



# The Lutheran

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Sayre, PA 18840

July 17, 2025

## Combined Summer Worship

This Sunday is the last Sunday of our combined worship here at St. John. **Next Sunday we continue our combined worship at Redeemer at 10 a.m.**

### Reflection for July 20

How do you balance studying the Word and fostering a relationship with God while also serving others?



### VBS 2025 WAVES OF WONDER

14 Children, 4 teens and 4 churches participated in VBS this last week. Pictured are Pastor Paula Krauss (Sayre Christian) Pastor Melinda, Sally Hickey (Valley Pres) Doreen Marshall (Redeemer) and Pastor Sharan Knoell (Valley United Presbyterian)

In the photos Pastors Paula and Sharan were boaters on a variety of adventures; Sally and Doreen played the parts of Israelites, and Pastor Melinda played Moses. We hope to have additional photos in later editions of the eBlast.



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

Go here: [St. John Lutheran Church - Sayre Pennsylvania](https://www.stjohnlutheran.org/)

## 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.

### Bishop Christopher deForest's latest blog, *On The Way*, is now available!

In this month's *On the Way*, Bishop deForest reflects on Jesus' determined journey to Jerusalem in Luke 9:51–62. With his face set toward the cross, Jesus shows us what it means to stay focused on God's mission, even when the road is hard. We are invited to follow him forward, without looking back, trusting that where he leads, there is life, hope, and joy.



[View here](#)

### Severe Flooding and Ongoing Recovery Efforts



As devastating floods impact Texas, New Mexico, and North Carolina this July, Lutheran Disaster Response and its partners are actively responding. This update shares how you can stay informed, support relief efforts, and reflect on local recovery progress here in eastern Pennsylvania, two years after Berks County faced similar destruction. Read the full update from July 9 for details and ways to help. [Lutheran Disaster Response](#)

[Read More](#)



## July 20 Lessons

**First Lesson:** Amos 8:1-12

**Psalm:** 52

**Second Lesson:** Colossians 1:15-28

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

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

**Reading the lessons & Prayers**

**July 20:** Skip Roupp

**Usher**

Bob Cornell

**Greeter**

Bev Cornell

**Summer worship continues at 10 a.m. at Redeemer on July 27th**

**July 27:** Margaret Cole

Walter Chaykosky

Linda Murrelle



## Birthdays @ St. John

Michael Roberts 7/22

Lucas Webster 7/26

Jerame Eltringham 7/29

## Birthdays @ Redeemer

Tricia Schamel 7/21

## Anniversaries @ St. John

Susan & Doug Stearns 7/23

## 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**

In this week's video, Bishop Nichols goes to new heights — literally. He comes to us from the four-story bell tower at Trinity, Williamsport, the highest point in the city. In our very first "bishop swap," Bishop Scanlan visited St. Stephen's in Whitehall while Bishop Nichols confirmed five new confirmands at Trinity, including Ace Gair.

Since Ace had the courage to sing in front of the whole congregation, Bishop Nichols took up the challenge to face his fear of heights! [Weekly Video Spotlight: Bishop Nichols](#)

### **Inquirer's Class**

Canon Melinda is offering an Inquirer's Class on Thursday evenings: July 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.







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](http://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.

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## **AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> – SIGHT**

**Speaker:** Stephanie Mullen

**Location:** Valley United Fellowship Hall

## **AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> – TOUCH**

**Speaker:** Rev. Alicia Dixon-Garrard

**Location:** Valley United Fellowship Hall

## **AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> – HEARING**

**Speaker:** Rev. Rachel Helgeson

**Location:** Epiphany Parish Hall

## **AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> – TASTE / SMELL**

**Speaker:** Alice Fedorka Bennett

**Location:** Epiphany Parish Hall

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**Dinner and fellowship start at 5:45pm.**

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





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



# Mary and Martha



Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha.



# At the Feet of Jesus

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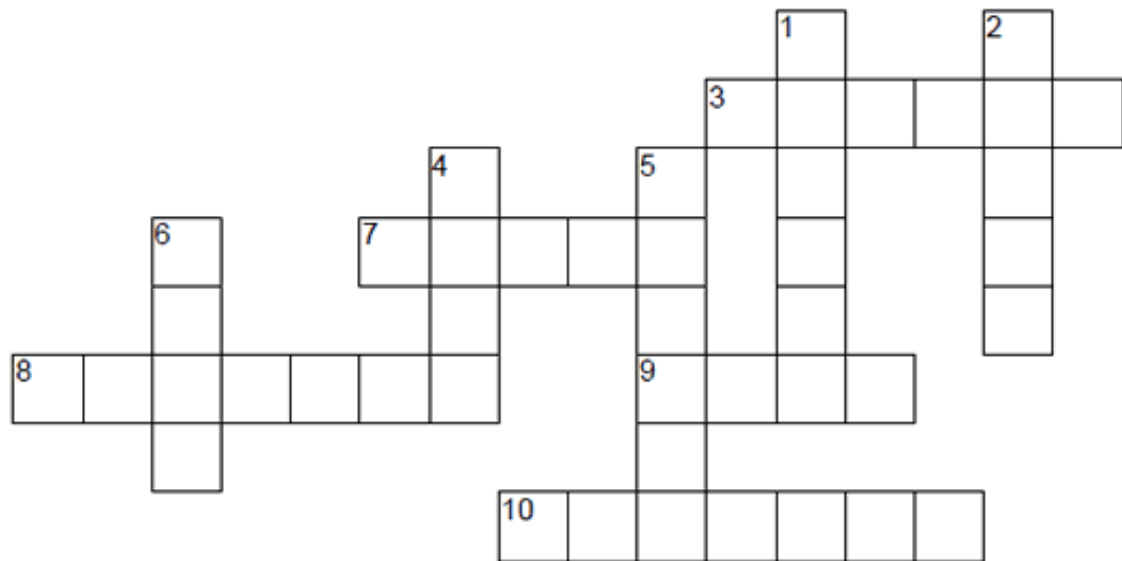
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## ACROSS

3. To pay attention to what someone says
7. An adult female human
8. A very small town
9. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
10. To be concerned about something; to be troubled

## DOWN

1. A female having the same parents as another person
2. The son of God
4. The place where a family lives
5. A spoken or written reply to a question
6. To give assistance to someone

HOME  
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