

When God was just about to rest after creating the heavens and the earth, Genesis tells us, “God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31, NIV)



This is the view out my office window today. The rhododendron are beautiful. If you come by the church, don't forget to come down the side of the building to see them!! The weather has been delightful and everything looks so alive and new. I invite you to take a moment to reflect on what beauty there is in your life, and on those things for which you are grateful. The beauty of creation, Life itself, the opportunity to serve God and others, these are some things I am grateful for this morning.

This summer, we are returning to life in a way that we haven't in over a year. By God's grace we have been resilient, and strong, and we have continued to move forward in hope through days and moments that were difficult. Today, there is so much to be grateful for. Beloved, I Pray for you a summer filled with blessings, and a heart filled with gratitude. God is good, all the time!

Your Sibling in Christ,

Pastor Deb

**SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**will resume June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.**

**Sunday morning services will continue at 9:30am**  
**through Labor Day**

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**LET'S GET TOGETHER**

Beginning **Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>** we will hold a social hour following the Sunday 9:30am worship services. This will take place in the courtyard (depending on nice weather). After not being able to be together for so long, this will give us a time to socialize with each other again. Coffee, individual juice, water and snacks will be available so we can be as contact free as possible for serving. After the first week we will be looking for volunteers to take care of this each week.



**SUMMER FUN**

**Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm**  
**Attention: Sunday School kids, teachers and their families.**

We have 'zoomed' long enough so join us here at the church for a time of light refreshments (hoagies, chips, drinks) and games (water balloons, Gaga pit, etc) and have a chance to be with each other in person!!

*Please call the church office 570-788-1572 or e-mail*  
*[clccony@ptd.net](mailto:clccony@ptd.net) to let us know if you will be attending so we can*  
*plan the food and games.*

## CURRENT EVENTS BIBLE STUDY

Our every other Wednesday evening Bible study will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month using *The Wired Word* material. We will meet here at the church at **6:30pm**. **June meetings are June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**. If you are not yet comfortable coming to the church, please let Pastor Deb or Cindy know and we will provide a Zoom connection.

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### PLEASE JOIN US!

*“Growing Young” Reading Group*

studying the six essential strategies that have helped congregations in “Growing Young and Vital”. Books are available in the church office.

**2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm**

**Next meeting 6/10/2021**

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### NEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Installation of our new Bishop Christopher deForest will take place at **3:00pm on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>**. The service will be livestreamed on the Synod website, [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) for everyone to participate. ELCA Presiding Bishop the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton will preach and preside.

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**RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE HERE ON JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9am-2:30pm. No walk-ins. Call 1-800-REDCROSS to register.**

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### GERANIUM CARE

The geraniums are planted and now we need to care for them. Please consider checking in to deadhead and water the plants as needed, and pull any weeds that may be there. The garden hose and watering can are by the side of the church.

## **FLOWER SPONSOR DATES**

Open dates for flower sponsors are: August 29, September 19, October 24 & 31, November 14. Please sign-up on the chart in the narthex or call the church office. Bulletin sponsor dates are available, too.

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**ARTICLES FOR THE JULY/AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER ARE DUE BY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
THIS IS A *TWO MONTH* NEWSLETTER AND THE LAST  
ONE BEFORE SEPTEMBER SO PLEASE PLAN AHEAD!!**

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## **STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE**

Our Stephen Ministry is beginning to take shape. Many thanks to those who made financial donations and offered prayers to help start up this wonderful ministry. The church enrollment fee has been paid which officially recognizes Christ Lutheran Church-Conyngham as a Stephen Ministry congregation. In May, Pastor Deb and Deb Jones began their training as Stephen Leaders. This is a 5 week, 25 hour Zoom training program which will guide us on how to run a meaningful Stephen Ministry program and develop the skills to train our Stephen Ministers, who are the heart of the program. The plan moving forward is to begin training Stephen Ministers in the fall. If you are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, contact Deb Jones at 570-233-7675 or [msjonesncc@gmail.com](mailto:msjonesncc@gmail.com) or Pastor Deb.

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## **LOOKING AHEAD TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>**

**Please mark the dates on your calendar.  
Watch for more info!  
Volunteers of all ages are needed.  
Registration Forms will be in the July/August Newsletter**

**GOD'S WORK-OUR HANDS DAY**  
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

Mark this date on your calendar as our church plans a day of service to fellow church members and/or community. We are currently brainstorming as to activities for the day, so any suggestions are welcome and appreciated. More information will be in the July/August newsletter.

**WORSHIP HELPERS - JUNE 2021**

**June 6**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister

Tom Toth

Reader

Tom Chegwidden

Ushers

Tom & Julie Chegwidden

**June 13**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister

Marty Kellow

Reader

Jo Cvammen

Ushers

Jo Cvammen & Addison Bobrowski

**June 20**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister

John Homa

Reader

Mary Topolski

Ushers

Archie & Beth Topolski

**June 27**

*9:30am service*

Asst. Minister

Cindy Thorne

Reader

Rosalie Wright

Ushers

Rusty & Linda Beishline

**Acolytes are needed. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve**

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

6/1 Sandy Houseknecht  
Helen Roth  
6/2 Paul Heckrote  
6/4 David Detweiler  
Roy Renninger  
6/6 Grace bernstein  
6/7 Samuel Heller  
Jeff Rockovich  
6/8 Jeremy Thorne  
6/9 Cynthia Pick  
6/10 Kelcey Prushinski  
6/11 Debbie Edwards  
Pat Hall  
6/12 Betty Anne Bernstein  
Ashley Marsicano  
6/13 Jo Cvammen  
6/14 Craig Dillman  
Joanne Getz  
Mary Lou Keck  
Max Mariano  
6/17 Kyle Steiner  
6/18 Patti Middleton  
6/22 Cameron Carsia  
Dylan Chegwidden  
Eli Chegwidden  
6/23 Linda Clyde  
6/24 Richard Bernstein  
6/25 Joseph Knoar  
6/26 Riley Ruch  
6/28 Carol Crawford  
Alex Yazwinsky

6/29 Linda Beishline  
Edna Kisenwether  
Nancy Lockwood

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

6/2 Ricky & Chrissy Walsk  
6/4 Charlie & Karen  
Lingenfelter  
6/7 Paul & Dorothy  
Heckrote  
6/10 Rick & Danielle  
Bernstein  
6/11 Larry & Cheryl  
Antolick  
6/12 Craig & Jan Dillman  
6/14 Bob & bPat Hall  
6/17 Sue & Tom Licurgoe  
Ken & Mabel Welsh  
6/24 Lew & Maura Dryfoos  
John & Kristy Welch  
6/25 Scott & Mary Landis  
6/25 Chris & Cheryl  
Krystopa  
6/27 Curtis & Cynthia Pick  
Tom & Cindy Thorne

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

**YOU MAY COME AND WORSHIP FROM THE PARKING LOT IN YOUR CAR -If listening in the parking lot, please tune radio to 90.1FM**

**Seating restrictions have been lifted (except balcony). Masks must be worn. Singing is allowed while wearing a mask**

## **WE ARE LIVE!**

FaceBook Live that is. Our Sunday morning 9:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘cleconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES**

### **Hazleton Area High School**

Steven Seier – will be attending Penn State University in the field of Nursing

### **MMI**

Louis DeAngelo – will be attending The Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University as an engineering major.

### **King's College**

Alyssa Oliver – Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology and Literature and is pursuing a career in the medical field

### **Stroudsburg High School/Monroe County Technical Institute**

Sydney Taylor – employed as a stylist at Great Clips in Bartonsville

### **University of Scranton**

Nolan Genasevich – Bachelor of Science in Business Management and is employed in the family business

*Information received as of May 26th*