



The Lutheran

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Sayre, PA 18840

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WORSHIP WITH US AT Redeemer THIS SUNDAY AT 10 AM

Joint Summer Worship

Continues **August 2-September 6** at the Church of the Redeemer at
10 a.m.

Community Supper TODAY

Join us for our community supper taking place **THIS AFTERNOON** from 4-5:30. This month's supper is being hosted by St. John. The meal is Chili dogs, pasta salad, baked beans, assorted desserts and beverages.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP ON SUNDAY

Our worship on Sunday will follow the same basic format that we used at St. John. We will continue with our "First Sunday of the Month" traditions. That means:

- Sending of Communion for the Homebound (SJLC)
- Open plate/loose offering is for the Bridge

As I hope you expected, the music will be from the Episcopal hymnal, except the "Alleluia" verse before the Gospel which comes from ELW: "Halle, Halle, Halle;" we should all be familiar with this. The Song of Praise (Gloria/Glory S-236) by John Rutter, hasn't been sung at Redeemer in a number of years. It is more upbeat than what had been used and is more like what we have sung at St. John. We'll rehearse it before the service begins on Sunday. If you would like to preview it, click here (or copy and paste into your search bar.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOKzhBn7ma8> I note that we will not be singing the descant.

Episcopal Bishop Audrey Scanlan has mandated that the Nicene Creed shall be used at the Principal Worship Service in an Episcopal Church. So, we will say the Nicene Creed

instead of the Apostle's Creed. Since the Liturgy of the Word comes from ELW, we will use the international version of the Nicene Creed ("was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.") Additionally, instead of doing an Offertory Prayer we will sing the Doxology.

Lutherans will find the sound system at Redeemer much improved. Since we lack TVs, the entire service will be produced in booklet form. It will contain everything you need: text AND music. If you read music and like to sing in parts, you will want to use the hymnal. If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to sing on any particular Sunday, please let me know and I will work to include it in the worship service so long as it is liturgically appropriate. If enough of you desire it, we could have a hymn sing instead of a sermon on Sunday.

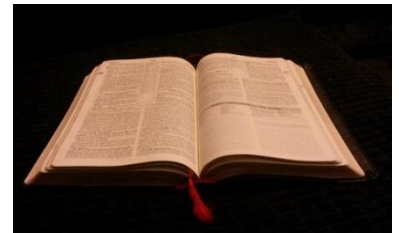
Finally, we're experimenting with the wine and looking for a wine that I will not experience an allergic reaction. Please prepare your taste buds.

~Canon/Pastor Melinda+

SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AUGUST 2	Serving in Worship for August 2
Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21		Worship Assistant: Diane Siebecker Greeter: Louise Sackett Usher: Scott Johnson AV Operator: Nina Seebeck

Scripture Reflection

In our Gospel reading, the disciples were amazed at Jesus' feeding of the multitudes. How have you seen him make a way when there was no way?



August Birthdays & Anniversaries at St. John

Frank Bottone	8/3	Justin & Kylene Ward	8/2
Renee Woinovick	8/9	Robert & Martha Bailey	8/7
Rod Noldey	8/10	Ryan & Jennifer McGee	8/13
Linda Noldy	8/14	Joe & Jennifer Joyce	8/17
Jennifer Joyce	8/17		
Yvonne Mizener	8/19		
Walter Hutz	8/26		



August Birthdays & Anniversaries at Redeemer

Axel Lewis	8/1	Larry & Kate Gabb	8/1
Glenn Murrelle	8/3	Melinda Artman & Nina Seebeck	8/28
Emma Williams	8/4		
Tracy Schamel	8/8		
Sofia Storelli	8/17		
Elaine Ferris	8/28		

ST. JOHN CORNER

Our usual requests for donations for our outreach into the community are going on hiatus for the rest of the summer. However, gently used items for our upcoming rummage sale in September will be gratefully accepted. If you bring items on Sunday, please leave them in the atrium. We'll get it to St. John.

REDEEMER CORNER

WEEKDAY WORSHIP CONTINUES

Join us every Wednesday at 12:05 for a spoken service of Holy Eucharist. Each week we feature a saint or significant person in Christian history. If this service is unable to be livestreamed, we post the recording shortly thereafter.

OUTREACH AT REDEEMER

For the month of August we will be collecting pasta sauce for our local food pantries. Please see the next page for an announcement re: the Valley Food Pantry.

Valley Food Pantry Exciting Announcement!

The Board of Directors of The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches is excited to announce expansion of the Valley Food Pantry (VFP) at its current Waverly Street location. As a Bridge member church, we're inviting you to join us in celebrating this ministry milestone, praying for what God has for us with this new space, and helping to make the new space the best it can be.

Since the VFP joined the Bridge family of ministries in 2017 (after 39 years as a sister ministry), use of the pantry has increased exponentially – we're serving 58% more families, and 74% more individuals (adults and children). Halfway through 2026, we're seeing the need continuing to grow. With that in mind, expansion of our VFP has become a necessary next step.

On September 1, we will be closing on the purchase of 418 Waverly St.—the building where the VFP has occupied a small area in the back for well over 2 decades. We are grateful to Bill Soprano, current owner, for allowing us to use this area rent and utility-free for many years and for selling the building to us.

The cash purchase of the building is made possible by generous donations from VFP supporters over the years and is truly evidence of God's provision through his people. The new building will offer a front-door entrance from the sidewalk, a waiting area, an intake space, a pleasant area for clients to shop for food with a shopping cart, and much-needed food storage space.

Before the space is ready for occupation, however, there are some significant changes and improvements needed, including new heating/AC, electrical upgrades, flooring, and reconstruction of the parking lot as well as additional shelving, shopping carts, and other items.

The estimated total for renovations is \$65,000. The Bridge Board of Directors has approved using general funds for renovations as needed, but we are also applying for grants from local institutions and the Food Bank of the Southern Tier (FBST) and reaching out to our member churches and the community. We have already been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Tioga State Bank Foundation with \$5,000 already received and the other \$5,000 coming in 2027 and a grant for a computer through the FBST. In addition, **an anonymous donor has generously offered \$10,000 in matching funds for each dollar raised for the renovation project.** This is a wonderful opportunity for your church and congregation to join with other Bridge churches to continue building on a legacy as the Valley Food Pantry addresses food insecurity in the Valley.

There are other ways our local churches can come together to make the new Valley Food Pantry a true blessing to the people of this area. We need volunteers to assist with the move, to paint and clean, etc. We also welcome additional people to join our great team of volunteers to staff, stock and run the pantry. Just two hours a week can make a great difference in the lives of our clients!

We appreciate your help in spreading the word to your congregations about our financial and volunteer needs as well as, most importantly, our call to prayer that God will continue to bless our new project so that we can continue to bless the people in need in the Valley.

Donations can be sent to The Bridge, P.O. Box 202, Sayre, PA 18840 or made online at thevalleybridge.org, indicating they are for the VFP renovation. For more information on volunteering or other ways you can help, contact The Bridge at 570-867-2628 or

valleyfoodpantry@thevalleybridge.org.

We're Purchasing a New Building!

Help us turn this new space into a welcoming home for
the Valley Food Pantry

The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches is taking an exciting step forward by purchasing the building at 418 Waverly Street in Waverly with a planned closing of September 1. Now we need our community's help to renovate it so we can create a welcoming place for our clients and increase our onsite food storage capacity.

Renovation Fund: Donations Needed

- New natural gas heating/AC
 - Electrical upgrades
 - Parking lot reconstruction
- Additional items such as shelving, cooling units, and shopping carts

We are pursuing community grants to help with the renovation costs, but still need your help! The total renovation costs are estimated at \$65,000. Your gifts will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 by an anonymous donor!

Please consider making a donation today. Gifts of any size are appreciated and will go directly toward renovation needs.

Donate Today

By Mail: The Bridge, P.O. Box 202, Sayre, PA 18840

Online: thevalleybridge.org

Please indicate that the donation is for the "VFP renovation."



Questions? 570-867-2628 or
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Bridging the gaps of life in the name of Jesus Christ.

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY

★ CALLING ALL FAMILIES & KIDS ★



Touch-a-Truck

Saturday, August 1, 2026

**Bradford County Airport
415 Airport Rd, Towanda, PA**

Fly in Pancake Breakfast from 8am-10am

**Prices for Breakfast (Adults: \$10, Kids
under 12: \$5 and kids under 5 are FREE)**

Food Truck & Vendors 8am-1pm

Music in the Hangar

A Day of Fun!!!



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CAMP CONNECTION



CAMP IN A BAG
A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

This summer, we're bringing Camp Connection to communities across Bradford and Sullivan Counties. Each child will receive a **FREE** Camp in a Bag filled with:

- ✓ Fun & Creative Activities
- ✓ Therapeutic Tools & Resources
- ✓ Child Abuse Prevention Education
- ✓ Mindfulness & Coping Skills

While supplies last, one bag per child, designed for children aged 6-12.



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER



SCAN TO FIND YOUR LOCATION

CAMP STOPS

JULY 28TH

ROME | 9AM

CANTON | 9AM

WYALUSING | 11:30

TROY | 11:30AM

SAYRE | 1PM

JULY 25TH
LAPORTE | 8:45AM

AUGUST 17TH
TOWANDA | 12 PM



**ONCE IN A LIFETIME
DRIVE THIS
MASERATI
IN THE DEMOLITION DERBY!**



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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
& DRUG TASK FORCE



WINNER GETS TO
DRIVE THE CAR IN THE DERBY
OR CAN DESIGNATE SOMEONE
ELSE TO DRIVE IT!

COMPETE IN THE BONE STOCK V8 HEAT



FRIDAY
JULY 31ST
AT 7:00 PM



TROY FAIRGROUNDS
ALPARON COMMUNITY PARK
TROY, PA



WINNER ANNOUNCED
THURSDAY,
JUNE 30TH



SCAN
TO ENTER!

TICKETS: ONLY \$10 EACH

- ✓ SCAN THE QR CODE TO BUY TICKETS!
- ✓ FOR JUST \$10, YOU COULD WIN THE CHANCE TO DRIVE THIS MASERATI!
- ✓ BUY AS MANY CHANCES AS YOU WANT!
- ✓ ALL RAFFLE PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.

DRIVER MUST MEET ALL DERBY PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND SIGN ANY REQUIRED WAIVERS.



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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE.**

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GLORY.**



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Jesus Feeds 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21)

Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



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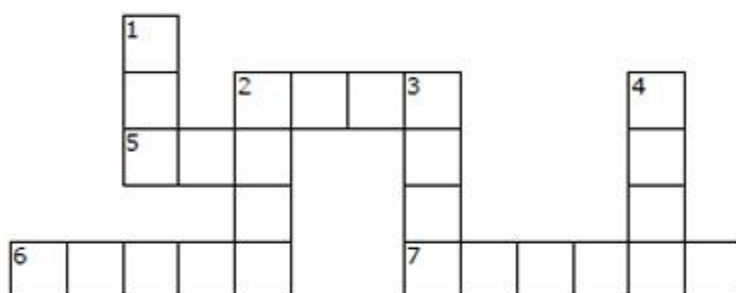
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JESUS
TOWNS

LOAVES
FISH
SICK
BOAT

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ACROSS

2. An animal without legs that lives in water
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked
7. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating

DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
3. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
4. The number that comes after four and before six

FIVE FISH	BREAD LOAVES	EAT FOOD	TWO HEAL
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