

ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER

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VBS 2024 Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love at Surf Shack 2024

July 14-18: 5:30 pm dinner and program 6:00-8:00 pm

Please spread the word and personally invite all you know who have children ages 4- completed 5th grade to join us at VBS. Registration can be found

on St. John's website- stjohnsemmaus.org - and closes on or about **July 1**.

Staff reminder to attend the **July 8** Welcome Dinner – 6:00-7:30 pm in the parish Hall. Important info will be shared to get us all ready for VBS. A light dinner of sandwiches, sides, drinks and dessert will be served.

Additional ways YOU can support VBS

Pray: for our staff as they work with the students; for the students and families as they continue to learn, experience and share God's love.

Bring cookies for dessert: please no peanuts or peanut butter – homemade are always wonderful but not everyone can or has the time.

Finally, a BIG thank you to those who participated by contributing Gift Cards to support program and dinner needs for VBS. So very grateful and appreciative.

VBS Mission Project 2024



Collecting items for the Lehigh Conference of Churches BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE . We invite you to join us by purchasing any of the following items– binders, folders, notebooks, calculators, pencil cases, craft supplies, school bags, erasers, pencils and pens to benefit inner-city students in the Allentown School District. There will be a collection box in the coat room.



Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Our final WELCA get together for the 23-24 year was held on Tuesday, June 18. There were 21 people who enjoyed the picnic fare followed by dessert of cookies and ice cream. But the big hit of the evening was *Boombox Bingo*. Anyone who happened to pass the Parish Hall could hear a combination of laughter and some off-note singing (from some of us)! As snippets of the oldies but goodies were played we looked for the song on our bingo sheets and reminisced. From Patsy Kline to Elvis, from the Beach Boys to the Beatles, there was something for everyone. Prizes were won and at the end of the evening everyone was treated to a baggie of goodies containing fruit, granola bars and candy. The night ended with smiles, contented stomachs and wishes for a return of *Boom Box Bingo* at our picnic next year.

From the Pastor's Desk



I have mentioned my Uncle Dean who was a farmer in northwestern Missouri. When I was young, my brother and I would head out to Missouri on a train and stay on his farm for part of the summer. I learned to milk cows, slopping the pigs, stay away from geese and feed the chickens. We would bring in the hay and I would attempt to throw bales of hay on a wagon with not much luck. By the end of my time there I was strong enough to at least do the first layer.

There were two things I never forgot about my time on the farm. The first was the overwhelming number of stars that you could see at night in the darkness of rural northwest Missouri. They almost had a light of their own. The Milky Way really was milky.

The second, that was even more unforgettable was going to the Methodist Church for the Annual Strawberry Festival. There were games like bingo for the adults and ring toss for the kids. Way too tame by today's standards, but I remember having fun. I also remember that the ice cream was really good, creamy and sweet. There was fresh corn to eat and lots of lemonade to drink. The next morning we would drive to church again and sing "There's a church in the Valley by the wildwood, no lovelier church in the glen..." I remember people laughing and enjoying each other's company. It was in that rural Methodist Church that I began to understand what community was about and how, as Christians, we could not only work together but even enjoy the company of each other.

When I read from the Book of Revelation, the verses talk about the New Jerusalem which is another way to talk about Heaven. In these descriptions of Heaven, the Apostle John tells us what Heaven will be like. I suppose for some, having Gold brick streets and Jasper walls is important. Clouds and harps are important to others.

For me, I hope that Heaven is like the church fellowship time we shared in June, eating Anniversary goodies that were popular 100 years ago. I hope there are people of all ages sitting and eating together, sharing a piece of Pineapple Upside Down Cake. Perhaps there can even be Bingo. In this version of Heaven, the red velvet cake and coffee are just perfect.

But the part that makes this Heaven is that we are all gathered in that place together with our family and friends. We laugh and talk together and we enjoy each other's company. This is not a memory from the past, it is the reality of this moment. It is how St. John Church is now. You can enjoy this moment with your family at St. John Church as we sing and play together and say not only is this how it used to be, it is how it is now. The ending of that song I mentioned goes, "No spot is so dear to my childhood as the little brown church in the glen."

The church of your childhood is still here. It is good to come to St. John Church and think about the past, especially as we prepare for the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration in October. It is good too, to think about what good things can happen in the present and the future!

Have a blessed Summer,

Pastor Woody Stax

Worship Services

Please join us for our weekly worship service with communion at 9:30 am. Sunday school does not meet during the Summer months. We will resume classes again in September.

Lunch & Breakfast Bunches

Lunch bunch is going to Domino's in Emmaus on **July 12** at 11:30 am. The Breakfast bunch is going to Superior Restaurant on **July 26** at 8:00 am.

Please call Donna Gerhart at 610-730-3919 if you'd like to attend or if you need help with directions. If you have signed up to go and then cannot make it, please call and cancel your reservation.

People Over Fifty (POF)

POF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall at 11:30 am. The next meeting 2 meetings will be on Wednesday, **July 10** and **August 14**.

Call Sharon at 303-956-6289 at least a day in advance if you'd like to attend. Bring \$4 for lunch and a canned good or small household item for the prize table.

Produce Sundays

Produce Sundays will tentatively start on **June 23**. They will continue on the **second and fourth Sundays** of the month through **September 10**. Any donations, along with leftover produce will be donated to a local food bank.



Special Appeal Update

This past Easter, we asked if members would consider a special gift to support the ministry of the congregation. We acted out of faith that members would respond with gifts that would put us in a better financial position to support our Summer ministries. You exceeded our hopes by raising \$5,438.00! Your generosity will help us as we are getting ready for Vacation Bible School and the 100th Anniversary Celebration in the Fall. Your support makes all the difference!

Property Workday (June 15) Update

Our scheduled property workday was a big success! The weather was sunny and pleasant with 14 members coming together to improve the appearance of our church building & grounds. Deep cleaning of the pews & wood in the sanctuary, pulling weeds, trimming bushes & trees, and removal of dead bushes was accomplished by these volunteers who generously gave of their Saturday time to help with these projects. Many thanks to Brad Albright, Bob Cleaver, Cheryl Kraemer, Dave & Barb LaMotte, Pastor Woody, Kathy Mintzer, Jim & Annette Roth, Jim & Robin Roth-erham, Israel Sackey, Sharon Strouse, & Joanne Wagner. In addition, thanks to a non-church neighbor who, earlier in the week, weeded & placed stone around 3 pear trees on our front sidewalk. This is what neighbors helping neighbors is all about.

Summer Ingathering Update

Thanks to everyone who contributed items for the Outreach ministry of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Catasauqua in support of their summer camp presence in a local community park. We will let you know more about that program and how it goes about sharing God's love and caring as it starts.

Welcome Back to Sunday School and Confirmation

September 12 at 8:30 am. Confirmation students and parents will meet in Room 4. Acolyte training and retraining will be scheduled the following Sunday September 19 in the sanctuary. Let's make this a great start to this year!

Knitting for Charity (KFC)

We will be taking a hiatus in July and August. Crafters will continue to loom, knit, and crochet during the summer and can contact Judie Herb at 610-730-0817 for any needed supplies.



Prayer Chain

Members pray for your concerns confidentially daily. To request prayers, please contact the church office at 610-965-9885, call Faith Drescher at 610-966-5321, or email her at fdresch@ptd.net.

Usher Sign-up

Sign-up is available at the back of the sanctuary. Please schedule yourself in advance if possible or call the church office to be placed on the schedule. At least 2 ushers are needed per service, 4 preferred the first Sunday of the month.

July/August Homebound Birthdays

(Please keep in mind, one isn't until the end of August)

Sandra Miklos (7/7)
Devon House, Room 150
1930 Bevin Drive
Allentown, PA 18103

Patricia Kovish (8/28)
Country Meadows Apt. 242
420 N. Krocks Road
Allentown, PA 18106

May Financial Report

	2024 May	2023 May
Income	\$13,642	\$15,956
Expenses	<u>15,104</u>	<u>22,744</u>
Net	(1,462)	(6,788)

Submitted by,
Annette Roth, Finance Chairperson

Newsletter Sponsorship

In loving memory of Ferne and Robert Quinn, by daughter Holly



Flower Delivery

Thanks to those who continue to deliver flowers to our homebound and hospitalized members. Openings for July – September are available. Please do consider signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the Parish Hall. This ministry is an extension of care and connection for folks who are unable to be present in worship.

Food Bank Volunteers Wanted

St. Johns is looking for volunteers to help at the Allentown Food Bank. We volunteer the 3rd Monday and Tuesday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:00 am. Volunteers simply walk along with clients helping them select items from the grocery shelves.

If you're interested in seeing what we do, spend a morning with us! You can pick which day, Monday or Tuesday, that you want to volunteer. We provide transportation from the church. Call Bob Cleaver at 610-533-8900.

(Church Members who want to be substitutes are also welcome!)

Newsletter Preferences

The newsletter is available by email or print. If you would prefer to receive it by email only, please contact the church office at 610-965-9885 or email officemanager@stjohnsemmaus.org. Also, feel free to contact me about any questions, concerns or suggestions for the monthly St. John's Newsletter.

Thank you,
Rebecca

Sponsorship Prices

Altar flowers - \$25 each vase - 2 per week
Bulletins - \$30 per week - 1 per week
Newsletter - \$25 per month - 2 per month

Please contact the church office with dates and the dedication you are requesting. We are in need of sponsors for various dates.

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all of the phone calls and Get Well wishes received after my surgery. I'm doing well. It takes time to heal. I can't drive yet.

Also, Thank you to Ron and Faye Schuler for the beautiful flowers. God Bless!

- Nancy Matika

On behalf of the Food Bank, thank you for your donation of 45 pounds of essential items given on 5/20/24 and 16 pounds of Depends sanitary pads given on 5/21/24. This allows us to keep our shelves stocked with items we know our clients appreciate. There is no way to aptly express our gratitude for your support. The staff and over 150 volunteers at the Food Bank are continually in awe of our community support and generosity demonstrated through your donation. YOU are helping make a difference!

- Jennifer Kelley
AAEFB Volunteer

St. John's Christian Preschool Update

St. John's Church Council has approved the recommendation from St. John's Christian Preschool Committee to **NOT** move forward with hiring a new head teacher and director and enrolling students at this time. This decision did not come easily – but it was made after much conversation and deliberation, and it was a unanimous decision by the Preschool Committee.

There are several reasons why the Preschool is being suspended right now. It has unfortunately been a struggle for several years to enroll enough students for the Preschool to be able to have a balanced budget each year. It has been more and more challenging for the Preschool to be self sufficient financially, which has been the goal of the Preschool since it began in 2004.

The Preschool has been a valuable outreach program of St. John's in both the Emmaus community and beyond. The Preschool Committee would like to thank everyone for your support of the Preschool, including the congregation of St. John's (including all the parents of former Preschoolers!), the staff of St. John's, as well as the many dedicated teachers over the years – including most recently, Denise Mill and Terri Allender.

From the Archives



May 18, 1924

At a special meeting of the church council this evening an order for \$10.00 in favor of Dr. Fisher for services given on dedication of Sunday School room was granted.

The following resolution was adopted. "Resolved that our treasurer, Mr. N. C. Laudenslager, be authorized to secure bonds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Emaus National Bank to be given to Security Trust Co. as collateral for our notes held by Trust Co."

John E. Druckenmiller, Sec.
-Submitted by Andre Fatula

USO– A Big Thank You

On behalf of our military and their families, a sincere thank you for the donations for the Philadelphia Airport USO. Your generosity lets our heroes know they are appreciated. As of May 1st, we'd already seen 20,000 guests in 2024, making us the 2nd busiest airport region in the north (22 states).

Thank you,
Cheryl Kraemer



Thank you, Denise Mill!

After years of faithful, effective, generous and loving service, Denise Mill has retired as St. John's Christian Preschool's Director and Lead Teacher. Denise has been the Preschool Director and Lead Teacher since 2016 – previously she had served as the Assistant Teacher. Denise's last day was May 31.

When you see Denise, please take a moment to thank her for leading such a valued and important ministry at St. John's and in the community of Emmaus and beyond! The Preschool Committee thanks Denise for her dedication to our preschool program.

A Century of Giving: Stewardship of Civility

There used to be a wise saying about arguments that kept things civil. One party or the other would say, "I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it."

That sounds downright quaint in today's climate, where partisans are more likely to say, "I disagree with what you say, and you are evil and have no right to that opinion."

This month, as we celebrate Independence Day, we can relish the freedoms we take for granted, including freedom of speech, religion, and assembly.

At the same time, as Christians we remember not only Jesus' command to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), but also to do unto others as we would have them do to us (Matthew 7:12). The "neighbors" and "others" certainly include those who hold different ideas on issues of the day.

How can we celebrate our freedom of expression in the context of Jesus' commands?

- Listen carefully, being open to another person's ideas.
- Respond thoughtfully and calmly, citing facts to support your argument.
- Do not attack the person, only the ideas.
- Remember the wise old saying, "I disagree with what you say, but I defend with my life your right to say it."

We are stewards of our relationships with our neighbors. As followers of Jesus, we can be stewards of civility and lead our country to calmer, more amicable times.

Submitted by Diane Felegy, Stewardship Committee

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100 Year Anniversary- Save the Date October 5th & 6th

Our church building turns 100 years old this year (1924 – 2024). Please, join us for the building rededication scheduled for October 5th and 6th. There will be many activities to take part in. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date.



The Food Bank is asking for the following items for the upcoming Summer Kids Food Program:

- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Mac 'N Cheese Cups
- Boxes of Cheerios
- Shelf Stable Milk (1 Quart)

Thank you for your support of the Food Bank!

Groceries Plus! Food Bank at Bethel Church

The Groceries Plus Food Bank at Bethel Church greatly appreciates your continued support. Food and supply donations can be dropped off at the Bethel Church office Monday and Tuesday mornings at 418 Elm St, Emmaus. For more information, call 610-965-2682, option 1. Please, only items listed below.

Due to our pantry stocking constraints and client needs, only regular sized items.

- Any items past use by/best buy date will have to be discarded per USDA rules
- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans or Weis (which we use to purchase food)

List of needed items:

- Granola bars (still in their retail boxes)
- Ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce (plastic bottles, about 16 oz)
- Dressing (ranch, Italian; plastic bottles)
- Cookie and brownie mixes
- Cooking oil (olive or canola, plastic bottles)
- VO5 shampoo & conditioner
- Feminine pads with wings (size 2)
- Birthday candles (for kids with birthday's this month)

Clothing Closet – St. Matthew's EC, Emmaus

Clothing Closet at St. Matthew's – 5th and Ridge St. Emmaus

The Clothing Closet continues on summer break until **August 17** when it resumes normal schedule; the first and third Saturday's from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Please, consider holding on to your items for donation until after that date. Thanks for your support of this local outreach to our community. Any questions or assistance needed, please contact Faith Drescher.

Supporting the Military

The Outreach Committee has partnered with the **Philadelphia Airport USO** to collect items for use at their center. In 2022, the center served over 40,000 guests (active duty, reserve, national guard, retirees, and their dependents). It is a welcomed refuge from the stress of traveling, sometimes to hostile areas. The center also serves as the last stop for Coast Guard recruits on their way to Cape May.

Below is a list of needed items. Money can also be donated towards the purchase of these items. We plan to have this as an ongoing collection. Please contact Cheryl Kraemer at 484-894-5558 with questions.

- Trash Bags (13, 33, 55 gallon)
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Aluminum Foil - 12 inch
- Paper Napkins
- Plastic Eating Utensils - medium or heavy weight
- Healthy Snack Bars - granola, protein (individually wrapped)
- Vanilla and Chocolate Pudding - individual serving
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Wrap - 12 inch
- Zip Lock Storage Bags - gallon size
- Heavy weight bowls – large and 12 oz.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Children's Sunday School:
(Sept.-May 8:30 am)

Office hours: M-Th 8:30-3:00

Telephone: 610-965-9885

Website: www.stjohnsemmaus.org

Hospital ID #279

Deadline: Noon the 15th of every month

Email: officemanager@stjohnsemmaus.org

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Rev. William Maxon, Pastor

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Rebecca Williams, Office Administrator

Anna Galante, Bookkeeper

Brian P. Dunton, Custodian

The Rev. Fred S. Foerster, Pastor Emeritus



Baptism

Noelle Blanche Earich was baptized on June 2, 2024. Her sponsors are Emily and Harry Schwartz. We celebrate this special day for her parents, Nicole and Nicholas Earich, and their family.

St. John's 2023-24 Congregation Council: Brad Albright (*Secretary*), John Ashcraft, Rebecca Crilley, Peg Duelfer, Jane Harps, Cheryl Kraemer, Kevin Schmidt, Elise Spayd (*President*)

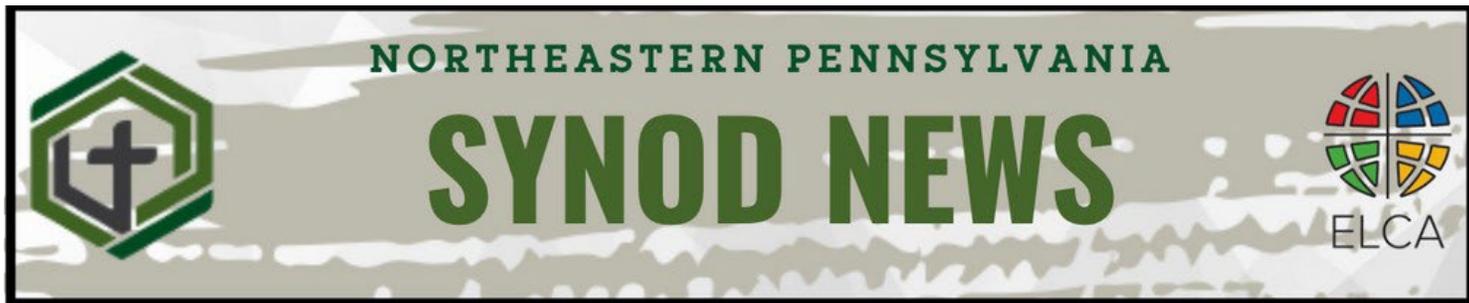
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The Conclusion of the 37th Synod Assembly



On Saturday, June 8, over 376 Lutherans gathered in person and virtually to participate in the 37th Northeastern PA Synod Assembly. The theme, “Hungry for Life Together in Christ,” celebrated the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger and highlighted the hunger ministries that congregations are implementing within their communities. Pastor Eileen Smith LeVan, who co-chairs the NEPS Hunger Team along with her husband, Brian, presented how our congregations are improving hunger issues through

ministries like food pantries, community gardens, and weekly food distributions. The ELCA representative, Marie Anne Sliwinski, Senior Director for Building Resilient Communities, expressed how Lutheran Disaster Response, AMMPARO, God’s Work Our Hands, and our synod are helping individuals not only in our country but around the world through mission support and volunteer work.

Deacon Kat Tigerman introduced six congregations in Reading discerning themselves to be the first pilot 6261 community. “Our small sterling congregations are making the effort to talk, share, and consider the future,” says Bill Knox of Hope Lutheran, Reading. Many shared how their congregations are growing in friendship, community, and faith. Members of the Assembly also gave \$2,365 towards ELCA World Hunger. The three resolutions passed by the synod



assembly can be found at godslove.org/assembly2024. Congratulations to Jim Doxsey, Rev. Dana Heckman-Beil, and Amy Mietelski on their election to the Synod Council! The Assembly also elected the following voting members to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ: Bishop Christopher deForest, Nancy Reichelt, Mark Stana, Seth Noggle, Betty Jane Schaefer-Hassler, Ron Mordosky, Jackie Williams, Stephanie Druckenmiller, Rev. Brian Beissel, Deacon Dawn Talley, Rev. Tom Scornavacchi, Rev. Lauren Applegate, Rev. Chris Druckenmiller, Rev. Ken Melber, Jr., Don Boyer, Stephen Hikes, Jean Sandberg, Rev. Nelson Quinones, Amanda Melber, Alicia Wood, Elizabeth Leibenguth, and Maria Marcano. To rewatch the excitement, visit the assembly webpage.

Witness and Service Team Grants are a Hugh Help!

Submitted by Georgia Suranofsky

During the assembly, we learned that over 2/3 of those congregations attending the in-person event, have either a food or garden ministry! Here is just one story about an amazing food ministry.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry (MCFM) was created in 2002 to provide a local, community-based source of food to those persons and households in the Governor Mifflin School District experiencing hardship or need, giving them sustenance and aid in the way of food and clothing on a temporary basis one a month.

I was told by Janet Reese, Board Member and one of the MCFM founders, that this food ministry is set apart by their lack of involvement with state or federal programs which in turn allows them for the past 22 years to pray with clients, distribute information on what is happening at their churches and invite the clients, share the gospel and inspirational materials with the families.

4 local churches including St. John's Evangelical Lutheran-Mohnton, New Life of Shillington, Calvary United Methodist and Zion Evangelical Congregational Church are the sponsors of the ministry Zion is the host church where donations are collected, stored and then distributed. Community donations supply most of the non-perishable food and paper products

distributed to MCFM clients. 8 local churches and several organizations also provide non-perishable food, volunteer distribution tasks and money.

Food distributions prior to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas include grocery store gift cards for clients' use to buy perishable items and clients receive a gift also. In tears, 1 woman told the President of the food ministry, "I have never received a Christmas gift."

Last year, the community food ministry experienced a dramatic increase in the average number of households served per month going from 84 over 100. The number climbed in December 2023. This was the busiest month ever, serving 149 households representing 482 people.

Gail Colahan, a member at St. John's Evangelical in Mohnton remembered the grants that are available

through the Witness and Service team and applied. The grant was approved for use this year and is providing meat and produce for the 12 monthly distributions.

The Mifflin Community Food Ministry would not be successful without God's helping hand and the wonderful support received from volunteers, organizations, and churches that donate their time, money, and food," When we all share the burden of trying to make a community a better place, it lightens the load.



Take a minute to view some photos of the ministry by [clicking on this link](#).

You can find information on the [synod website](#) about the grants available from the Witness and Service Team. Your mission support giving makes these grants possible.

Thank you for your continued support!



BASKET SOCIAL

September 14, 2024
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
(Breinigsville)

There will be over 100 baskets, five specials, various gift cards, a \$1,000 gift card grand prize, and a variety of kids' baskets. (If you bring your kids and purchase any tickets, kids aged 10 and under will receive free tickets for these baskets.) There will also be a 50/50 drawing. And bring a non-perishable food item for a chance to win a large Paper Products Basket. Refreshments and bake sale items available. You may also bring a chair and enjoy the Municipal Band of Allentown concert at 2:00 PM.

You do not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets in advance contact Anita at 484-221-0445 or email her at anita.eisenhard@yahoo.com. For more info and ticket pricing, visit our Basket Social Web page at: <http://www.stpaulsbrville.org/basketsocial>

**FUNDRAISING
EVENT**

CRAFT FAIR

November 16, 2024
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(Ott St., Allentown)

CRAFTERS NEEDED:
Reserve your table now!
Contact Ivy Reynolds at
610-393-1353, no later
than September 1st.



September 2024 LMD NL news
will be due August 12, 2024.

Please email any information to
lmd.newslettereditor@gmail.com

← Photo of The Rev. Nelson & Jessica Quiñones

Loving

Dear Lehigh Mission District,

Prior to 1967 if you were an interracial couple in the United States, you were not allowed to get married in many states.

That's 57 years ago that interracial marriages between a person of color and whites could not get married in the United States.

What happened if an interracial couple did get married outside of their state?

In Easton, Pennsylvania, a Jewish woman married a Black man. Here's the account from the Easton Express Newspaper:

"Family and the law 100 years ago saw problems with blacks marrying whites, at the time when some states had laws which outright prohibited this "miscegenation."

"Two accounts in June 1884 relate how Pauline Lewis, "the Jewess" and John Good, "the mulatto," eloped from Easton and got married in New York. When they return, her enraged father had them both arrested and jailed, him for surety of the peace and her with being incorrigible."

"At a crowded magistrate's hearing, women in the Lewis family "cursed Pauline and Good in the most unrestrained manner. Pauline's father gave Good a punch in the mouth before Good's friends broke it up."

"Two days later, Good had posted bail and Pauline was free because her father dropped the charges against her. Pauline was told to choose between her father's family and Good."

"I love Good a thousand times more than you," she said. She moved her clothing and effects to Good's home. Her family disowned her."

Jailed. Punched. Disowned. Anti-miscegenation laws were public humiliation attacks on interracial marriages.

While some states granted Blacks and Whites could marry one another, some churches, too, allowed interracial couples in worship without being turned over to the authorities. Parish records from the former Christ Lutheran Church, Easton appears to have had interracial couples worshipping during the mid-1860's and baptized their mixed-race children. *(continued on the next page ⇌)*

2024 Worship on Wednesdays

7:00 PM at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
(140 S. Ott Street, Allentown)
at the pavilion or inside during inclement weather

We welcome all our friends old and new!

Each week a freewill offering will be taken & those funds will be given to a specific group.
PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD MUSIC, THE WORD & FELLOWSHIP!!!

See attached flyer for complete schedule & details.



Trinity invites you:

Trinity Memorial Luth. Church
(535 W. Emaus Ave, Allentown)

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10 AM
12 week Bible Study starting 6/9

CLOTHING CLOSET

Free Clothing. Donations Accepted. 1st & 3rd Saturday.
Hours: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PANERA BREAD GIVE AWAY

Pick up on Mondays at 10:00 AM

BASKET SOCIAL

Sat., Oct. 19, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 20, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25th, 6-8:00 PM

LITTLE SHOPPERS SHOP

Saturday, November 23rd
10:00 AM -12:30 PM

Questions? Call the church office at 610-797-4774 or email tmlcadmn@gmail.com



(continued from the previous page) The case that brought interracial laws to the United States Supreme Court was the Loving v. Virginia case where Mildred Loving (a black woman) and Richard Loving (a white man) were arrested for getting married.

The Supreme Court decision in the case struck the remaining states' anti-miscegenation laws as unconstitutional. Since 1967 interracial couples were allowed as their right to marry who they love.

I wrote this in loving memory to Pauline and John Good, Mildred and Richard Loving, and to all interracial couples.

With Love,
The Rev. Nelson Quiñones, Lehigh Mission District Dean

Easton Express Newspaper. "Easton Woman Recalls Heritage: A Mixed Marriage" Morning Call, February 10, 1985.

OPERATION SUNSHINE

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Email: LMDopsunshine@aol.com

Website: www.LMDopsunshine.com

Paula & Dick Skelly, Co-Trip Coordinators

Operation Sunshine is a non-profit fellowship opportunity within our Mission District, run solely by volunteers.

Attached is the newsletter for the rest of 2024, check for details about upcoming trips.

Great Smoky Mountains trip is now SOLD OUT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ADVENT/CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)

A **planning meeting** will be held
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church
(501 Chestnut Street, Emmaus, PA)

Thank you for your support with this ministry!



CROP REMINDERS:

CROP Pizza Party/Kick-off:

Sun., Aug. 25, 2024, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

(to receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation/group) at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:

Sun., Oct. 13, 2024, 1:30 p.m.,
with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m.
at St. Timothy Lutheran Church
140 S. Ott St., Allentown, PA 18104

To **register** your team and/or yourself, or to **learn more** about the life-saving work of Church World Service, go to: crophungerwalk.org/allentownpa



CROP THANK YOU

Thank you for helping our 2023 Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk raise a grand total of **\$31,437!**

As a result of your faithful efforts, the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank and Lehigh Conference of Churches Kitchen will each receive **over \$3,929** for their vital ministries.

Also, we received a Church World Service Certificate of Appreciation for being "A national 2023 Cream of the CROP top event to end hunger and poverty around the world."
44th in the country!