brown

In June, St. John's students and their parents were invited to assist with the chapel service at Chestnut Knoll, an assisted living care facility located across the street from the church.



Three students and their parents shared their faith with the people living at Chestnut Knoll. I want to thank Ilona Rizzo and her daughter Julia for joining the people at Chestnut Knoll for chapel service. Julia assisted in the service by reading the Bible verses for the devotional message. Also, I want to thank Chelsea Hersperger and her children Grant and Delaney for their assistance. Grant read the Bible verse about David and Goliath. Delaney explained how David's faith in God enabled him to defeat the Philistine army. They also assisted Pastor Bob with communion during the service.



I want to extend an invitation to any student and parent to join St. John's chapel service at Chestnut Knoll at 10:00 am on Thursday morning. Thank you again to the students and parents who shared their faith at Chestnut Knoll.

## 2024 FALL SMALL GROUP LEARNING

Join with us this fall as we offer three learning opportunities!  
Descriptions of each study are included below. Scan the code to register.  
You can also register by visiting our website or calling the church office at 610-369-1024.



**The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel**  
**(5 sessions) Monday, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21 at 6:30pm**  
Leader: Scott Scheiry | Location: St. John's Conference Room

Are you curious about Jesus – Fable, Teacher, Prophet, Messiah? Scott Scheiry is facilitating a small group based on the text, *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel, a one-time atheist and legal editor for the Chicago Tribune. Using discussion and a video Bible Study, participants in this five-week group will learn about Strobel's investigative reporting with experts to uncover evidence for Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Come gather with Scott to join the investigation and follow the evidence that makes "The Case for Christ."


**A New Reformation by Rob Fuquay**  
**(5 sessions) Tuesday, September 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22 at 6:30pm**  
Leader: Tom Engle | Location: St. John's Conference Room

"*A New Reformation*" returns to the small group rotation! Tom Engle is leading a five-week group using this popular text and video series. Justified by faith. This battle cry of the Protestant Reformation is just as relevant and true for Christians today as it was in Martin Luther's time. In *A New Reformation*, author Rob Fuquay introduces you to the life of Martin Luther and two important themes of the Reformation he sparked: the centrality of Scripture and the power of God's grace. Through a close look into the life of Martin Luther and the world of sixteenth-century Europe, you will discover what makes Luther's message revolutionary today - and how we can embrace Reformation in the church and in our personal lives.

**Lutheran Trump Cards by Dave Daubert**  
**(5 sessions) Monday, November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16 at 6:30pm**  
Leader: Jennifer Schlegel | Location: St. John's Lower Level


While *A New Reformation* provides the context and core content of the Protestant Reformation, this fall's third small group offering dives into Lutheran Protestantism in particular. Beginning Monday, November 18 join Jennifer Schlegel in a five-week session to learn more about core Lutheran theology as explained in *Lutheran Trump Cards*. This is an accessible and brief text by Dave Daubert, a Lutheran pastor, teacher, consultant, and coach. Daubert provides insights to what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and how to practice Lutheran Christianity in the contemporary church. Come learn about our core Lutheran values and how we might enhance them in our Lutheran community that is St. John's. This class is appropriate for anyone who wants to gain or refresh their knowledge of what it means to be a Lutheran Protestant Christian and learn how to follow through with Lutheran action and witness.





**It's harvest time!**  
**Potato Project**  
**Sunday, September 8 @ 1:00 pm**  
 Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
 265 Maidencreek Rd, Fleetwood

REGISTER ONLINE




We're harvesting potatoes at Becker's St. Peter's Lutheran Church, to be donated to local food banks.

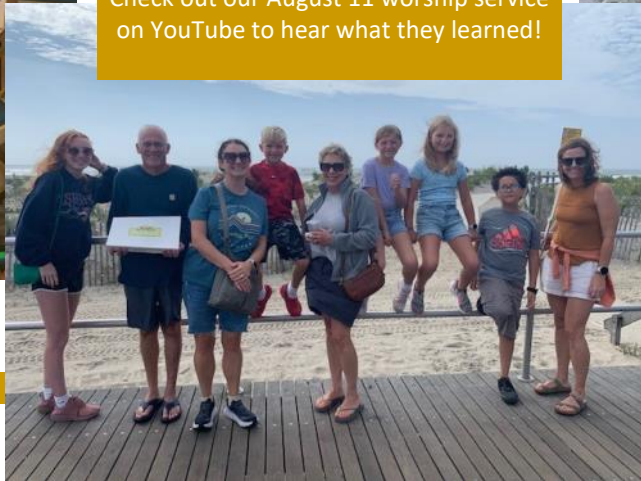
Hot dogs, fresh cut fries, and drinks provided on site after harvesting. All ages welcome!

Questions?  
 Contact Karen Pollock at [kpollcock@ptd.net](mailto:kpollcock@ptd.net)



**JR. YOUTH RETREAT**

From August 8-10 some of our youngest members spent time in Ocean City, NJ learning what it means to be a follower of Jesus - discovering what forgiveness is all about, telling their story, and working as a team. Not the best of weather, but they made the most of their time away. Check out our August 11 worship service on YouTube to hear what they learned!





## READINESS RITUALS

By: Bethany Calderwood

September means Back to School. As the month begins, K-12 students in our community have finished their first week of school, and college students have been at the books for even longer. Here at St. John's, we eagerly anticipate welcoming our preschool students on September 9. We can't wait!

When I ponder Back to School, I think of the rituals we perform to get ready. I've always loved the smell of new crayons and pencils, the feel of crisp new notebooks, and the satisfying sight of a stack of ready school supplies. With my own elementary-aged children at home, I carefully gathered items on their teachers' school supply list and chose special first day of school outfits. In my classroom, I've posted student names, checked

paper and glue supplies, written welcome letters, consulted colleagues, and outlined lesson plans. Each of these readiness rituals brings me one step closer to that moment when we joyfully open the Preschool entrance doors and usher in a new set of learners.

Maybe you're not in a Back to School season of life, but you probably have readiness rituals of your own. You might check the weather or map your route before an outing, mow the lawn or clean the house before guests arrive, or consume coffee to kick off your day.

The Bible recommends readiness rituals, too. Consider:

"Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is" (Colossians 3:1). Consciously direct the attention of your heart – your affection, your emotions, your passion—toward Christ.

"Know that the LORD is God" (Psalm 100:3). Feed your mind this truth.

"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions" (Eph 6:18). God is present for every single second of your day, so talk to him about all the day's pieces. No piece is too small.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (Ps 136:1). Always add thanksgiving. God commands it, and giving thanks is great for your attitude and mindset.

"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" (Prov 16:3). Finish your preparation for the day with a decision to commit whatever you do to the God who made you and loves you.

If you're talking about this topic with children, you can simplify these steps. Love God. Think about God. Talk to God about everything. Say thank you. Ask God for help with the choices you make. Take a moment today to think about your readiness rituals. And Happy Back to School to you!

## DO YOU SHOP AT REDNER'S MARKET?

St. John's Preschool collects Redner's receipts which are used to earn money for our school.

Receipts are totaled monthly and taken back to Redner's. After about 6 weeks we receive a check for 1% of the total. A typical year yields approximately \$700 – \$800. This money is then used to purchase educational items above and beyond our operational budget. Simply bring your receipts to church or preschool and place in either the dropbox located outside the preschool entrance (exterior) or the dropbox on the Parish House main office door (interior).

You must use your Redner's Club Card each time you checkout in order for the receipt to count. If you don't have a Club Card ask at the Customer Service Desk.

This is a simple way to help support our preschool - Thank you!





# YOUTH RETREAT PROMPTS DEEPER THINKING

By: Myles Omlor

I had the joy of being able to attend another one of our church retreats July 28-31 in Avalon, New Jersey. I have been attending these retreats for the past four years and have been lucky to be able to bring one of my best friends for three of them and bring my other best friend for this most recent one. I have always enjoyed these trips but this time was definitely my favorite one so far.

We had many great discussions that were led by our chaperones on the trip and my two friends and I were given the opportunity to pick a passage in the bible and find a way to teach it to the group. This was a very unique experience for me because it allowed me to be able to sit down with my friends and have a type of conversation that we would never normally have had with each other. We spent a good two hours talking and writing down what we were going to say to explain how the passage not only related to something in life but also how to talk this out with the other people on the trip.

We chose Zechariah 7:8-10, where it talks about true justice, compassion, and mercy. We then compared this to something we've learned through our Tae Kwon Do practice - the Hwa-Rang code which comes from Korea around 600 A.D. This code is an ancient warrior code that was developed during the Three Kingdoms period by Buddhist monk Won Gwang Beop Sa. The code is based on five codes of honor that include loyalty to the nation, respect for parents, faithfulness to friends, courage in battle, and avoiding unnecessary violence and killing. We asked the question if justice and mercy can equate? This was a great experience for me because I was glad to be able to sit down with my friends and talk about something on a deeper level than we ever would have back home.

I want to say thank you to Pastor Bob and all the other chaperones for allowing us to go on these trips every year and also a big thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Erb and Mr. and Mrs. Gheer for cooking for us the whole trip.



# RETREAT DOODLES

While on the youth retreat, participants experienced a brief exercise in 'Scripture Doodling' - a different method of studying scripture in a creative, artistic way. John Gheer shares his artwork below stating, "I decided to do my scripture doodle on Colossians 3:17. That verse is what I base my first prayer of the day on. Everything I do or say needs to be in God's glory. Of course I'm human and I mess up along the way, but I know that God's grace is with me always."

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the father through him.



## THIRD HEAVEN? 2 Corinthians 12: 1-4...

By: Cathy Krause

Did you catch it in July? Susan Hill was the lector. She read the above verses. Paul talks about being caught up to the third heaven. Did you know there are three heavens? Is there an elevator to get there? Where are the other two heavens? Are they different levels or floors? Let's try to make some sense of this.

Many ancient people thought there were many heavens, as many as seven. Ancient Jewish cosmology/apocalyptic literature held a common belief in multiple heavens or layers of heaven. Rabbinic thought equated the third heaven with Paradise. Yet, Paradise is not defined.

The first level of heaven is the sky and earth's atmosphere. See Genesis 1:1, Matthew 6:26, and Hebrews 4:14. Heaven's second level is outer space - the location of the stars and planets. See Deuteronomy 10:14, Psalm 148:4, and Matthew 24:29.

The third heaven is a Jewish expression for the immediate presence of God (p.1086), a place of perfection, being deeper in the presence of God. It is the most divine realm. It is possibly a symbolic or metaphoric expression to describe profound spiritual truths or insights. The concept of the third heaven teaches us that spiritual encounter is real; to focus on God and his revelation; and that personal relationship with God is the basis of faith.

Please note that God is not contained in one place. His presence is everywhere. See Hebrews 8:1 and 9:24. Refer back to 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 - Paul shows his humility by referring to himself in the third person: "I know a man..." He does not recount his vision with boasting. Rather, he does not speak of his vision at all, and then he goes on to talk about a thorn in his flesh from God. It is possible that this thorn was acquired at the same time as his vision. Perhaps this affliction is to remind Paul (and us) that God works in mysterious ways and it is OK if we don't understand those ways. Just as it is OK for Paul not to divulge his vision. The third heaven waits for us and maybe when we get there we can define it.

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## PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Express your gratitude  
for the incredible leadership of Pastor Bob.  
He leads with wisdom, serves with compassion,  
and teaches us every day.

Bring a heartfelt card or letter of appreciation  
to church that day or send it in the mail  
if you aren't able to attend.





On July 25 the staff at Manatawny Manor Assisted Living celebrated Marian Eisenhard 's 100th birthday.

The activity staff provided cake, ice cream, fruit punch, and lots of laughs for everyone.

Marion would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards she received.



Our summer intern, Madison Robb recently sang at The Highlands at Wyomissing as part of Reading Musical Foundation's new initiative, 'Noon Tunes', which features RMF scholarship recipients. St. John's member and Highland resident, Ruth Schlegel enjoyed the performance.

## WELLSPRING KARITAS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER

*Announcement taken from Wellspring Karitas email.*

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Schlegel has joined us as we work on educational, social, and economic revitalization projects with our partner communities in Mexico.

Jennifer Schlegel is a professor of anthropology at Kutztown University. A linguistic anthropologist by training, Jennifer teaches courses in the areas of language and culture, cultural theory, hate studies, and Pennsylvania German studies. Next spring, and in association with colleagues at West Chester University including fellow board member Linda Stevenson, Jennifer will be teaching a class on globalization and development. The class will feature a ten-day study abroad experiential learning opportunity in Mexico that will include a visit to ALEM's Cuernavaca site.

Jennifer first learned about Wellspring Karitas and its mission through the pastor of her church. She has participated in two church trips to Cuernavaca...so far! Jennifer is looking forward to continuing to learn from the those associated with the organization in any capacity so that she may contribute as impactfully as she can with others to realize fully the mission of Wellspring Karitas.



### **PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY**

Sunday, October 13

### **VOX PHILIA CONCERT**

Vox Philia is a premiere chamber choir located in Reading. Since 2013, the choir has been achieving regional recognition, performing works from a wide range of musical periods and styles.

Saturday, October 26 | 7:00 pm  
Sanctuary

### **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Sunday, October 27

### **Living Lutheran Lives Zoom Workshop**

Sunday, October 27 | 3:00 pm

## Eagle Messenger Article Deadlines

**Monday, September 9** for October issue

**Monday, October 14** for November issue

**Monday, November 11** for December issue



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Day (Special Service)	Acolyte	Altar Assistant	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Lector	Media	Prayers	Sound	Ushers	Video
9/1/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Grant Hersperger	Michele & Dave Eidle	Shirley Hartman, Sue Hill	Amanda Ehst	Karen Pollock	Shannon Omlor	Lauren Jones	Myles Omlor	Susan & Andy Varzally, Carol Sematis, Terry Wadsworth	Nathan Wanish
9/8/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	16th Sunday after Pentecost	Tatum Friz	Amanda Ehst, Tom Engle	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Melissa Geary	Ben Rohrbach	Jason Friz	Mel Roth	Ashley Gheer	Bunny & Ron Riffle, Scott Scheiry, Jen Schlegel	Justin Jones
9/15/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	17th Sunday after Pentecost	Philip Derr	Jen Friz, Lauren Jones	Mary Kay Heimbach, Jean Machamer	Jason Friz	Mel Roth	Sarah Eidle	Tom Engle	Brianna Rohrbach	Mike Gilbert, Ed Schaeffer, Sandy & Terry Wade	Jason Eidle
9/22/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Camryn Friz	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Dorothy Breitreutz	Lauren Jones	Randy Rupert	Shannon Omlor	Martha Bentley	Melissa Eidle	Mary Kay & Donnie Heimbach, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer	Camryn Friz
9/29/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Delaney Hersperger	Bev & Joe Blake	Bonnie Moatz	Jen Schlegel	Becky Scheiry	Jason Friz	Michele Eidle	Myles Omlor	Martha Bentley, Jodi Dykie, Barbara Houpp, Nathan Wanish	Abbe Grofe
10/6/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	20th Sunday after Pentecost	Grant Hersperger	Melissa Eidle, Bonnie Moatz	Jodie Dykie, Mary Kay Heimbach	Amy Moyer	Terry Wade	Justin Jones	Susan & Andy Varzally	Ashley Gheer	Bunny & Ron Riffle, Becky & Barry Erb	Scott Scheiry
10/13/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	21st Sunday after Pentecost	Delaney Hersperger	George Hill, Lauren Jones	Mary Dierolf, Nancy Edwards	Amanda Ehst	Dave Babb	Shannon Omlor	Sarah Eidle	Brianna Rohrbach	Bev & Joe Blake, Lauren Jones, Bill Rohrbach	Nathan Wanish
10/20/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Philip Derr	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer	Mary Kay Heimbach, Jean Machamer	Lauren Jones	Bev Blake	Sarah Eidle	Sue Grofe	Shannon Omlor	Ashley Gheer, John Gheer, Darin Moyer, Kevin Moyer	Justin Jones
10/27/2024	Sunday	9:30 AM	Reformation Day	Tatum Friz	Michele & Dave Eidle	Shirley Hartman, Sue Hill	Jennifer Schlegel	Cathy Krause	Jason Friz	Michele Eidle	Myles Omlor	Martha Bentley, Joanne Dykie, Barbara Houpp, Nathan Wanish	Jason Eidle

# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>2</b> Office Closed Labor Day	<b>3</b> 6:30p The Power of Your Words	<b>4</b> Oley Cluster 8:45a Preschool Staff Meeting 12:00p Preschool Staff Luncheon 6:30p Worship Team	<b>5</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:30p Preschool Open House 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>6</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>7</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>8</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 10:45a Coffee & Conversation 1:00p Potato Harvest	<b>9</b> Preschool First Day 4:30p Joint Parking Lot 5:00p Newsletter Submission 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	<b>10</b> 6:30p The Power of Your Words	<b>11</b> 6:00p LIFT	<b>12</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 6:30p Back to School Night 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>13</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>14</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>15</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration	<b>16</b> 6:30p Girl Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30p Congregation Council 6:30p Finance Team	<b>18</b> 9:30a Pottstown Soup Kitchen 11:45a Staff 6:00p LIFT	<b>19</b> 9:30a Community Leaders 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service 7:00p Handbells 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>20</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>21</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>22</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration. 9:30a Sunday School	<b>23</b> 6:30p The Case for Christ 6:30p Girl Scouts 7:30p Optimist Club of Boyertown	<b>24</b> 1:00p Joyful Sisters of Service 6:30p New Reformation 6:30p Building a Better Boyertown	<b>25</b> 6:00p LIFT	<b>26</b> 10:00a Chestnut Knoll Service w/Holy Communion 7:00p Handbells 8:00p Worship Broadcast	<b>27</b> 7:00a Men's Small Group Bible Study	<b>28</b> 4:30p Come to the Table
<b>29</b> 9:30a Worship Celebration 9:30a Sunday School	<b>30</b> 6:30p The Case for Christ 6:30p Girl Scouts					



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Lori Carnes Stephanie Krause	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Margery Sell	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Robert Sell	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mike Omlor	<b>9</b> Janice Moyer	<b>10</b> Amanda Martin	<b>11</b> Mary Kay Heimbach	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Sharon Shollenberger Hope Strouse	<b>14</b> Michael Huber
<b>15</b> Pele Young	<b>16</b> Chelsea Hersperger Carol Sematis	<b>17</b> Joan Millard	<b>18</b> Robert Martin	<b>19</b> Rick Moatz	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Larry Moyer	<b>25</b> Roxanne Eidle	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					



*Happy  
Birthday!*



# EAGLE MESSENGER

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As children of God and disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate and lift up people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, economic statuses, political affiliation, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

Return Service Request - Dated Material  
Mailed August 27, 2024

## WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

### Office Hours

*Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm*

*Friday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm*

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