



# The Lutheran

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and

Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Sayre, PA 18840

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## COMMUNITY SUPPER TODAY!

**4 UNTIL 5:30 PM**

**Please use on street parking.**

Today's menu features chicken spiedies, salt potatoes, cucumber and tomato salad—and of course, drinks and dessert. Please come!



# Waves of Wonder

## VBS 2025

Water themed decorations are beginning to spring up and around the church building. Wander down to the North Wing and see how it is beginning to be transformed into a watery themed wonder.

You'll notice that the Narthex has a stunning waterfall. VBS is hosted by our two churches, Sayre Christian Church, and Valley United Presbyterian Church. Dates are Sunday July 13 through Thursday July 17, 6 to 8:10 PM. Registration forms will be available in the Narthex.



## **Update on improvements at St. John**

If it's summer, it must be time to properly maintain our building and grounds. A full dump truck load of mulch was dumped at our playground today, in preparation for Vacation Bible School. Also today, our electricians were here restoring light to our cross in the church. We need a plan to reach the top most lights and a plan is being devised as this is being written. Our glass is still being fabricated so the plywood remains in place in both entry ways just a little long. Thank YOU for enabling us to be good stewards of our property.

Our crafting day scheduled for July 5th has been cancelled. With the 4th of July holiday the day before and VBS coming the week of the 13th our facilitator decided to wait until August 2nd to resume. There are, however, finishing touches that could be made on our VBS decorations. If you are available on Saturday morning on July 5th please let Pastor

Melinda know.



Pastor Melinda will be driving to Bethlehem early Saturday morning to attend the ordination of Joseph Sudano and Charles Barebo. She WILL be back in time for worship at 5:15 p.m. at the Church of the Redeemer.



## **Reflection for June 29**

To what is God calling me? How might others know that I walk in the Spirit with Christ?

## **June 29 Lessons**

**First Lesson:** 2Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**Psalm:** 77:1-2, 11-20

**Second Lesson:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62

## **Living into Our Mission @ St. John**



For the month of **July** as part of living into our mission St. John members will continue to collect hygiene items for the Athens School District. (Redeemer members are welcome to participate as well!) As in the past, items such as tooth paste, body wash, deodorant etc. are much appreciated.

## **Serving in Worship @ St. John Sunday at 10**

### **Reading the lessons & Prayers**

**June 29:** Jennifer Joyce

**July 6:** Jeri Mullen

### **Usher**

Bruce Carpenter

John Neiley

### **Greeter**

Rose Carpenter

Jean Neiley

# St. John Corner

SYNOD NEWS

## Connected in Christ: Twelve Steps for the Rest of Us

At this year's Synod Assembly, Pastor Tom Scornavacchi introduced a resource inviting congregations to explore the Twelve Steps as a spiritual journey toward healing, connection, and renewed discipleship.

Step One is now available, with scripture, reflection, and discussion questions designed to be used in a variety of settings such as worship, small groups, council meetings, or personal devotion.

### [Connected in Christ: Twelve Steps for the Rest of Us – NEPA Synod](#)

Each month, a new step will be released. Congregations are also invited to join a monthly Zoom gathering on the first Tuesday evening of each month, hosted by Pastor Tom Scornavacchi (**Common Ground Recovery Ministry**) and Pastor Lauren Applegate (**Free to Be**), to share reflections and experiences across the synod.

### **Connected in Christ : NEPA Synod Monthly Zoom**

Tuesday July 1 at 7:00pm

**[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83151137043?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83151137043?pwd=mS7lEiUZs9Hoyxmr03XAg4hToDV4P9.1)**  
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Meeting ID: 831 5113 7043

Passcode: 431598

**Let's continue to connect the dots and walk this journey together.**

## **FYI**

Julia Martine is currently at the Sayre Health Care Center in Rm. #311. She would love to receive a visit from her brother's and sister's in Christ, so if you have the time stop by and say hi to her.





## **Birthdays @ St. John**

Kyler Roberts	6/28
Emalie Shaffer	6/29
Ayden Smith	7/2
John M. Sackett	7/4
Sarah Efthimiou	7/6
David Williams	7/7
Gene Cerutti	7/8
Timothy Mizener	7/8
Daniel Joyce	7/13
Jean Neiley	7/16
Michael Roberts	7/22
Lucas Webster	7/26
Jerame Eltringham	7/29

## **Anniversaries @ St. John**

Gil & Helen Herbert	6/26
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## **Birthdays @ Redeemer**

Kayla Marshall	6/26
Louise Morningstar	6/27
Julie Lewis	7/1
Maria Layton	7/1
Bonnie Garrity	7/4
Emma Cole	7/5

## **Anniversaries @ Redeemer**

David & Lisa Cole	6/29
Ray & Diane Nobles	6/30



## **Redeemer Corner**

### **Weekly Video Spotlight**

In this week's video, Bishop Scanlan talks about the "seesaw" of daily life as we all witness and try to absorb events happening in our communities, country, and around the globe. She reminds us of the power of prayer, rest, and reflection as necessary balance to the work we do in the world so that we don't get the wind knocked out of us. To watch the weekly video spotlight please follow this link.

[Weekly Video Spotlight: Bishop Scanlan](#)

### **Parking Lot Reconstruction**

It is amazing how quickly a parking lot can be torn up and reconstructed! Monday and Tuesday the old asphalt was removed. On Wednesday 95% of the new asphalt was installed. Today, the parking spot lines are being painted. You'll notice that the entrance and exit no longer have a concrete sidewalk—they are also asphalt. Early next month, crosswalk paint will be placed to indicate a public walk-way.

### **Outreach at Redeemer**

For the month of June we are collecting canned chicken and tuna for our local food pantries. You may drop off your items here at St. John while in church on Sunday if you like, and we will make sure it gets to the pantries.





The  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH** in  
**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**



The Episcopal  
Diocese of Bethlehem

Beloved in the Dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania,

On Saturday evening the 21st of June we learned from the President that three sites in Iran known to store materials for the making of nuclear weapons and a research complex were bombed by the United States of America. The Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff has noted that this was the “largest B-2 operational strike in US history (and) inflicted extremely severe damage and destruction to the targets.”

As of today, the full extent of the damage is not known nor the number of casualties incurred in the operation. This act has added to an already volatile situation in the Middle East where continued violence has killed nearly 58,000 persons since 2023, and there is now a “critical risk of famine.” Civilians, including women and children, have been killed indiscriminately, and the need for humanitarian aid to succor those in the midst of this tragedy is profound. As bishops serving our two dioceses of loving and faithful Episcopalians, we bid you to join us as we call for continued diplomacy with a goal of lasting peace. Life is a precious gift given to us by our Creator and we mourn deeply with those who have lost loved ones in this conflict. We pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our global leaders, that they will work through this complex situation and towards a vision of our world where peace overrides the need for power, where resources are used for the common good, and where all of God’s children can live without fear.

Jesus bids us to be peacemakers. “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9). We are called by Jesus and through our baptismal vows to join in striving for peace. This can be done by offering prayer, through efforts supporting global peacemaking efforts, and by loving each other in acts of kindness and gentleness in these anxious days.

Psalm 46 is a good prayer to return to in these times:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult,  
The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in the world; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still then and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Together, we walk in the Way of Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name "Kevin" in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols  
Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the name "Audrey" in a cursive script.

The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan  
Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania





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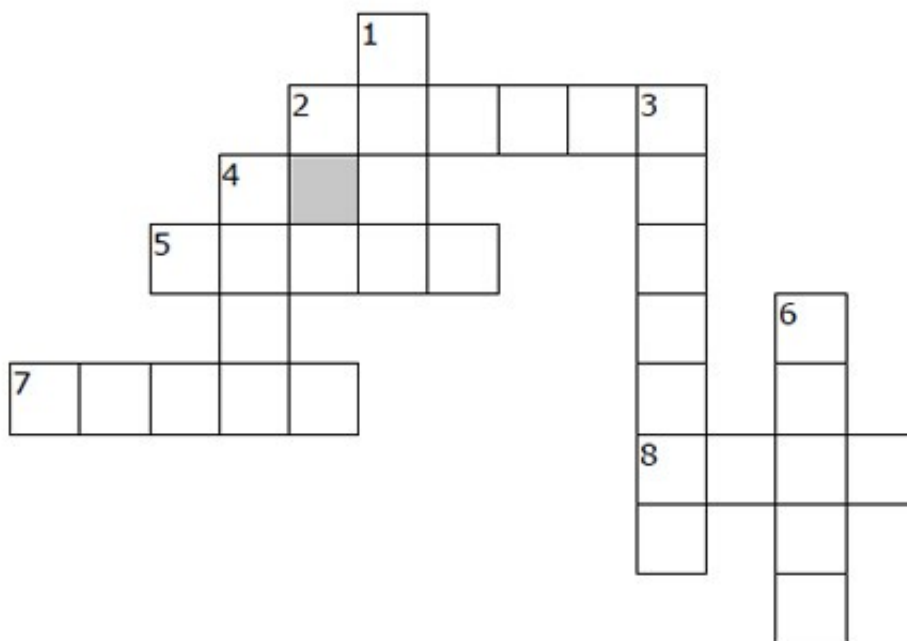
I will follow Jesus

# Hold on to Jesus

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Luke 9:58 (NIV)

Based on Luke 9:56-58



## ACROSS

- 2. To walk behind someone
- 5. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
- 7. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
- 8. A home for birds

## DOWN

- 1. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
- 3. Traveling on foot
- 4. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
- 6. The Son of God

BIRDS  
JESUS

NEST  
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