



The Lutheran

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Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal).

Sayre, PA 18840

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WORSHIP WITH US AT Redeemer THIS SUNDAY AT 10 AM

Joint Summer Worship

Continues **August 16** at the Church of the Redeemer at 10 a.m.

This Sunday, we welcome back Pastor Anne Canfield as Canon Melinda is away visiting St. James Drifton and St. Peter's Hazelton as part of her Diocesan duties.

Join us after worship on the 16th in the air-conditioned Parlor for cool refreshments and a light repast, lovingly hosted by Margaret Cole & Heather Romano!



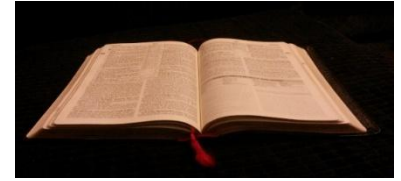
Thank You

As Pastor Melinda always says, "God knows our needs before we ask". One of Redeemer's two lawnmowers fell into disrepair last week. It is very old and the decision was made to replace it. We then learned that Scott Johnson was looking for a home for a lawnmower that he had. Thank you to Scott for this perfectly timed gift to our church. It is so appreciated.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reflection

Why do you think Jesus resisted the Canaanite woman's request? How does this fit with your idea of Jesus' mercy and love? What changed his mind? How does this influence your faith in God?



SCRIPTURE LESSONS	AUGUST 16	Serving in Worship for August 2
Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28		Worship Assistant: Rose Carpenter Greeter: Rose Carpenter Usher: Bruce Carpenter AV Operator: Nina Seebeck



August Birthdays & Anniversaries at St. John

Linda Noldy 8/14
Jennifer Joyce 8/17
Yvonne Mizener 8/19
Walter Hutz 8/26

Ryan & Jennifer McGee 8/13

August Birthdays & Anniversaries at Redeemer

Sofia Storelli 8/17
Elaine Ferris 8/28

Melinda Artman & Nina Seebeck 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.

Rummage SALE

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.



A colorful poster for a back-to-school event. At the top left, a blue circle with a white border contains the text "It's FREE!". To its right is the logo for "The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches", which features a stylized bridge with a cross on top. Further right are two orange and yellow autumn leaves. The main title "BACK TO SCHOOL" is in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline, and "at the Clothes Closet!" is in a smaller, orange, cursive font below it. On the left side, there is an illustration of a blue backpack with yellow straps, containing a spiral notebook, a blue folder, and two pencils. Next to the backpack is a blue and white sneaker. In the center, a dark blue rectangular box contains the event details: a calendar icon followed by "TUESDAY AUGUST 18", a clock icon followed by "6:30 - 8:30 PM", and the text "CLOTHING FOR EVERYONE! RACKS OUTSIDE & MORE!". To the right of this box is a circular badge with the text "EXTRA CLOTHING ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS!". Below the badge is a stack of folded clothes, including an orange hoodie, a yellow shirt, and blue jeans. At the bottom, a dark blue banner with white and yellow text reads "Come Shop. Find What You Need! Start the School Year with Confidence!". Below the banner, a line of text provides contact information: "For more information and or questions, please email clothescloset@thevalleybridge.org or call/text 570-867-2628".

It's FREE!

The Bridge
of the Penn-York Valley Churches

BACK TO SCHOOL
at the Clothes Closet!

TUESDAY
AUGUST 18

6:30 - 8:30 PM

CLOTHING FOR EVERYONE!
RACKS OUTSIDE & MORE!

EXTRA CLOTHING ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS!

North Waverly Chapel,
40 State Route 34,
Waverly, NY,
in a free standing building
behind the church.

Come Shop. Find What You Need!
Start the School Year with Confidence!

For more information and or questions, please email clothescloset@thevalleybridge.org or call/text 570-867-2628

Free Clothes at The Bridge's Back-to-School Event

On Tuesday, August 18, the Bridge's Clothes Closet will feature a special Back-to-School event from 6:30-8:30pm. The Clothes Closet is located at the North Waverly Chapel on Route 34 in Waverly. Please help spread the word! This is a great opportunity to shop for children and teen clothes in preparation for the new school year at NO COST!

EMBRACING AGING

Epiphany Roman Catholic Church and Valley United Presbyterian Church are working together again to feature local speakers as they teach us how we can appreciate and embrace aging.

A freewill offering will be collected to support Chow for Children. Chow, a ministry supported by both churches, provides weekend meals to families in Sayre-Athens Head Start.

MAY 20TH – AGING AND WELLNESS

Speaker: Andrew Wales

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

JUNE 17TH – COMING TO TERMS WITH AGING

Speaker: Nicole Mullen

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

JULY 22ND – UNDERSTANDING PALLIATIVE CARE

Speaker: Carli Yeager-Hall, PA

Location: Epiphany Parish Hall

AUGUST 19TH – MANAGING COGNITIVE DECLINE

Speaker: Katherine Lincoln, DO

Location: Valley United Fellowship Hall

Dinner and fellowship start at 5:45pm.

AGE IS SIMPLY THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE WORLD
HAS BEEN ENJOYING YOU!
-UNKNOWN

FAREWELL GODSPEED

Event



Farewell & Godspeed for Bishop Christopher deForest Saturday August 29 at 1:00pm

Location Update:
St Paul Lutheran Church
1185 Summer Hill Rd, Auburn, PA 17922

Join us as we gather in worship to give thanks for Bishop deForest's faithful leadership and ministry with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. Members of the synod, congregations, rostered ministers, and ministry partners are invited to celebrate his years of service, offer prayers and blessings as he begins his next chapter, and personally thank him during a reception following the service. A livestream of the worship service will be available. Please check the event webpage for the link.

**Space is limited, and registration is required for in person attendees.
The registration deadline is Thursday, August 20.**

As additional details become available, they will be posted at
godslove.org/farewell-godspeed/

Register

Share a Message of Gratitude

Whether you'll be attending the service or not, you're invited to share a note of thanks, a favorite memory, or a blessing for Bishop deForest as he concludes his ministry as Bishop of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

[Share Message](#)

Make a Gift in Honor of Bishop deForest



Those wishing to honor Bishop Christopher deForest are invited to make a gift to his charity of choice, the Haitian Timoun Foundation. Donations support HTF's work with children, families, and communities in Haiti.

[Donate Today](#)

Choice 102's Stuff The Bus is back!

Presented by **Meyer's RV**
and Marine Sales in Sayre

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The "Win" Here's Greatest Hits

Stuff The Bus
Donate new, unused, school supplies
for students in the

Collecting **NEW** school supplies for students in the
Waverly, Athens and Sayre School Districts.

BACKPACKS **NOTEBOOKS** *and more!*

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT:
209 Spring Street, Sayre
9-7 Monday-Thursday
9-5 Friday and Saturday

AUGUST 7TH - 21ST

LIVE MORNING SHOW **KICK-OFF BROADCAST** **WRAP-UP BROADCAST**
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**
7-9AM **7-9AM**

Thank you to our community partners!

Guthrie C&N BANK SAYRE ELKS AJ FREEDOM FINANCIAL CHAMBERS BUS SERVICE RADIAN MEDIA

The annual Choice 102 Stuff the Bus campaign kicked off on Friday at Meyer's RV and Marine in Sayre. The school supply drive, which is brought to you by Meyer's RV, Guthrie Clinic, C&N Bank, AJ Freedom Financial, the Sayre Elks, Chambers Bus Service and Choice 102, will run through Friday, August 21st. School supplies and monetary donations can be dropped off at Meyer's RV and Marine, located at 209 Spring Street in Sayre, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The school supplies will be distributed to the Athens, Sayre and Waverly school districts.



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Jesus has the power to heal people.

Crumbs from the Table

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



1. A _____ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have _____ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a _____.
4. The _____ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost _____ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to _____, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their _____."
8. "Even the dogs eat _____ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great _____.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus _____ her daughter.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

healed	crumbs	Canaanite	sheep	faith
dogs	plead	demon	disciples	mercy

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. An adult female human being
A. girl B. demon C. woman D. daughter
- ___ 2. A female child in relation to her parents
A. dog B. daughter C. demon D. woman
- ___ 3. To experience physical or mental pain
A. lost B. worry C. faith D. suffer
- ___ 4. An evil spirit
A. woman B. lost C. demon D. daughter
- ___ 5. The Son of God
A. Matthew B. Jesus C. Joseph D. James
- ___ 6. Unable to be found
A. sick B. suffer C. demon D. lost
- ___ 7. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
A. dogs B. cats C. frogs D. camels
- ___ 8. Small pieces of bread or cake
A. food B. crumbs C. crackers D. leftovers
- ___ 9. An very large amount of something
A. small B. great C. medium D. tiny
- ___ 10. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
A. help B. great C. cry D. faith