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The Lantern

...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of the life." John 8:12

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Greetings from the Pastor

A Changing World

For many centuries we lived in an agrarian society. It was a great while before we even discovered how to keep track of time, at least in minute detail. Seasons we could keep track of – a time to plant and a time to harvest. Today we have lost track of any rhythm, some might even say any rhyme or reason. Our lives become something of a repetitive and very draining experience. I miss the winter months in my first parish in farm country when the men would gather in one place or another to sit and talk, to tell stories, and to find joy in simple fellowship. I'm sure the women did the same in sewing or knitting groups, the main purpose of which was simply to spent time with one another.

In our busy world that is said to be so interconnected, I would venture to say we are much less interconnected than those farmers, who perhaps were much less interested in news from around the world than what was happening to one another in their tight knit little community. There everyone knew their neighbor, not simply as people they “friended” on the internet, but who lived within a ten mile circle that was their home.

Winter was a season of rest, summer a season of planting and cultivation looking forward to a fall harvest.

What are we cultivation this summer in our lives? If it is not real relationships with our neighbors, the real living people around us whose stories enrich our lives, how then can it be helping cultivate our relationship with God?

Pastor McKinley

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JULY SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
1ST	Karin Holldorf	TBD	Millie Martin	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer
8TH	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Roberta McGilvery	Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer
15TH	Todd Engle	TBD	Todd Engle	Roberta McGilvery & Millie Martin	Donna Palzer
22ND	Kris Calabro	TBD	Kris Calabro	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer
29TH	Terry Stahlhut	TBD	Sharon Rollier	TBD	Donna Palzer

BIRTHDAYS

2nd ~ James Horn
3rd ~ Karen Armstrong
5th ~ Kristie Grogan
15th ~ Jessica Kling
16th ~ Bud Gurley
20th ~ Janice Henry
21st ~ Cole McCaleb
22nd ~ Thomas Grogan
27th ~ Daniel Palzer
29th ~ Gus Martin



ANNIVERSARIES

5th ~ Todd & Annmarie Engle
8th ~ Phil & Janice Henry
8th ~ Gus & Millie Martin
15th ~ Robert & Kris Calabro

On JULY 1st
We will be singing a
trio of Patriotic
hymns at the end of
the Service.



AUGUST SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY ASSISTANTS	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
5TH	Kris Calabro	TBD	Kris Calabro	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer
12TH	Todd Engle	TBD	Todd Engle	Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer
19TH	Terry Stahlhut	TBD	Sharon Rollier	Roberta McGilvery & Millie Martin	Donna Palzer
26TH	Roberta McGilvery	TBD	Steven Lance	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer

BIRTHDAYS

1st ~ Tom Rigby
 9th ~ Jane Marcello
 10th ~ Terry Stahlhut
 12th ~ Ashley (Hepp) Markley
 16th ~ Hilde Speelman
 19th ~ Jonathan McCaleb
 20th ~ Jane Bifulco
 22nd ~ Cherylann Gerhard
 22nd ~ Rick Gerhard
 27th ~ Ashley Henry
 28th ~ Edie Gurley
 28th ~ Jim McLain



ANNIVERSARIES

14th ~ Joe & Eva LaBrozzi
 19th ~ Chris & Su Browne
 28th ~ David & Jackie Novatin



Secretary

From: New Jersey Synod, ELCA <communications@njsynod.org>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2018 12:22 PM
To: secretary@ilutheran.net
Subject: A letter from the Bishop



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God's work. Our hands.

June 18, 2018

Dear Church,

On Saturday night, my husband, daughter, and I went to Art All Night (AAN) in Trenton. As the name implies, this is a festival that lasts for 24 hours and features art of all kinds – painting, drawing, sculpture, music, dance, etc. We tend to go each year because we believe public art is essential to a healthy community. We go because we see and hear things we understand and love. We go because we see and hear things we don't understand at all but from which we learn. We go because the diverse community that gathers for AAN looks like the whole kingdom of God and it gives us hope to see a glimpse of it.

So, it was with a heavy heart I heard the news on Sunday morning of a shooting at AAN. As I write this, the details as to what happened are still unclear, but guns were drawn, shots were fired, people were killed and critically wounded, and fear reigned. The scene which only hours before had been one of joy and beauty, was now a “major crime scene”¹. After hearing this news, I headed to church feeling angry, helpless, and sad.

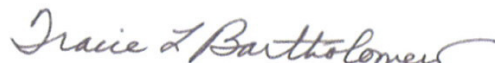
Those have been my emotions far too often in recent weeks – anger, helplessness, and sadness. I have felt them watching the news of our government tearing babies and children away from their parents at our Southern border and then listening to our Attorney General mis-quoting Scripture and using our sacred texts to support this heartless practice. It is antithetical to life as a disciple of Jesus Christ to perpetrate such evil. It only adds to the atrocity trying to justify it by using the very words of the one who bids us to love the stranger and welcome little children.

In worship on Sunday, I heard Pastor Daniel Eisenberg say, “we worship a mustard Messiah”. He went on to illustrate how Jesus shows up in unexpected places, getting into the cracks of life, much as a mustard weed grows in the cracks of a sidewalk or along a road or in places that seem impossible to sustain any kind of life. But our mustard Messiah brings life, even into the graveyard – even, and especially, into the

places of violence and fear, of separation and hopelessness, of anger and sadness.

I am holding on to these words of hope and I am calling on you to join me. Together, blessed by our mustard Messiah, we have been given the joy of new life so that we are not left in our anger or helplessness. We are strengthened for service in Jesus' name and sent into the world to share the extravagant love we have received. We work for peace and risk befriending those who differ from us. We step into places of violence and fear to bear witness to the one who is the prince of peace. We go beyond expectation and love our enemies. We advocate for just immigration policies and challenge policies that betray our core values. We seek to be truth-tellers and learn the facts about seeking asylum so we can assist those trying to find refuge in our country. We live out our calling to be ambassadors for hope so that joy returns, and we do, indeed, get a glimpse of the kingdom of God here on earth.

Working with you in hope,



Bishop Tracie L. Bartholomew

Below are resources from our church:

Lutheran Episcopal Advocacy Ministry, New Jersey (LEAMNJ) www.leadnj.org

AMMPARO – an initiative of the ELCA which works with unaccompanied minors crossing the border. www.elca.org/ammparo

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) www.lirs.org

Statement from Presiding Bishop Eaton on separating families at the border
www.elca.org/news

¹ As described in an NPR news report on Sunday afternoon.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE RE: CONFIRMATION!

A previous article stated that confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday 2019 with all possible students being informed. The program requires 2 years of consistent attendance. Therefore there will be four students who will be confirmed on **Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018**. Those students will be Joseph Kling, Logan McClain, Alexandria Zumpano, and Raeann Patterson. The students will be meeting with pastor in September to fulfill their last requirement.

Janice Henry



PASTORAL CARE VISITORS NEEDED

Recently we have lost a few Homebound Communion or Eucharistic Ministers due to relocation or illness. We would like to recruit and train a team of pastoral visitors by maintaining contact and visitation with our increasing homebound and institutionalize members. If you desire to serve in this ministry, please contact Pastor McKinley either after the church service or call him at: 201-281-6989

About Your Secretary

Hello everyone,

Some of you know me well, but I'm guessing most of you know little about me. I am a wife of 35 years, a mother of three wonderful daughters (all married now), and a Nana of 4 beautiful grandchildren ranging from 7 years old to the youngest who just turned one in June. Charlotte 7, Chase 5 (sister & brother), Julianne 5 1/2, and Francesca 1, named after her Pop Pop, Francesco.

Previously to working as your church secretary I worked as a teachers assistant at Immanuel Lutheran Nursery school. My children attended preschool there as well. It wasn't till after my children were all in school that I went back to work and when the position opened up at the nursery school, I applied. I worked at the school for 9 years. Then the position opened for the church secretary and have been here every since. That was July 23, 2007. This coming July will mark a total of 20 years between the school and the church. I enjoy my job here at the church, it is a perfect fit for my life style. Don't worry I'm not going anywhere, this is not a farewell letter. It's just me giving you a little history about myself. I can't believe it's been 20 years already. We still live in the same home that my husband built for our family and now my grandchildren get to come and see where their mommy's grew up.

Here's to however many more years the good Lord provides me with this position.

Just me, Roxanne Rossano



Introducing our new writer's corner!

We are adding to our newsletter a corner (or section) where we are all invited to share our faith experience with each other. This corner will only exist if you would like to submit, through email, your story. Our first article is from Jane McKinley, who so graciously came up this great idea for us all to get to know one another better. So sit back and relax and enjoy her story. Thank you Jane.

I grew up in the Episcopal Church; curious about God I went to Church willingly. However, church was in and out, Sunday dinner, and back to routine stuff. In all those years I couldn't tell you the names of anyone else who went. It was just me and God.

It wasn't until I married and read a book by the Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, that the AHA moment hit. I found out what had been missing in my life. It wasn't just about me and God, it was about me, God, and others.

My husband attended a Lutheran seminary in Ohio, and I would go out with him on Sunday supplies (along with our very big Golden Retriever, Salty). I started paying more attention to the people in the congregations. What a wonderful experience – fellowship was fun. A big help were the infamous Lutheran coffee hours. Jim and I would often be the last to leave because we so enjoyed meeting the people, and sharing faith experiences, not to mention the great goodies. (We always smuggled out a bagel for Salty).

Today, I can't talk and it's really hard to socialize. Great granddaughter to the rescue! I brought her to Sunday School for an arts and crafts project. I didn't need to talk, I just needed to appreciate and enjoy the work of the children and devoted Sunday School teacher. There was a real connection there.

Today I see people and families coming to church once a month or just on festival Sundays, then leaving immediately to go back to their routines, leaving a lot of uneaten cupcakes and unfulfilled possible friendships behind. So sad. My prayer for them is that someday they may find the joy of a full life – a real connections between God, themselves, and others.

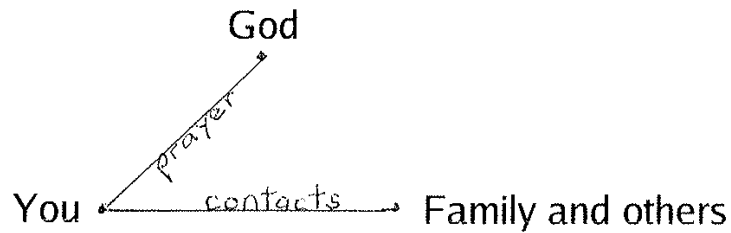
Respectfully submitted by,
Jane McKinley

**** On page 8 there is an additional "Something to think about" from Jane as well.*



Something to think about

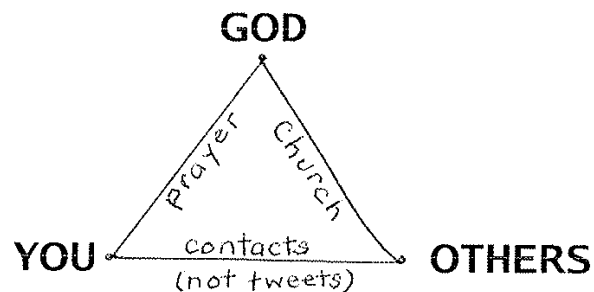
Think of life as a triangle. There's **YOU**, there's **FAMILY AND FRIENDS**, and there's **GOD**.



You say prayers to God. You see your family and others.
So what's missing? The three points are there but it's not a triangle.
What do you need to complete the triangle?

CHURCH

Church connects you to God and to family and others. That is the function of the Church to make that connection



to have a full life



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*for providing their outstanding and
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With Our Heartfelt Gratitude!

From the Pastors and Church Family

Pentecostal Church of God I.M., Betania

May 27, 2018

*Pastor Rodriguez
presenting a plaque to
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran
Church*

May 27, 2018

*They are moving to another
location, we wish them well
and God Bless.*

Food Pantry

UPDATE:

PROJECT HOMEWORK:

Even though the school year is winding down, PROJECT HOMEWORK is gearing up! We will begin collecting school supplies from **June 1st through August 31st**. These supplies will be distributed to the children of families who belong to our food pantry throughout **August**. We will gladly accept any school supplies, or if you prefer, we can do the shopping for you.

Thank you for your support of **PROJECT HOMEWORK!**
Any questions please see Scott Brown



THINKING AHEAD:

Christmas in July! Start looking for great or clearance deals for toys and games for our Christmas Gift give away for the food pantry clients!



Scott Brown



Pantry Hours & Dates

July 12th & 26th
10:00 AM to 12 noon

Pantry Hours & Dates

Aug. 9th & 23rd
10:00 AM to 12 noon

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