

# THE mini EPISTLE

## July 2024 Highlights

**6/30 -- 7/7 New Beginnings Celebration**

**7/3 10AM - Daniel Bible Study**  
**12:00N - Hosting Share the Power**  
**12:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)**

**7/4 Happy Independence Day!**

**7/7 Pentecost 7 | NALC Celebration**

**8:30 & 10:45AM - Holy Communion**  
**9:45AM - Sunday School / Membership Class**  
**12:00N - NALC Celebration Potluck Luncheon**

**7/10 10AM - Daniel Bible Study**  
**12:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)**

**7/14 Pentecost 8 - 8:30 & 10:45AM Praise Service**  
**9:45AM - Sunday School / Membership Class**

**7/14 - 7/18 6:00-8:30PM - VBS *Scuba!***  
**7/18 7:00PM - VBS Closing Program**

**7/17 10AM - Daniel Bible Study**  
**12:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)**

**7/21 Pentecost 9 | VBS Celebration**  
**8:30 & 10:45AM - Holy Communion**  
**9:45AM - Sunday School / Membership Class**

**7/24 10AM - Daniel Bible Study**  
**12:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)**

**7/28 Pentecost 10 Service | New Member Reception**  
**8:30 & 10:45AM Praise Service**  
**9:45AM - Sunday School / Membership Class**

**7/31 10AM - Daniel Bible Study**  
**12:30PM Prayer Group (parlor)**

**Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church**



a congregation of the  
NORTH AMERICAN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH



Please join us in celebrating our new denominational affiliation with the **North American Lutheran Church** on **Sunday July 7th.**

**8:30 & 10:45 - Holy Communion Celebration**

**NALC Guest Preacher the Rev. Dr. Bruce Foster**

**9:45 - Congregational Forum**

**12:00N - Celebration Potluck Luncheon**

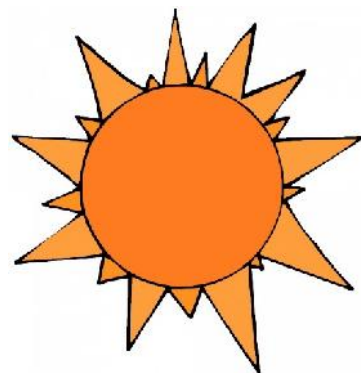
## **Summer Bible Studies**

**Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 AM**

Come hear about the **familiar** (the lion's den & the fiery furnace) and the **mysterious** (visions of beasts, predicting the kingdoms of the earth) as we delve into the book of

**Daniel: Faithful Discipleship in a Foreign Land**

Come as you are: no homework, just good conversation, fellowship and coffee!



## **JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Dawn Mickleson  
3 – Crissy Stokes / Sarah Barlow  
6 – John Fuesler  
9 – Kelsea Warren  
14 – Ed Tkacik / Jan Stryker  
16 – Alan Gilbert / Jonathan Miller  
19 – Berlina Trapp  
21 – Carole Franceski  
22 – Jeremiah Brown  
24 – Ron Ballek  
25 – Pastor David Brown  
26 – Bryan Himmelwright

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jason & Megan McKnight – 7/3/11  
Ken & Cindy Yoxheimer – 7/19/75  
Michael & Penny Miller – 7/20/96  
Brian & Michelle Yeakel – 7/25/98

### **HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY**

Orlo Hulock 7/3/29 -- 12/16/23  
Jennifer Hero 7/7/48 -- 6/17/24

**God Bless Your Special Day!**

***Thank You!*** to all who participated in the  
**BRIGHTHOPE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

# Looking for Oceans of Fun?

Make a **SPLASH** this summer at



**VBS 2024**

**July 14-19**

Offering tracks for both  
kids and adults.



**6:00-8:30 PM**

We hope to  
"sea" you here!

Registration form is on the back page of this newsletter, or pick up one in the Gathering Place at Holy Cross.



## Our VBS Mission Project:

We will be filling backpacks with school supplies to send to disadvantaged elementary-aged children. Do you have extra new school supplies to share with children less fortunate than you? Please drop them off at the bus stop in the hall. We need:

**pencils**  
**notebooks**

**pencil sharpeners**  
**glue sticks**  
**rulers**

**crayons**  
**colored pencils**  
**erasers**

*You're invited to participate in the*

# **Lehigh Valley Bible Reading Marathon**

**August 2-11, 2024 from 12 Noon till 9 PM each day**

**(Coincides with Musikfest, rain or shine)**

**We will publicly read the Bible from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22**

**Where: Johnston Park in Bethlehem, Pa. 18018**

*Johnston Park is located directly behind Moravian House (737 Main St.) in Bethlehem*

- 15-minute reading periods, starting where the previous reader ended.
- You may select more than one 15-minute reading period.
- **Read only:** 66 books of the Bible, no commentary, no preaching.
- Help with reading, or set up, or tear down, or hospitality table or all.
- Be respectful, reverent, modest, joyful, and a good example.
- Register at [SignUp Genius.com](https://www.signupgenius.com)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ADAF29AAFCC07-47180224-lvbible>

Questions? Call Mike O'Hare 484-894-6973 or email [mikeohare316@gmail.com](mailto:mikeohare316@gmail.com)

Psalm 138:2, Proverbs 1: 20-21, Isaiah 55:11, Jeremiah 23:29, 1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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## **Council Actions, June 2024**

Our NALC Celebration Week will be held from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council approved the repair of the enunciator.

A thank you note was sent to the Swenson estate for the donation. 10% will be allocated to Benevolence; 90% to the Current Fund.

No checks will be cut during the week of VBS.

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**WE'VE MOVED!** Please update the address for

**Shirley & Bob Stuber  
1925 W Turner St #315  
Allentown PA 18104  
610-794-4155**

Free Event For Everyone!



**Proud to be a part of**

**AUGUST  
6th 2024**



**FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE!**



**Hanover Township**

**Community Center**

**3660 Jacksonville RD Bethlehem PA 18017**



**Come out for an evening of community fun & activities.  
Music, games, food trucks, local businesses, laws enforcement,  
& other emergency responders on hand with various demonstrations.**

**Come stop by and say "Hello!" at Holy Cross' table!**

## ***A Police Officer's Prayer***

Lord, I ask for **courage** ~ **courage** to face and conquer my own fears ...  
**courage** to take me where others will not go.

I ask **strength** ~ **strength** of body to protect others, and **strength** of  
spirit to lead others.

I ask for **dedication** ~ **dedication** to my job, to do it well, **dedication** to  
my community, to keep it safe.

Give me, Lord, **concern** for those who trust me, and **compassion** for  
those who need me.

And please, Lord, through it all, **be at my side.**

*By Author Unknown*

Holy Cross is going to see the premier showing of



at Sight and Sound in Lancaster

**Thursday, August 8, 2024**

*followed by a smorgasbord dinner at the newly rebuilt Hershey Farms*

**Adults: \$167.00**

**Children 12 and under: \$110.00**

**Final payment due IMMEDIATELY**

Price includes bus fare, show and dinner. You may submit payments in marked envelopes. See Ruthann Kistler or call/text 610-217-0397

**Game Night!**

**Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

Fun for the whole family!  
Invite your friends and neighbors.  
Holy Cross Adult Classroom



**Did you hear? Chicken Feet is back!**

# JULY 2024 SERVANTS OF THE LORD

		7/7 7 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST	7/14 8 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST	7/21 9 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after PENTECOST	7/28 10 <sup>TH</sup> Sun. after PENTECOST
<b>Communion Servers</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands		Mike Zyskowski Lyn Stryker	
<b>Communion Visitors</b>		Pastor David Sharon Branigan			
<b>Grass Cutters</b>		Gary Mosser Jim Steiner	Mike Miller Nick Wechsler	Tom Barlow, Larry Wonderly Melissa Yalch	Rich Stein, Jonathan Miller
<b>Greeter</b>	8:30 10:45	Adam Barlow Irene Graham	Sarah Barlow Sharon Branigan	Diane Hahn Irene Graham	Sally Stein Sharon Branigan
<b>Lector</b>	8:30 10:45	Lauri Barlow Marianne Sands	Jim Femister Kathy Ballek	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker	Don Frankenfield Lyn Stryker
<b>Liturgist</b>	8:30 10:45	Patty Stein Marianne Sands	Seth Miller Lyn Stryker	Mike Zyskowski Lyn Stryker	Pat Gilbert Lyn Stryker
<b>Live Stream</b>	8:30	Jan Stryker	Mike Zyskowski	Jan Stryker	Jan Stryker
<b>Prayer Care</b>		Sharon Branigan	Ruthann Kistler	Pat Gilbert	Darlene Treisner
<b>Sexton</b>		<b><i>VOL. NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>VOL. NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>VOL. NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>VOL. NEEDED</i></b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	8:30	Nancy Cook	Pastor David	Bella Zyskowski	Pastor David
<b>Sound</b>	8:30 10:45	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer	Josh Miller Ken Yoxheimer
<b>Usher</b>	8:30 10:45	Jan Stryker Irene Graham		Jan Stryker Irene Graham	
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Jan Stryker + <b><i>VOL. NEEDED</i></b> <b>Counters:</b> Karen Brown, Jan Stryker <b>Phonetree:</b> Jim Femister			<b>Children's Church:</b> Ruthann Kistler <b>Prayer of the Church:</b> Mike Zyskowski		

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**Website: [HolyCrossBethlehem.com](http://HolyCrossBethlehem.com) OR [HolyCrossBethlehem.life](http://HolyCrossBethlehem.life)**

## Save the Date 2024

**August 6 – National Night Out**

**August 8 – Sight & Sound Trip (Daniel)**

**August 16 – Game Night**

**August 25 – Backpack Blessing**

**September 8 – Sunday School**

**Kick-Off**

**September 15 – Church Picnic**

**September 29 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch**

# JULY 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>New Beginnings Celebration Week &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		7PM Property	10AM Bible Study 12N Share the Power 12:30PM Prayer Group  7PM P&GI (Choir/Youth) 7:30PM AA (TR)	12N AA (TR)  <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY: HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup>!</b>	10AM Bulletins  5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>7 PENTECOST 7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
8:30AM Holy Communion 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Holy Communion 12N NALC Celebration Potluck Luncheon 12:30PM P&GI-(SANCT)			10AM Bible Study 12:30PM Prayer Group 2PM Outreach  6:30PM Col. Quilters (FH) 7PM P&GI (Choir/Youth) 7:30PM AA (TR)	12N AA (TR)  6PM Worship & Music	10AM Bulletins  5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	9AM--3PM Material Girls (ASSR)  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>14 PENTECOST 8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Praise Service 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT)  <b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b>	mini-Epistle deadline  <b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b>	<b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b>	10AM Bible Study  12:30PM Prayer Group  <b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b> 7:30PM AA (TR)	12N AA (TR)  <b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b>	10AM Bulletins  <b>VBS 6-8:30PM</b> 7PM VBS Closing Program	8:30AM Men's Breakfast  7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>21 PENTECOST 9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
8:30AM Holy Communion 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Holy Communion 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT)	7PM Dart League Meeting (ASSR)		10AM Bible Study 12:30PM Prayer Group 6:30PM Church Council 7PM P&GI (Choir/Youth) 7:30PM AA (TR)	12N AA (TR)  6:15PM Staff Meeting	10AM Bulletin  5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	7:30PM AA (TR)
<b>28 PENTECOST 10</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>8/3</b>
8:30AM Praise Service 9:45AM Sunday School/ Membership Class 10:45AM Praise Service 12:30PM P&GI (SANCT)		6PM Finance / Stewardship Meeting	10AM Bible Study 12:30PM Prayer Group  7PM P&GI (Choir/Youth) 7:30PM AA (TR)	12N AA (TR)  6PM Worship & Music	10AM Bulletins  5:30PM P&GI (Worship Prac)	7:30PM AA (TR)

## THE mini EPISTLE







# VBS 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name	Last Grade	Age	Birthday	M/F
1.				
2.				
3.				

Name of parent(s)/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Permission to use child's image only (no names) on church social media (facebook,

website...)  YES  NO

Primary phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact (if primary contact cannot be reached):

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_