



The Lutheran

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Sayre, PA 18840

July 10, 2025

Welcome Back Pastor King

This Sunday we welcome back Pastor Horace King and his wife Marie as Pastor Melinda is away fulfilling her diocesan duties.

VBS 2025 Begins this Sunday the 13th.

Waves of Wonder

Water themed decorations can be seen all around the church building. Our classrooms have been 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.

Reflection for July 13

How does the story of the compassionate Samaritan expand your understanding of who your neighbor may be? With whom do you identify most in this parable?

Can't attend worship but you CAN watch it in real time?

Go here: [St. John Lutheran Church - Sayre Pennsylvania](#)

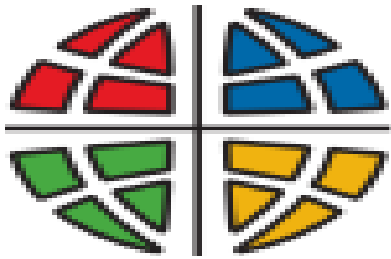


St. John Corner

Living into Our Mission @ St. John



For the month of **July & August** 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.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America



Dear church,

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “**pray, pray, pray** for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer.

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we

be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery. Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. **Together, as a church, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need**

In prayer together,

The Rev. John Eggen

Senior Director, Annual Giving

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ways to give:

[QR code](#), [ELCA.org/flooding](https://elca.org/flooding) and [ELCA.org/flooding/donate](https://elca.org/flooding/donate)

Other ways to give:

To give by phone, call 800-638-3522. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central time.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



July 13 Lessons

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-14

Psalm: 82

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Serving in Worship @ St. John Sunday at 10

Reading the lessons & Prayers

July 13: Jennifer Joyce

July 20: Skip Roupp

Usher

Louise Sackett

Bob Cornell

Greeter

Kate Sackett

Bev Cornell



Birthdays @ St. John

Daniel Joyce	7/13
Jean Neiley	7/16
Michael Roberts	7/22
Lucas Webster	7/26
Jerame Eltringham	7/29

Birthdays @ Redeemer

Emily Schamel	7/14
Abby Davenport	7/17

Anniversaries @ St. John

Susan & Doug Stearns	7/23
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Let Us Know

If you have a birthday or anniversary that we have overlooked please let us know so that we can up date our database.



Redeemer Corner

Weekly Video Spotlight

Our first video of the month is a report from Bishop Scanlan and Bishop Nichols about the work of our reunification working groups. Today we hear in detail about two of these working groups: Constitution and Canons, and Finance. Our own Canon Melinda is one of the co-chairs of the Constitution and Canons Working Group.

[Weekly Video Spotlight: Bishop Scanlan and Bishop Nichols](#)

Inquirer's Class

Canon Melinda is offering an Inquirer's Class on Thursday evenings: July 10 & 24 and August 14. In these classes we will review the Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal Governance, and Episcopal expectations of the laity. Any interested person is invited to attend. Unless the response is overwhelming, we will meet in the Parlor from 6:30 pm until (no later than) 8:00 p.m. Those who desire to be received into the Episcopal Church or wish to make a mature affirmation of faith via confirmation are encouraged to attend this class. The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols will be visiting with us on August 17 at our joint worship service and will confirm or receive those who wish it.

Outreach at Redeemer

For the month of **July** we are collecting boxed mac & cheese for our local food pantries.



FYI

Someone is sending out an email in Margaret Cole's name asking for the Church Directory. The email that this is coming from is not Margaret's. This is the email account that it came from: josephklonz6@gmail.com if you receive this email please delete it. It is not Margaret.

Parking Lot

The new parking lot at Redeemer is complete and both entrance and exit are open to traffic. It is a beautiful new lot.



Credit: AP Images

Responding to the Flooding in Texas Hill Country

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with affected dioceses as they assess needs in their communities in response to the Texas flooding. You can read more about [our response](#) on our website.

To find out ways you can help please visit www.episcopalrelief.org

HOW TO EXPERIENCE LIFE THROUGH THE SENSES

Epiphany Roman Catholic Church and Valley United Presbyterian Church are working together again to feature local speakers as they teach us how we can engage with life through our senses.

A freewill offering will be collected to support local organizations.

AUGUST 6TH – SIGHT

Speaker: Stephanie Mullen

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 13TH – TOUCH

Speaker: Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

AUGUST 20TH – HEARING

Speaker: Rev. Rachel Helgeson

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

AUGUST 27TH – TASTE / SMELL

Speaker: Alice Fedorka Bennett

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

Dinner and fellowship start at 5:45pm.

Join us as we learn how to use our senses to access and enjoy life.





Our community garden is thriving and prolific!



Please join us for the 2nd Annual
Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

From 12-5 p.m.

At Sam's Bar & Grill 912 N Wilbur Ave Sayre

Help Us Support Kennsley's Brave Battle

Little Kennsley Middlecamp was diagnosed in 2023 with ARMS with metastasis. After many treatments and setbacks, new lesions have been found. Currently, scans show stability and some shrinking but Kennsley still has a long road ahead of her. We're asking that the community rally around this sweet little girl to make a meaningful difference in her life as she continues her cancer battle.

TICKETS

\$10

CHILDREN

Admission cost grants access
to all activities!



Dinners also available for \$10
includes hamburgers, hot dogs and
side dishes



**BOUNCE HOUSE, ICE CREAM TRUCK, FOOD, MUSIC BY HEART AND SOUL
(1-4 p.m.), GAMES, AND MORE!**

Donations can also be accepted via Venmo: @KCFCA. All proceeds benefit Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone.

Questions? Please call or text to Alex Baird (570) 592-4191

SAYRE BOROUGH NEWS

SUMMER 2025

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MUSIC IN THE PARK

The 40th year of the William S. Pierce Memorial-Sayre Summer Concert Series kicked off the Borough's Summer Event Schedule on June 18th with the first of eleven performances on the historic bandstand in Howard Elmer Park at 6:30pm. This year's concert series includes performances that offer something for everyone. Several of this year's performances will include longtime concert series favorites, we are excited to welcome Jeremy James on July 2nd and the O.G.s on July 16th to the series line-up.

The first of three Downtown Summer Splash events will be held on Friday, June 27th with performances by local musician Jenna Buck and the Uptown Music Collective from Williamsport, PA. The Summer Splash on July 25th will include a performance by Into the Spin, and the Summer Splash on August 22nd will mark the return of Avalanche which is the rock band component of the U.S. Army Band – 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. The June Summer Splash will feature a fireworks display at 9:15pm and all of the Splash events will include restaurant specials and local food vendors.

The 12th Annual End of Summer Celebration presented by Gannon Associates will be held on Saturday, August 23rd. The End of Summer Celebration will include local food vendors, activities for kids, back to school supply give-a-ways and live music with Jeremy James, Mike & Tate, and Doc Possum. The June and August fireworks display soundtracks will be broadcast on Wiggle 100.3fm & wiggle100.com.



SAYRE FIRE DEPT
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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Highlights

- Community Involvement
- Free Training
- Free Equipment
- Incentive Program
- More

About Us:
We are an independent fire department. We are currently accepting applications for volunteers. We are a fire department that is always looking for new members. We are a fire department that is always looking for new members.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More

570-888-9612
60 W. Market Ave. Sayre PA 18841

www.sayrefire.com

The Borough Council and the Sayre Borough Volunteer Fire Department implemented an incentive program in 2024 for Fire Department members that is designed to reward firefighters and fire police personnel for responding to emergencies and for their time on other Department responsibilities including public service calls, training, company meetings, and special events.

More than \$13,300.00 was provided to Department members in 2024 and an additional \$3,800.00 was provided to members for their service during the first quarter of 2025.

The Fire Department is always looking for new members and there are several types of non-firefighting roles available if you are interested in helping your community.

If you are interested in more information about becoming a firefighter, stop by the Fire Department Headquarters on West Packer Avenue to talk with Chief Gil Crossett or call 570-888-9612 Monday thru Friday between 8:00am and 2:00pm.

Sayre Historical Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 5
ANTIQUÉ APPRAISAL DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
THE QUILT LADY STORIES
BY KATHY WIGGS



Every Friday
(Including July 4th)
10:00am – 2:00pm
Rain or Shine

SAYRE BOROUGH NEWS

SUMMER 2025

**2025 Summer
Events Program**

Mustache Contest



Sponsored By:

**DANDY**

All Proceeds Benefit 

WNEP Stormtracker 16 Morning Meteorologist Joe Snedeker will begin his 28th Annual week-long charity bike ride for [St. Joseph's Center](#) in Dunmore, Pennsylvania beginning on July 21st at Marywood University. The annual bike ride will travel through the WNEP viewing area making various stops along the route including Howard Elmer Park on Wednesday, July 23rd.

This year's theme for the bike ride is **Stache for Cash** and the Borough's Summer Events Program and Dandy Mini Marts are teaming up to host a Mustache Contest.

We are looking for contestants from throughout the area to enter the contest including area firefighters and first responders. To enter the contest, email your photo and information about yourself to the Events Committee at concerts@sayreborough.org by 11:00pm on July 4th. Contestant photos will be featured on the Sayre Borough Events Facebook Page beginning July 9th with a link

you can click on to vote and donate until July 23rd. Dandy will be providing prizes for first, second, and third place winners of the People's Choice online contest. Dandy will also provide a Grand Prize to the winner who will be selected from all contestants. All donations received for the on-line contest as well as any general donations will go directly to Go Joe 28 which supports St. Joseph's Center (<https://stjosephscenter.org>). St. Joseph's Center strives to provide individuals and families who have special needs the opportunity to develop their abilities and potential to the fullest extent possible.

Annual Paving Project To Begin in July



The Borough's 2025 paving project is scheduled to begin in the second week of July weather permitting. The \$477,000.00 project was awarded to Bishop Brothers Construction and includes milling and paving of more than a mile of roadway. The cost of the project is funded by the General Fund, Local Service Tax, and Pennsylvania Liquid Fuels revenue. This year's paving project includes West Lockhart Street between Hospital Place and North Hopkins Street; Cedar Street between 107 Cedar Street and Beech Terrace; North

Lehigh Avenue between Bradford Street and 250' South of the intersection; Mohawk Street between Cedar Street and Hemlock Road; Poplar Street between Lynch Street and Cypress Street, Frank Street between Sunset Street and Fordham Street, Harris Street between Peck Street and Frank Street, Hemlock Road between 117 Hemlock Road to a point 350' Southbound, Johnson Street between Summit Street and Linden Street, and Lewis Street between Summit Street and Linden Street. The project could take up to two weeks to complete. Updates will be posted on the Borough's Facebook page.



Borough Hall Summer Hours [July 1 – August 31]

Monday thru Thursday
Friday

8:00am – 5:00pm
8:00am – 12:00pm



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The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him." (Luke 10:25-37)

Parable of the Good Samaritan

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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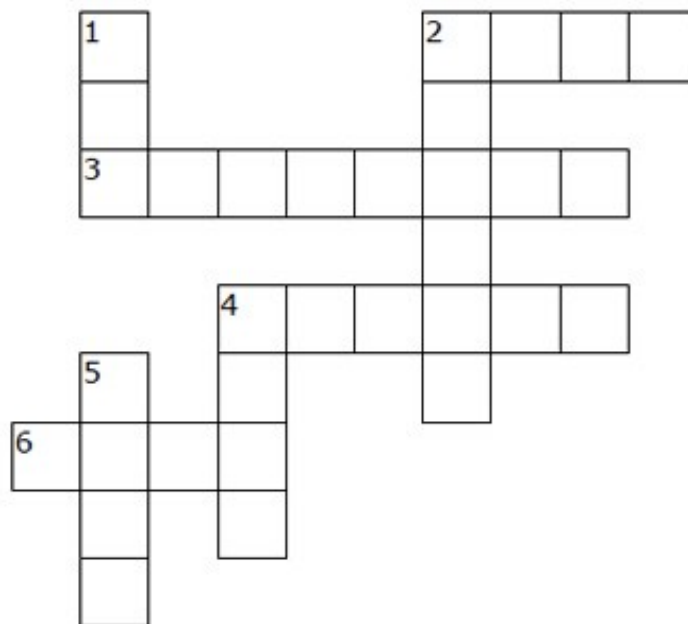
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- 12-21-19-7-2-21 _____
- 24-2-22-7-15-15-21-5 _____
- 15-22-7-21-24-2 _____
- 14-21-7-25-18-26-17-22 _____
- 1-21-22-7-20-18-17 _____

LEVITE	PRIEST	STRIPPED	ROBBERS
SAMARITAN	JERICO	BEAT	NEIGHBOR

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Based on Luke 10:25-37



ACROSS

2. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
3. Someone who lives very near to you
4. A person who performs religious duties in the church
6. To hit someone again and again

DOWN

1. An adult male human
2. Someone who takes money or property illegally from another person
4. To feel sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune or suffering of another
5. Not living

MAN	PRIEST	PITY	ROBBER
ROAD	BEAT	DEAD	NEIGHBOR