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POLICE · COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th 5:00 - 8:00pm Dimmick Park, Hellertown Entertainment Games, Prizes

Come out and enjoy the evening. Meet the officers of our Hellertown Police Department– not just as law enforces, but as approachable members of the community who engage with, listen to, and play alongside the people they have been entrusted to serve. NUCLEAR prayer Day august 5th 6pm - music 7pm - livestream

> Christ Lutheran 69 Main St. Hellertown

Children's Learning Center 610.838.9790 Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm



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Church Office 610.838.0400

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Monday - Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm Closed for Lunch Noon - 1:00pm

Come join the journey.

Summer 2025 Guest Musicians

You are welcome here. Come join the journey. 610-838-0400

June 8 Dave Fry, featuring the "Sunday School Mountain Chimers" – folk music "Graduation Sunday"

- June 15 Holiday Brass Quartet sacred and Dixieland Father's Day
- June 22 Dulcimer Boys Appalachian folk music "World Day of Music"
- June 29 Cindi Greatsinger vocalist - celebrating "Global Beatles Day"
- July 6 Milo Morris vocalist –-Black spirituals and patriotic music
- July 13 Joe Mixon reggae and pop music
- July 20 Lehigh Valley Harmonizers barbershop music
- July 27 Mario Marcozzi vocalist "Jesus of Stage and Screen" music
- Aug 3 Reclaimed Performing Arts Company theatre music
- Aug 10 Frank DiBussolo Trio, w/ Dave Willard on drums jazz and celebrating "National Elvis Week"
- Aug 17 Kathie Jones and friends vocalist from Christ Lutheran Church theme TBD
- Aug 24 Blended Service (Praise music + Traditional music)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY DAY - SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

How would you like to spend time outdoors, see friends, and help Christ Lutheran Church, all at the same time? You can!

Just volunteer to spend a couple of hours at Community Day, an annual event held at Dimmick Park in Hellertown. Community Day 2025 will take place on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many churches, local businesses, and other civic organizations are represented. It's one of the best opportunities of the year for Christ Lutheran Church and the Children's Learning Center to showcase what we represent in the community.

If you'd like to volunteer as a representative, you can sign the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Dave Willard (631-697-7970 • stixny@aol.com). We would especially like to encourage our newer members to volunteer. Every volunteer, whether a long-time member or a newbie, has an opportunity to let attendees at Community Day know what attracted them to Christ Lutheran and what makes our church unique.

The Connections with Our Community Team

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NORTHEASTERN PENNSY Ð VANIA SYNOD

Nurtured by Community, Sent to Serve: A Candidacy Story

Written by: Heidi Shilanskas, Candidate for Word and Service



Hi! My name is Heidi Shilanskas, and I am a Deacon from ULS and starting my call as a Deacon in Northeast fall. I am looking forward to graduating in May of 2026 final year of Seminary, preparing to start my internship this Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Pa. I am in my Candidate at United Lutheran Seminary, serving at Star of Penn Synod.

children, I started to look for new ways we could participate in church in a culture that doesn't center projects for youth. After I got married and had my own ministry and learned from professors and leaders in the the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg (now ULS) on youth Andrew's Lutheran Church in Easton, I took classes out of field how to look beyond the church walls for service District progressive dinners. As a paid youth worker at St Fellowship (LYF) Assemblies and participating in Mission since my own days as a youth, going to Lutheran Youth I have always been involved in Youth and Family Ministry

congregational ministry the same way it did when I was growing up. As a member of St. Mark's in My candidacy journey started when Pastor Brandon Heavner suggested I'd be a good candidate for the church, making service in our communities a core element of church life. Bethlehem, I started dreaming of new ways to involve children, teens and their parents in ministry beyond

Seminary. I am forever grateful for their faith in me. and encouragement helped me feel secure in the decision to go to Seminary. Without Pastor Brandon and with Pastor Rachael Dietz, then Executive Associate to the Bishop and Director of Candidacy. Her warmth conversations about call and passion, I decided to move forward with candidacy. The next step was meeting ministry. At first, I scoffed at his certainty, but he was tenacious and after many, many discerning Pastor Rachael, I would never have dreamed God's call on my life would have included Candidacy and

style" worship services that are intergenerational and interactive so all members can participate in the liturgy. I am planning Bible studies with a focus on service and using our gifts to serve our neighbors For my internship, I plan on implementing some of those dreams. I am looking forward to creating "family

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Finally, I am hoping to work more closely with the more opportunities to connect with people. I will use social media and online tools to create

My ministry is who aren't just Interfaith Group on Jesus' command to love God with all our heart, centered around neighbors. wider community of to be a part of a excited to find ways Muslim, etc. I am Moravian, Jewish or Presbyterian, Lutheran, with our neighbors services creating ecumenical Bethlehem projects but



resources of time, talent and treasure stored community and make connections to the of our church buildings to find the needs in the

within our walls. As ELCA, I am inspired reaching creativity own work hopeful that my people outside of and exciting way of that fosters new by the courage, continue in buildings. the Deacons across the I meet and talk to experimentation church God's this and ×. am

as we love ourselves. Diaconal work looks outside soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbors desperately in need of joy. tradition, planting seeds of love in communities

If you are interested in or discerning Candidacy, please contact Pastor Jennifer Heavner at pastor@starofbethlehemlutheran.com

supporting the synod's lanes of Growing Young, Gaining Strength, and Going Beyond Death to Life, along with the directions of loving like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engaging like Jesus. To learn more, visit important initiatives? Your contributions are making a significant impact and helping others grow in faith, DID YOU KNOW that your Mission Support helps fund areas of the synod like this one and many other



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Maureen DeBellis Spiritual Director

email: spiritdirect@clcht.org

Due to donations from church members, Spiritual Direction sessions will be offered to members of Christ Lutheran at a very discounted rate of \$10. Sessions can be held in-person or online (limit 6 sessions/2025).



- ★ Wondering where God is in your life?
- * Struggling to see God's presence in daily activities?
- * Feeling a holy disconnect?
- * Desiring a deepening life of prayer?

When these kinds of questions and interests begin to stir, Spiritual Direction may be what your are looking for.

Maureen DeBellis is a spiritual director, inter-spiritual companion, a teacher of Heart Rhythm Meditation (HRM) and a retreat guide for the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. She has a BA in Marriage and Family Studies from DeSales University and a Graduate Level Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA.

5 Ways to Give Without Changing Your Will or Trust

Would you like to leave a gift to Christ Lutheran Church Hellertown in your will or trust, and avoid a big legal bill? Here are 5 easy and free ways to make a gift without changing your will or trust:

- Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement plan. These are tax-heavy assets. Taxes can eat up a large part of your hard earned savings when you give these assets to loved ones. A charity won't pay tax on your gift. Your entire gift can help to protect and preserve our church.
- 2. Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of your Donor Advised Fund (DAF).
- 3. Name Christ Lutheran as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- 4. Give your remaining bank funds to Christ Lutheran. This is a POD or payable-on-death account.
- 5. Transfer your remaining investments to Christ Lutheran. This is a TOD or transfer-on-death account.

All you have to do is complete a beneficiary form with your financial institution. You can change your mind at any time by completing a new beneficiary form.

Please contact Chris Myers (cdmdad4@aol.com) or Brad Wagner (bwagner@bdwagnerlaw.com)



www.epa.gov/statelocalenergy/green-banks

This is something that we should all consider and look into, green banks. These are banks that consider where to loan/invest and try to avoid investing in places that harm our planet. I did a search and then looked at the EPA's information on this. Here is a couple of paragraphs that I copied directly from them: Green banks are public, quasi-public, or nonprofit financing entities that leverage public and private capital to pursue goals for clean energy projects that reduce emissions. Generally, state and local policymakers use green banks to deliver projects that are not sufficiently met by other financial markets and to achieve desired economic development or public benefit outcomes. Green banks deploy various financial services such as credit enhancements and co-investments to leverage private capital to achieve its objectives. In some cases, green banks can offer subsidized loans at interest rates lower than typical market offerings, or they can take on risks that the market is not currently accepting by offering loans to customers who do not meet the credit requirements of other lenders. In other cases, green banks can complement existing clean energy programs by targeting market gaps. They can address existing barriers that otherwise prevent the expansion of clean energy. Many green banks have tailored their programs to improve access to clean energy projects for low- and moderate-income (LMI) communities.

Green banks generally share the following key features:

- They are mission-driven financing institutions.
- They have a mandate to advance the deployment of clean energy.
- They leverage their funds to stimulate private capital.
- They offer products across sectors and focus on bridging market gaps.

Green banks may be administered by the following entities:

• Local or state agencies typically use legislative authorities and public or private funding to establish green banks, although a variety of funding sources and structures may be used. For example, green banks can source funding from federal, state, or private grants and bonds; or they can capitalize utility ratepayer surcharges. Legislative action by a local or state government can be used to create a new entity or repurpose existing entities in the form of a green bank. Local governments must consider if they have the legislative authority to establish a green bank or whether they can partner with an existing state-administered green bank.

• Nonprofit organizations may be established as green banks. This process typically does not require the legislation and authorization needed to establish a green bank as a government entity.⁶ Some level of government support is important, but government dependency could potentially slow the formation or limit the operating flexibility of a green bank. In recent years, the number of nonprofit green banks established by government and community counterparts has increased. Nonprofit organizations can work with both public and private funders, and can tap into new centralized pools of capital, which allow green banks to expand their activities to a larger number of participants.

An example from the field: The Connecticut Green Bank is a quasi-public agency that leverages ratepayer funds with private capital to offer low-cost, long-term financing for clean energy projects. The Connecticut Green Bank was the first green bank established in the United States. As of 2021, there are 21 green banks in 16 states and the District of Columbia, with \$7 billion in investments since 2011. The Connecticut Green Bank offers clean energy programs—including incentives and loans—for all sectors, such as loans for homeowners, a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program, multifamily energy efficiency project financing, energy service performance contracting assistance, solar services, and clean transportation.

There are several other banks that are listed and described as to what they do as far as promoting clean energy projects. I recommend that you do a bit of reading and consider whether you can make use of this information in the future. It's a smart move to educate ourselves on what is happening and what is available to us as consumers who are concerned about our environment.

Angela Drake, ECO Team Editor-at-Large

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We're accepting donations to Satori's "Gift Of Music" program. "Gift of Music" donates instruments to students in Lehigh Valley music programs or visit us at jerusalemsingers.com. Follow us on Social Media to stay up to date on our shows! Scan the QR code St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 1028 Church St., Fogelsville, PA 18051 Jerusalem Western Salisbury Church United Fellowship Lutheran Church 3441 Devonshire Rd., Allentown, PA 2115 Washington Blvd, Easton, PA TUESDAY JULY 29 - 7:30 P.M. SUNDAY JULY 27 - 7 P.M. SUNDAY, JULY 20 - 7 P.M. MERCH AVAILABLE AT CONCESSION TABLE! S.EDUIS U Jerusalem Singers

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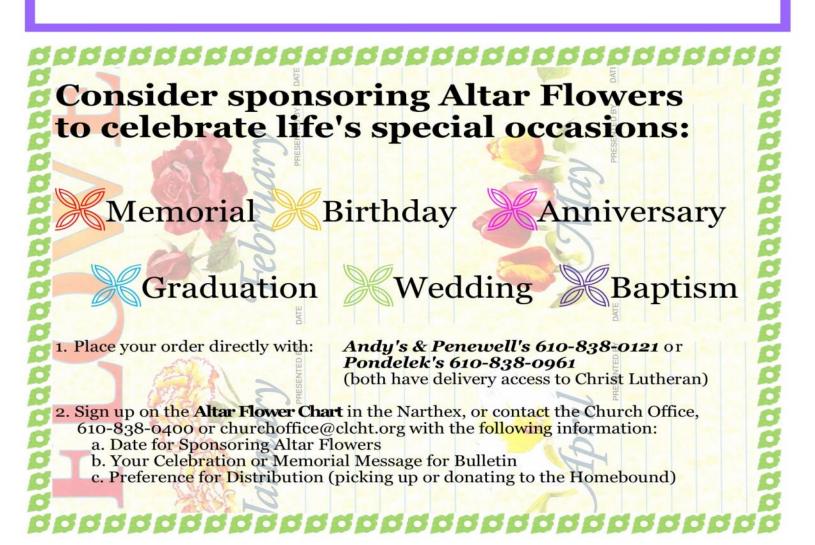
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Christ Lutheran Church 69 Main Street, Hellertown brings its Congregants AND Community... Reiki



COMPLIMENTARY Half-Hour Sessions with a Reiki Master *APPOINTMENTS* highly recommended and greatly appreciated Monday, September 8th, 4:30 - 7:00pm

Contact dudy Chernikovich-Clemens for details and to schedule your appointment today! **C** 610-657-2607 **M** Jbird1952@yahoo.com



Graduate Sunday

Christ Lutheran Church June 22, 2025

What God will make of you, we know not. Where God will take you, surprise you, we cannot say. This we do know, and this we say – God is with you.



Ryan Salmon

Ryan graduated in May from Arcadia University with a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Minor in Secondary Education. He is currently interviewing for employment with local school districts.

Madison L. Laslo

Maddie graduated from Saucon Valley High School and will attending Moravian University in the fall to play lacrosse and study nursing.





Madeleine E. Kares Madi recently graduated from

Saucon Valley High School and will be attending Lock Haven University in the fall, majoring in health sciences and playing lacrosse.



Phillip Taylor

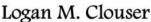
Phil graduated from Bethlehem Catholic High School June 4, 2025 and plans to attend Eastern University, accepted to the Templeton Honors College to study biology and continue his baseball

career.

Riley Willard

Riley graduated from Oberon Middle School in Arvada, Colorado and will be attending Arvada West High School in the fall. Riley is the granddaughter of David and Monica Willard.





Logan just graduated from Duke University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Finance. She will be starting an investment banking job this July with TD Bank in New York City.





Ruth M. Sterner

Ruth graduated from Pennsylvania Leadership Charter school on June 14, 2025 and plans to further her education at Rowan University in the fall.

August Birthdays

Ellede D'Andrea 2nd Vickie Homa 3rd Kathleen Orrok 5th **Stephen Benza 6th Kelly Staruck 7th Glenn Appel 8th Heather Audet 8th** Mike Frederick 9th Kristen Gubish 9th **Daniel Sterner 9th Terry Fenoff 10th Carol Laub 10th Dolores Del Re 11th** Brenda Tarullí 12th **Sloane Wilten 12th Bryan Flok 13th** William Weirback 13th

Lois Apple 14th Lane McCarthy 14th **Elise Cheung** 15th **Dane Kmetz 15th** Maia Merriman 15th **Joseph Dries 19th** Salah Uttard 19th **Chip Ward 20th** Jodene Werbisky 20th Judy Chernikovich-Clemens 21st **Heather Zellers 21st Stephen Krock 22nd** William McCarthy III 22nd Sage Spohn 23rd Lynn Doklan 24th **Cynthia Pepper 24th** Michael Flack 25th

Sue Gruver 25th Lois Hazel 25th **Claudia Allen Rogers 26th Diane Kmetz 26th Barry Opitz 26th Emily Paskewicz 27th Carole Ackerman 28th Ioe Meier 28th** Victoria Taylor 28th **Violet Taylor 28th Chris Kulp 29th** Ferd Piccuirro 30th **Carl Schroeder 30th** Till/Uttard 30th Kathryn Achey 31st

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Tia & Tom Kentopp 8/1/1997 Kathie & Mel Jones 8/8/1964 Carolyn & Mike Brzezicki 8/13/1994 Denise & Dave Kubisek 8/14/1993 Mary & Ferd Piccuirro 8/23/1975 Amy & Derek Kares 8/27/2005 Visit our Information Room off the Narthex for Educational Materials



Meal Ministry Monday August 25th

Lite fare delivery to the homebound

Sunday, September 14 God's work. Our hands. 2025

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America–one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living,

daring confidence in God's grace.

Preliminary Service Projects (subject to change):

- 1. Senior BINGO at Front Street Apartments
- 2. Senior BINGO at Northampton Street Apartments
- 3. New Stuffed Animal Collection for Pediatric Patients
- 4. Military Service Gratitude Notes
- 5. SV Manor Hymn Sing/Communion on Secured Units
- 6. Senior Yard Work and Property Improvement
- 7. GWOH Volunteer Buffet benefiting Cay Galgon Cntr
- 8. Family Promise Hospitality Kits
- 9. Pet Food Drive
- **10. Soup Preparation for New Bethany Outreach**
- **11. VA Hospital Care Packages**
- 12. Blessing Box Family Meal Kits

Enid Rank

Faith Community Nurse

If you have any questions or would like any additional information on anything listed on this page, please don't hesitate to contact me.



nurse@clcht.org 610-349-2970

GIGGLES Women's Group Girls In God Growing Loving Eating Sharing

SUMMER BOOK READ "For the Love" by Jen Hatmaker



Wednesdays with Enid 10:00am in the South Lounge

Communion Service Saucon Valley Manor 1050 Main Street Hellertown, PA 18055 Thursday August 21st 2:00pm

Parishioners welcome to join Josh, Bonnie, and Enid for some worshiping, singing and mingling!



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10 10am Worship 11am D&D 3pm The Light in the Piazza <i>Civic Theatre</i>	11	12 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	13 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	14 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	15	16 10am-3pm Community Day <i>Dimmick Park</i>
17 10am Worship 11am Quiet Communion	18	19 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group 7pm Church Council	20 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES	21 12:15pm Bible Study 2pm Communion <i>SV Manor</i> 5:30pm Quilters	22	23 9am-3pm Confirmation Kayaking
24 10am Worship 11am D&D 31 ANNIVERSRY 10am Worship	25 11am Meal Ministry	26 10:30am Chair Yoga Noon Men's Group	27 8:30am Quilters 10am GIGGLES 10am-1pm Lunch Prep & Serve <i>New Bethany</i>	28 12:15pm Bible Study 5:30pm Quilters	29	30

Youth & Family Minister Josh Gulotta



<u>Email</u>: yfm@clcht.org <u>Office Hours</u>: Monday thru Friday, 9am to 2pm

This Year Marks the 80th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

The magnitude of death and destruction of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 spurred faith communities around the world to insist: nuclear weapons must never be used again.

The nonprofit Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons was created to continue this insistence, and to encourage all individuals of goodwill and all organizations of concern to draw strength from their collective convictions and longings for a better tomorrow on Nuclear Prayer Day.

This year, our church is hosting a local Nuclear Prayer Day on August 5th to join with communities around the world for an evening of prayer, commemoration, and hope for the future. The evening will begin with a 6PM peace song sing-along. Dave's Deli and Carl's Corner are sponsoring appetizers from around the globe to accompany the sing-along.

At 7 PM, the local meeting will join a livestream with international faith leaders organized by May Peace Prevail on Earth International, the creators of the peace poles seen around the Lehigh Valley (and in our own peace garden!)

After a moment of silence in remembrance of the bombing of Hiroshima, the evening concludes with a prayer vigil live from the Hiroshima Peace Dome, where all participants will join in praying for peace to prevail in each and every country on earth.

I invite any-and-everyone who wishes for a more peaceful tomorrow to attend and join us in prayer, song and love for our blessed garden planet. I hope to see you there!

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