

the Messenger

Lutheran
Church
of



June 2022 - Pentecost



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In accordance with CDC guidelines, MASKS are now **RECOMMENDED**.

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Today is the culmination of our year-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of God's Love. The humble beginnings of our congregation go back as far as the late 1960s with the formation of the Lutheran Mission in Newtown. The congregation began worshipping in July 1970 at the Council Rock Youth and Community Center under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Edward McHale. **The congregation was formally chartered as Lutheran Church of God's Love in March 1971, making 2021 our 50th anniversary.**



Though our celebration plans were tempered and delayed by the pandemic, we marked the milestone with several major congregational initiatives throughout the past year.

- We observed Charter Sunday in March 2021 with an online worship, greeting and "virtual coffee hour" with Bishop Patricia Davenport.
- We celebrated our commitment to outreach with the construction and dedication of the Good Neighbor Garden and the beginning of CAN2—our *second* container conversion project.
- We strengthened our connection to the community by hosting a Fall Festival in September (with an estimated attendance of over 500!) and a 5-part Community Concert series in support of local performing arts organizations.
- We successfully completed a campaign to eliminate our building debt which we will celebrate with a mortgage burning after worship.
- And at long last, we will gather as an extended church family to celebrate with a banquet luncheon later today.

We are pleased to welcome one and all to today's festival worship. As we observe the Day of Pentecost, we offer thanks for the Holy Spirit's presence among and through us these past 50 years as the Lutheran Church of God's Love, and we ask God's continued guidance and grace for the years to come.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 5

- **9:30am:** Pentecost Festival Worship at God's Love
- **10:25am (approx):** Mortgage Burning Ceremony in the Prayer Garden
- **11:00am:** Banquet Luncheon and Celebration at Spring Mill Manor

The Café at God's Love

Enjoy some coffee and conversation between worship services. A free-will offering is welcome.

We are scheduled to be open June 12, 19 and 26 *if help is available. Baristas are needed!* [SIGN UP HERE](#)



To provide baked goods, [sign up in the café](#).

Questions? Contact **Kathy MacDonald**.

Sunday, June 12 • 10:00am

Join Pastor Dan to learn more about joining the congregation here at God's Love.



If you are interested, please contact the church office.



Vicar Brandi's Ordination and Installation Sat, Sept 17 • 10:00am • at God's Love

Bishop Patricia Davenport will preside over this joyous occasion in the life of our congregation. A brunch reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. **Save the date!**

Crossing the River: Women's Retreat Saturday, June 11 • 10:00am – 3:00pm

A few spots remain for this event at the "House Next Door" retreat center in Princeton Junction. Register at [THIS LINK](#) today or contact Vicar Brandi.





Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Graduate School and College Graduates!

Do you have a graduate in your family? Contact the church office with the information for publication in a future Messenger.



Julia Lauren Roth graduated from La Salle University on May 14 with a master of science degree in Speech Language Pathology. She is presently pursuing a career in Pediatric Speech Language Development.



Anna Sassaman graduated, summa cum laude, from Bloomsburg University on May 15 with a BA in Political Science. She will be working for State Senator Steve Santarsiero's re-election campaign while applying to doctoral programs.



Elena Sassaman-Amato graduated from Rutgers Law School, Camden on May 18 with a Juris Doctor degree. She is studying for the Delaware Bar Exam and will be clerking for the President Judge of the Delaware Supreme Court.



Miraina Wilkins graduated from Holy Family University on May 21 after completing her degree in the fall of 2021. She earned a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in Nursing. She is working as a Registered Nurse in the Jefferson Health System.



Michael A. (Tre) Ranniello, III graduated from the University of Tampa on May 7 with a bachelor's degree in Business/Entrepreneurship.

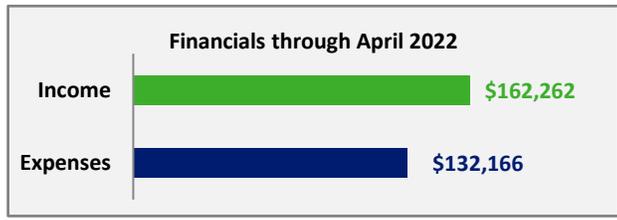


Emily Eastburn graduated from University of Pennsylvania on May 13 with a master's degree in BioEngineering.



Abby Nordenholt graduated from Penn State on May 10 with a BS in Health Policy and Administration and a minor in Human Development and Family Studies. She is working at Erickson Senior Living and will begin studies for a master's degree in Publishing at Rosemont College this summer.

Scripture Readings for June 12	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 <i>Wisdom rejoices in creation</i>	Romans 5:1-5 <i>God's love through the Holy Spirit</i>	John 16:12-15 <i>The Spirit will guide you</i>
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Pastor Dan has updated the *Ministry Resource Table* for the month of June. Stop by and peruse the latest collection of on-loan resources: excellent sermons that make for edifying devotional reading. They come from preachers representing a variety of Christian traditions and denominations. Welcome.



God's Caring Stitchers

Fridays: June 3, July 15, August 19
1:00pm – 3:00pm • Room A1/A2

In the summer, our group meets once a month. All are welcome to join us. We continue to create afghans, lap robes, baby blankets, prayer shawls, and more to give to our neighbors in need. We are working towards a blanket blessing in time for the holidays.



Questions? Contact **Cindy Sundstrom**.

HOPE (Help Other People Eat) • JULY

Did you know that for more than 2 years now, 7 days a week, 365 days a year God's Love and our community partners feed approximately 20 – 30 people who are homeless in Bristol? Well, hunger *does not* take a vacation in the summer.



Use [THIS LINK](#) to provide a hot meal on Sunday or to donate items for the Wednesday bagged lunches. Also, feel free to deliver the meals, it is a rewarding experience. Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** ♥.

Questions? **Sandy Anthony**.



All the signups in this edition of the Messenger are in one convenient place on the church website. Visit GodsLoveNewtown.org/signups

to sign up for any (or all) of the following, or sign up online right after church at the **SignUp Hub** in the Commons.

- CAN2 Work Crews
- Café Baristas
- Altar Flower Dedications
- Worship Volunteers
- Meal Donations
- Good Neighbor Garden
- David Road Trip

New signups are added as they arise, so check back frequently!

June's Highlighted Collection Laundry Supplies

One of the biggest challenges for folks who are homeless centers around clothing. They cannot afford new clothes or cannot get to stores, and they have no way to clean and dry the clothes they have. Unfortunately, once the clothes get dirty or wet they are often just tossed away creating a lot of waste and a negative environmental impact. For more than two years now we have been providing clothing and other necessities for our friends who are homeless in Bristol though our HOPE program. A plan is in the works to provide opportunities and resources needed for them to wash their clothes at a local laundromat—providing dignity and reducing waste.



For the month of June, we will be collecting laundry detergent "**pods**" (no liquid or powder please) and dryer sheets. Place donations in the **Lobby of Love** ♥ by **June 30**.



If we are unable to start this initiative through HOPE, the laundry supplies will be donated to local food pantries. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.



Good Neighbor Garden

Veggies are popping up all over the Good Neighbor Garden!

There are lots of opportunities to help with weeding (now) and harvesting (later this summer). Use the **SignUp Hub** or [THIS LINK](#) to sign-up for a week that's convenient for you.

All produce harvested from the garden will go to people in need. **Questions?** Contact **Sandy Anthony**.

From ELCA World Hunger: *Thank you for your gift of \$950. Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.*



Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster • Saturday, October 8 • 11:00am

We have reserved a group of tickets for the 11:00am performance of "**David**". The cost is **\$84.55 per adult; \$39 for children 3 – 12** and free for children under 3 (on lap). To signup [SIGNUP HERE](#).



And just like that, another schoolyear has come to a close. We finished the year with Mother's Day Teas, Field Day, planting seedlings in the Good Neighbor Garden, and releasing our butterflies. It is difficult to say good-bye to the children moving on to kindergarten, but we know they are ready! We are looking forward to our Summer Fun Camp the weeks of June 6th and 13th with lots of messy, fun activities to enjoy. We will miss Mrs. Balmer, who will be moving back to Texas next year. But we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Hinderberger will move into a teaching role.

As I reflect upon the church's 50th Anniversary, I feel blessed to be a part of this extraordinary community. The preschool has flourished because of the guidance, support, prayers, dedication, and cooperation of the Preschool Board, the congregation, pastors, teachers, and parents. I pray that the next 50 years will bring peace and joy to all at Lutheran Church of God's Love. ~ Nikki Hendricks, Preschool Director

CAN2 Update

Ceiling framing is complete and the plumbing lines have been installed. Next up is electrical wiring (with a huge thank you to Armour Electric) and painting. Sign up for a volunteer work crew in the [SignUp Hub](#) or at [THIS LINK](#).

Many thanks to the **Ludwig family** for donating a vanity sink for one of the CAN2 exam rooms! We are still looking for two more small vanities (new or gently used, and they do not have to match). Eventually we will install two medical exam tables and a dental exam chair. If you know of a medical office that is downsizing, upgrading, moving, closing, etc., please ask if they are willing to donate this equipment. Monetary donations are still needed as well. Visit godslovenewtown.org/CAN2 for more information. **Together we CAN2 make a difference!**



JUNE 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"Kindness and consideration of somebody besides yourself... keeps you feeling young." —Betty White			1 Bell Choir 6:30p Adult Choir 7p	2 Rejoice! 7:30p	3 Knit & Crochet 1p	4 Property Work 9a CAN2 Work 9a Scout Car Wash 10a—2p
5 Pentecost and 50th Anniversary Celebration ONE Worship 9:30a Banquet at Spring Mill Manor 11a	6 Counters 9:30a Boy Scouts 7p	7	8	9 COVID Team 7p	10 Women's Retreat in NJ 10-3pm	11 CAN2 Work 9a Quilters 10a—3p
12 Worship 8:45a & 11a Café 10a New Member Orientation Class w/Pastors 10a	13 Counters 9:30a TLC Meeting 11a Men's Bible Study 7p Boy Scouts 7p	14 Flag Day 	15	16 Church Council 7p	17	18 CAN2 Work 9a
19 Father's Day New Members Join Worship 8:45a & 11a Café 10a 	20 Counters 9:30a Boy Scouts 7p	21 Mutual Min 7:30p	22	23	24	25 CAN2 Work 9a
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