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## "THE LION" OF ST. MARK'S AUGUST 2022

### Pastor's "Lion" Message for August, 2022

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." (John 6:51)*

You are what you eat! Do you remember when that saying was all the rage? It's true, not only of the body but also of the soul. If we consume only anger and negativity, we become angry and negative. If we consume only cynicism and sarcasm we become cynics and sarcastic. These feelings and characteristics can poison the heart and shrink the soul. They can and do affect both spiritual and physical health.

As baptized people of the Lord, we are not meant nor made for such things. We are made for "living bread".

The life and words of Jesus, the "Love from on High" who takes human flesh in every act is food for our souls. We need to take it in! We need to be nourished and nurtured in in it-in him! We are to savor his words. We are to fill our bowls and cups of life to the brim with his love.

In word and sacrament we are to eat this bread, this life. We are to feast in and on Christ. We are to see him as the One who provides for us "Holy Sustenance". Jesus is eternal life. He provides us with the morsels of one heavenly food.

We spend so much of our lives, our time, and our money on a thousand things of which we are convinced are important and will make us happy. But as Jesus reminds us, only living bread satisfies the hunger in and of our hearts.

Close to two months ago at a worship gathering for pastors a colleague offered me the bread of holy communion with the words, "The body of Christ given for you. Feed on him."

Jesus is the living bread. The One on whom we feed. The One who freely gives that we may give to others.

**Grace + Peace,**

**Pastor Brian Vasey**

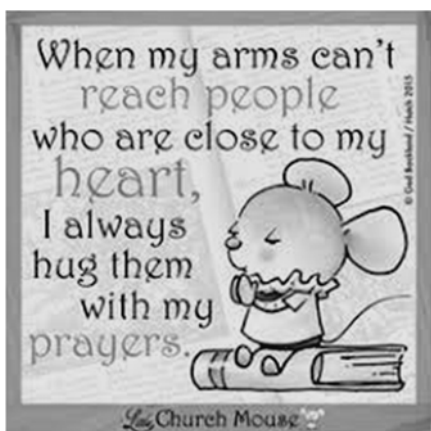
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## Nibbles From The Churchmouse

It's been too hot so I took some time off; I will be back next month.



## Parish Life Updates

Parish Life is in need of additional committee members. If this is an area in which you would like to serve, please speak with Janet Jones or Becky Miller Pryor. Thanks to Mel Wentzel for already volunteering to assist with dish washing when needed.



This committee will be baking brownies for Redeemer's community dinner on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in the afternoon.

Speak with Janet Jones or Becky Miller Pryor if you would like to join us.

We prepare sandwiches for New Covenant's Blessing Boxes on the second and fourth Mondays of each month starting at 9:30 AM. Let us know if you would like to join us.



## SYNOD OFFICE TO MOVE.

The Office of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be moving to space provided by St. John Lutheran Church in Northumberland in the near future. A commitment on the part of the bishop's office to be better stewards of that entrusted to the synod led to this move. Details will be forthcoming.



## BACKPACK SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 21, St. Mark's will celebrate "Backpack Sunday"! All students who are heading back to class are invited to bring their backpacks and bags with them to worship on August 21. These items will be blessed in worship as we wish our very best to students beginning a new academic year. All are welcome!



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion Classes will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation classes will resume in November 2022. If interested in either of these opportunities contact Pastor Vasey.

# Lutheran World Relief



It is that time of the year when we start thinking about the upcoming school year and our outreach to the world through this program.

Although we currently do not have a quilting groups we can send quilts and blankets. The acceptable size is 60"x80". Twin size blankets are also acceptable but no electric blankets, afghans or throws.

Directions for the kits are enclosed. You do not have to purchase all of the items for a kit - there will be a box in the narthex for the items you collect. The bags for the school kits will be available by the end of July. Of course cash donations are always accepted. Please put LWR kits on the memo line of your check. If you have questions or comments please contact me at

[dabuckman65@gmail.com](mailto:dabuckman65@gmail.com) or call 570-323-1707.

## Personal Care Kit

1 light weight bath towel

20" x 40" to 52" x 27"

Dark color (fast drying if possible)

2 or 3 bath size bars of soap in original wrapping

NO mini or hotel size please

1 adult toothbrush in original package – if you buy a multi-pack of brushes, place one in a business size envelope and seal

1 sturdy comb – remove packaging NO picks or fine-toothed combs

1 metal nail clipper (ones with attached file are OK) – remove packaging

Wrap all items in the towel and secure with string, yarn or ribbon.

## Fabric Kit

2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Each piece should match one of the sizes below. Fabrics do not need to match in size, color or pattern.

2 ½ yards of 58"-63" wide OR

3 yards of 42"-45" wide OR

4 yards of 24"-37" wide

2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards long

Fold the thread and one of the pieces of fabric inside the other pieces of fabric and tie with string or yarn.

## School Kit

Place the following in the draw-string backpack. Remove all excess packaging.

4 notebooks – 70-80 sheet each, wide or college ruled

NO Loose-leaf paper please

NO composition books

1 ruler – 30 centimeters or a ruler with **centimeters** on one side and inches on the other – plastic, wood, or metal

Ones with just centimeters are OK

1 pencil sharpener

1 pair blunt scissors – safety scissors with embedded steel blade

5 **Unsharpened** #2 pencils secured together with a rubber band

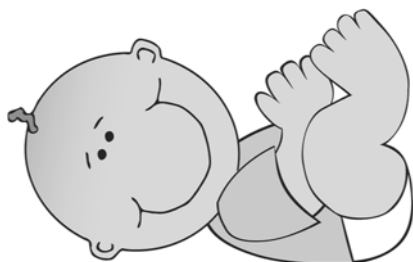
5 black or blue ballpoint pens secured together with a rubber band (no gel pens please)

1 box 16 or 24 crayons

1 eraser 2 ½ inch

Secure by drawing the strings

Baby Care Kits Instructions Next page



## Baby Care Kit

(sizes newborn to 24 months can be included) Used items in good condition can be used.

2 lightweight cotton T-shirts **NO Onesies or snap crotch**

2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (NO feet) – pajama sets of top and pants can also be used

2 blankets – medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn – 36” to 52” square (no polar fleece)

4 cloth diapers. Flat fold preferred

1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap

2 pairs of cotton socks

1 hand towel, dark color

2 bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping

NO mini or hotel size please

2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Secure everything inside one of the blankets and secure with the diaper pins



## SAVE THE DATE!

You cordially are invited to the installation of The Reverend Craig A. Miller, recently elected as the Fourth Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, which will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2:00 PM at Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury.

This is an exceptional opportunity for members of St. Mark's congregation to witness an important moment in the life of the Church. Pastor Miller will be installed as Bishop by The Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Fellow Lutherans from throughout our area will be in attendance, along with clergy (Lutheran and other denominations) who participate in the laying on of hands to bless and to welcome the new Bishop. The Upper Susquehanna Synod is one of only 65 ELCA synods across the nation, and is comprised of 117 Lutheran churches and some 25,000 baptized members.

Please join with Lutherans from throughout the region in welcoming Pastor Miller as the Fourth Bishop. The Rev. Craig A. Miller, Mifflinburg, Pa., was elected June 18 to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly, June 17-18, at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Miller was elected on the fifth ballot, with 103 votes to 91 votes for the Rev. Stina Schaeffer, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove.

The bishop-elect has served as assistant to the bishop and director for evangelical mission in the synod since 2016. He served as pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., from 1996 to 2016.

Miller earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1985 and his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) in 1996. United is one of seven ELCA seminaries.



## Meeting Minutes

# Report of the Secretary for the Council Meeting

Vicki Haussmann, Secretary

“To know Christ and make Christ known”

Due to Vacations there was no council meeting in July.



## Growing the Church

Among the many challenges facing today's churches is that of membership growth. At St. Mark's, we are aware of the declining attendance at Sunday worship as well as the smaller number of younger families who are part of our congregation.

Church Council is wanting to address this trend to see how we might be able to grow our church. As we have been blessed, we can be a blessing to others sharing the Good News and all that our congregation enjoys. We do this because God has called us to do so.

How might this be done? Church Council is forming a Membership Growth Committee, and we ask you to help St. Mark's to live its mission “to know Christ and to make Christ known”. Together, we can identify ways to invite others to worship with us, to share our faith, and to become involved in the life and work of this congregation.

Will you help? There will be lots of conversations, a few meetings, and many prayers as together we consider the future of our church. The gifts that we have been given must be shared with others. Please let your interest and ideas be known to any of our Council members. May God continue to bless the members of St. Mark's as together we do the work that He would have us do.



*It could have been much worse.*

# Usher Schedule



|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| August 7    | Captain: Matt Fortin<br>Glenn Yaple, Bud Doeblor                 |
| August 14   | Captain: Carl Albright<br>Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair             |
| August 21   | Captain: Tim Maggs<br>Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin                |
| August 28   | Captain: Mike Jensen<br>Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,<br>Shelby Weber |
| September 4 | Captain: Matt Fortin<br>Glenn Yaple, Bud Doeblor                 |



## Communion Assistants

|             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| August 7    | Gregg Dancho and Dan Zeigler |
| August 14   | Matt and Wanda Fortin        |
| August 21   | Carl and Audrey Albright     |
| August 28   | Carl and Audrey Albright     |
| September 4 | Gregg and Kathy Dancho       |

Please arrange replacement if you cannot serve.



## Altar Guild

### AUGUST

Deb Buckman and Leah Haussmann

### SEPTEMBER

Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel

## Summer Lectors

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| August 7  | Gary Weber   |
| August 14 | Phil Thomas  |
| August 21 | Linda Rosini |
| August 28 | Dan Zeigler  |

September 4 Mel Wentzel



If you have a conflict with your schedule Sunday, the following members are willing to read and may be able to fill in.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Karen Mariano | Drew Haussmann |
| Ray Huff      | Kathy Dancho   |
| Candy Dewar   |                |

**9:30 a.m. services through  
September 4, 2022**





Our shoeboxes are getting closer and closer to being filled with just three more months of collecting to go! We bet you might have a good guess as to what August collections might be. Did you say school supplies? Then you are absolutely correct! In August we are indeed collecting **school supplies** ~ crayons, pencils, pens, erasers, colored pencils, rulers, scissors (both kid and adult sizes)... you get the picture!



Keep an eye out for those great sales that have already started?!? (And is it really time to think about back to school? Summer slow down!) These items (or any others you find) may be placed in our red, OCC bin located in the Narthex. Thank you, thank you!



A great big thanks to our St. Mark's cooks who provided meals for the 4 families currently at the Family Promise center. Many thanks were given by the families. And another great big thanks to those individuals who donated monies to support this program. Our next hosting will be in Oct. so watch for the information in future newsletters. If you have questions or comments please contact me at [dabuckman65@gmail.com](mailto:dabuckman65@gmail.com) or call 570-323-1707.



### BATTER UP!

On August 14, 2022 the Crosscutters will host "All Faiths Night" at Muncy Bank Ballpark

starting at 4:05 p.m. \$10.00 per person and includes Stadium Reserve Seating, \$5.00 Cutters Cash per guest and a video Board Welcome for our group. A Sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Interest parties can also contact Joe Baur in the office at 570-323-4619 for more information or [jbaur@stsmarkwilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stsmarkwilliamsport.org). Deadline to sign up is August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

# Evangelism and Fellowship



## Celebrating Independence Day with St. Mark's

After an absence of almost three years, St. Mark's again hosted a front lawn party on July Fourth as part of a city-wide celebration of Independence Day. Everyone who passed the church was offered free food, drink and trinkets by one of our volunteers stationed along the street. More than 200 stopped and enjoyed the hospitality.

Although we did not resume our patriotic program in the Nave, Sam Robinson and Karen Mariano created and broadcast to the enjoyment of all a playlist of patriotic tunes outdoors.

Although there is no cost for food, beverages or trinkets, people donated \$287.61 to The United Churches of Lycoming County to be shared equally by the United Churches' Food Pantry and the Shepherd of the Streets.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee heartily thanks the congregation for the many donations of candy, trinkets, water, lemonade, ice tea, salty snacks and money to support this event. Extra special thanks go to the many members of the congregation who volunteered to set up, serve and clean up this event all in time for the fireworks. An extra special thank you goes to those folks who returned the next day to finish cleaning and then storing all of the supplies. Thanks also to the Pepsi Bottling Company of Williamsport for donating ten cases of soda and water and to Bimbo Bakeries for providing all the hot dog buns. Our front lawn celebration was a wonderful outreach to all as we celebrated God, country and community on this historic day.



**American  
Red Cross**

## Be the Lifeline Patients Need

### Give Blood

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee in collaboration with the North-central PA Chapter of the American Red Cross held a Community Blood Drive on July 8, 2022 in Fellowship Hall. Twenty-two units of blood were collected that day including from members Matt and Wanda Fortin and Karen Mariano. Additionally, three people expressed interest in attending St. Mark's. Our next blood drive will be Friday, December 8, 2022 in Fellowship Hall.







## Sharing in the Caring

There is no vacation from hunger. Summertime generally sees an increase of parents with children visiting the charities we support. Please consider looking in your cupboards or purchasing an item to be donated.

### Ongoing Collections at St. Mark's

**STOP HUNGER NOW**

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Items in need are cereal of all kinds, canned goods (meats, vegetables, fruit), cake and brownie mixes and condiments. Boxes of cereal are in high demand.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Items most needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, body wash and shave cream for men and women, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes for adults and children, dish soap and small packages of laundry pods. Laundry pods are now available at the Dollar Tree.

**Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC:** Individual healthy snacks and crackers, Cup of Soups, microwave meals, ramen noodles, juice boxes, travel-size hygiene items, combs, toothbrushes, socks (new or gently used) and men's t-shirts (new or gently used in sizes large and extra-large) are needed.

**Sojourner Truth Ministries:** Meals are served six days per week. But this ministry is also in need of individual snacks and beverages for folks who need additional food. Needed are protein bars, packs of peanuts, juice boxes, breakfast bars and individually wrapped snacks. Cooking oil and spices are always needed.

**Donations to the Food Pantry, Shepherd of the Streets, the Blessing Box or to Sojourner Truth Ministries may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.**

**Soda Tabs:** Collected to support the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. Containers are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

**Pennies for Youth Activities:** A container is available in the Narthex for your donations.

**Bazaar Room: Got Stuff? We still need it!** The Women of St. Mark's need your donations for the annual Fall Sale. Donations have increased slightly in the past month, but many more will be needed to have a successful sale this fall. If you cannot get to the Bazaar Room, items may be left on the lower landing of the back stairwell as you enter from the parking lot.

### Ongoing Activities at Redeemer Lutheran

**Free Community Dinner:** Thursday, August 11, 2022 starting at 5:00 PM until all meals are distributed. All are welcome. St. Mark's is providing brownies for this month's dessert.

**Daniel's Closet:** Donations of summer clothing, bedding and shoes may be dropped off Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM. Distribution will be Saturday, August 25, 2022 beginning at 8:30 AM. CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are still required.

**If you have a large quantity of clothing, please call Tracy Fox at 570-692-2037 to arrange a time to take your clothing directly to Redeemer Lutheran. Smaller quantities of clothing may be placed on the stage and the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will take the clothing to Redeemer on drop off day.**

# Food for All Parish Life



The Evangelism and Fellowship and Parish Life Committees thank the congregation for their monetary donations to this fund. Your continued monetary support is greatly appreciated and still needed. If you wish to make a monetary donation to assist with our food outreach, checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating "Parish Life".

We could not continue this level of outreach without your participation. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Currently we are also seeking donations of

Boxes of brownie mix for use with Redeemer's Community Dinner this month. Thank you, Shirley Kinney for already donating ten boxes of Duncan Hines Brownie mix. Donations may be placed on the tables in the Narthex.



A huge thank you is extended to friend of St. Mark's, Joan Maddon. She recently donated 96 pouches of shelf-stable StarKist chicken salad. We will be able to offer an alternative to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches once per month through September. Thank you for joining us on this journey of service.

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*Summer worship schedule will conclude with the September 4 service. Starting September 11, 2022 we will return to the regular worship schedule.*

*8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*



**Random Bricks**  
**By**  
**Joseph Baur**

Thank you all for the positive feedback that I have received for the newsletter. It is not just me, it is everyone

who contributes to the newsletter. Everyone is doing great with the deadlines which makes it much easier to get the newsletter out on time.

So what can we do to make it even better? How about a delicious recipe of your favorite food? We could do a monthly profile of a member and their interests and hobbies so we can get to know them even better. A member's pet could be featured. A pic of your furry friend would make each issue special.

If there is anything you would like to suggest, we can certainly give it a try. I am reachable at [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org).

To start, welcome a new pup into the Baur household. This is Buddy.



**Some Lego Facts**

Six 2x4 LEGO bricks can be combined in more than 915 million ways.

A column of approximately 40 billion LEGO bricks can reach the moon.

1,300 LEGO pieces are made per second, 78,000 per minute and 4,680,000 per hour.

The molds used to produce LEGO elements are accurate to within 0.004mm – less than the width of a single hair. This accuracy is what LEGO refers to as clutch power.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

**2022 ELCA Churchwide  
Assembly meets under  
the theme  
“Embody the Word”**

CHICAGO (July 18, 2022) — Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will gather for the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Aug. 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Meeting under the theme “Embody the Word,” the assembly will participate in plenary discussions to make decisions about the work of this church. They will also spend time in worship and Bible study.

The triennial gathering — the highest legislative body of the denomination — will be composed of more than 900 voting members serving on behalf of the 3.3 million members of the ELCA.

Ray Huff, Authorized Synod Lay Worship Leader, Secretary of the Upper Susquehanna Assembly, and member of St. Mark's, will attend as a voting member. Please keep Ray, all voting members, as well as all who preside and lead legislative and worship sessions at Churchwide Assembly in your prayers.



## Celebrating Anniversaries this

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Nancy and Ernest Larson                      | August 1 (34)  |
| Donna and Ronald Baker                       | August 2 (52)  |
| Leah and Walter Haussmann                    | August 3 (53)  |
| Karen and Bryan Pelleschi                    | August 7 (28)  |
| Deborah and Timothy Maggs                    | August 10 (47) |
| Laura and Kenneth Schreckengast              | August 10 (30) |
| Kathy and Neil Eshelman                      | August 14 (45) |
| Brenda and Edward Gair                       | August 14 (28) |
| Karen and Stephen Mariano                    | August 14 (3)  |
| Beverly and Carl Hieber                      | August 18 (59) |
| Jane and Paul Zimmerer                       | August 24 (47) |
| Carol and David Butters                      | August 25 (42) |
| Gloria and Charles Greevy                    | August 26 (54) |
| Ruth and Leonard Sherlinski                  | August 27 (61) |
| Barbara and Philip Thomas                    | August 28 (56) |
| Dr. Valerie Doeblen and Thomas Waffenschmidt | August 30 (24) |

## Happy Birthday in different languages

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag –German  
 Bon Anniversaire –French  
 Buon Compleanno –Italian  
 Charóúmena Genéthlia –Greek  
 Eyd Mawlid Saeid –Arabic  
 Feliz Aniversario –Portuguese  
 Feliz Cumpleaños –Spanish  
 Furaha ya Kuzaliwa –Swahili  
 Gefeliciteerd Met Je Verjaardag –Dutch  
 Gratulerer Med Dagen –Norwegian

Hau'oli lā hānau –Hawaiian  
 La Multi Ani –Romanian  
 Maligayang Kaarawan –Filipino  
 Omedetou –Japanese  
 Saeng-il Chugha –Korean  
 Selamat Hari Lahir –Malaysian  
 Selamat Ulang Tahun –Indonesian  
 Sheng Ri Kuai Le –Chinese  
 Veels Geluk Met Jou Verjaarsdag –  
 Afrikaans



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|---------------------|-----------|
| Creighton MacGill   | August 5  |
| Donna Clark         | August 7  |
| Louis Kolb          | August 7  |
| Charles Fortin      | August 8  |
| Susan Newcomer      | August 10 |
| Lynna Robertson     | August 10 |
| Gillian Buckman     | August 11 |
| Charles Greevy      | August 11 |
| Ray Huff            | August 14 |
| Carl Albright       | August 15 |
| Kathleen Dancho     | August 15 |
| Beverly Hieber      | August 15 |
| Elizabeth Lewis     | August 18 |
| Sean Clouser        | August 19 |
| Gregg Dancho        | August 21 |
| Daniel Zeigler      | August 23 |
| Janet Jones         | August 24 |
| Nathan Clouser      | August 26 |
| Jonah Schreckengast | August 28 |
| Shirley Kinney      | August 29 |
| Ashton Ott          | August 29 |
| Lorraine Barone     | August 30 |
| Lou Ann Zeigler     | August 30 |
| Melinda Wentzel     | August 31 |

# Desserts Word Search

A P U D D I N G F D M P L O F  
 I C E C R E A M U G O S I B R  
 C O H C O C A T D H U T E R U  
 C A K E P F O M G N S R P O I  
 H B C H E F R O E U S U I W T  
 O K B U S S L U K R E F E N M  
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|------------|-----------|---------|
| BROWNIE    | FLAN      | PIE     |
| CAKE       | FRUIT     | PUDDING |
| CHEESECAKE | FUDGE     | SMORES  |
| CHOCOLATE  | ICE CREAM | SORBET  |
| COBBLER    | MILKSHAKE | SUNDAE  |
| COOKIE     | MOUSSE    | TART    |
| CUPCAKE    | PARFAIT   | TRIFLE  |
| DOUGHNUT   | PASTY     | TRUFFLE |



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Received in  
the Mail

Dear Members of St. Mark's,

Thank you for the many gifts on my confirmation. The stole, carnation and cake gave me a feeling of importance and acceptance. The certificate and cross will help me to remember this important day as I grow in my faith. It is nice having so many people who care about me and my faith journey.

Yours in Christ,

Levi Gair



## Did someone say PIZZA?

Join us as we celebrate the last six years of ministry of **Rev. Barbara J. Collins** as our bishop. A pizza party will be held at Camp Mount Luther on Saturday, August 27, 2022, starting at noon. Reservations will be taken at Synod Assembly and will be available online soon. In addition, the synod is providing Bishop Collins with two gifts, one for her and her husband and a monetary gift to Camp Mount Luther (again, at her request). If you or your congregation would like to add to that monetary gift, you can send a contribution to the synod office, the camp, or donate on the synod website. To register for the pizza party, click here: <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5401069>



## Situation Report: Ukraine and Eastern Europe

More than four months after Russian troops invaded Ukraine, fighting continues to intensify and humanitarian conditions continue to deteriorate. The United Nations estimates that at least 24 million people — more than half of Ukraine's population — will need humanitarian assistance in the coming months. In addition to continuing to meet the immediate needs of arriving refugees, our partners in the region support those fleeing the violence in Ukraine and provide assistance in psychosocial care, pastoral care, housing, job searches, language study, school admission, legal services, cash assistance and other key integration support for individuals and families. Read the full situation report from Lutheran Disaster Response at [blogs.elca.org/](https://blogs.elca.org/)



**Journal of Lutheran Ethics** Behind on your summer reading? *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (JLE) book reviewers provide brief essays that help you stay up to date with what's being published. [learn.elca.org/jle/category/book-review/](https://learn.elca.org/jle/category/book-review/)

Recent books reviewed include the novel *Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen; *Amending the Christian Story: The Natural Sciences as a Window Into Grounded Faith and Sustainable Living* by Ron Rude; *I Never*

*Thought of It That Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* by Monica Guzman — to tickle your curiosity with just a few. [Visit JLE](https://www.elca.org/jle), a place for seminary and university students, pastors and bishops, theologically informed lay people, advocates, and activists. ([www.elca.org/jle](https://www.elca.org/jle))



# August 2022

| Sun                        | Mon  | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat  |
|----------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
|                            | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| 7<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m.  | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13   |
| 14<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m. | 15<br>Council<br>Meeting<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Crossways<br>Room | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20   |
| 21<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m. | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27<br>Celebration of<br>Bishop<br>Collins at<br>Camp Mt.<br>Luther starts<br>at Noon |
| 28<br>Service<br>9:30 a.m. | 29   | 30  | 31  |     |     |  |

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