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WORSHIP:

In-Sanctuary Worship on Sundays at **10:00 a.m.**

MINISTERS:

ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

PARISH SECRETARY:

Korinne Hotzman, (610) 790-7195 (cell)
Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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MUSIC DIRECTOR:

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COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael Braucher, President
Richard Gruber, Vice President
Theresa Shurr, Secretary
Pat Yocum, Financial Secretary
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Matthew Kasisky
Linda Lash
Dianne Leininger
Erin Readinger

BUILDING PRINCIPLES:

- Devotion to Jesus as Lord and Savior
- Compassionate Sharing and Community Service
- Persistent Faithfulness
- Courageous Witness
- Flexible Leadership

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

God's purpose for our congregation is to:

Learn God's mission

Share God's love

Witness through Word and Service

Welcome all to a fellowship of forgiveness and thankful praise

BERN BUGLE NEWSLETTER SPONSOR

The *Bern Bugle* for this month is given to the Glory of God in celebration and hope for a great school year by the Schuler family.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, July 18th:

- A special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14, to discuss the sink hole/water retention remediation.
- The subscription to "Living Lutheran" magazine was renewed (see article on page 2).

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING will be on August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the August *Bern Bugle* are due by **Tuesday, August 16th.**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following our worship service on **Sunday, August 14**, we will be having a Special Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on the remediation of the sink hole and water retention issues.

PASTOR JOYCE SEIP

With Pastor Seip being in the hospital recently and dealing with health issues, we would like to let her know we are thinking about her and wishing her well. If you would like to send her a card, you can send it to her home address at 7 Rosemont Avenue, Reading, PA 19607. As a congregation, a summery flower arrangement with sunflowers and other garden flowers was delivered to her on Friday, July 22.

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to those members who assisted at the Schuylkill Valley Food Pantry distribution on Saturday, July 16th.

AUGUST SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of Altar Flower sponsors for August 14 and 28 and Bulletin sponsors for August 14, 21, and 28. Thank you to all you signed up!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – August 2

The Bern Township Police Department invites you to join them for “National Night Out,” a community event, on **Tuesday, August 2, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** at the Bern Pool, 1020 Rebers Bridge Road. Music, food, emergency vehicles, face painting, dunk tank, fireworks, K9s, drones, swimming, and more! Stop by for lots of fun!

CELLPHONE WORKSHOP – August 14th

Are you intimidated by your cell phone? Do you suspect there are benefits of this technology that you are not accessing? Do you seek help from your children or grands to help you and still do not know what to do? Not to worry. Bring your mobile/cell phone and questions on Sunday, August 14th to learn ways to safely navigate this popular and nearly essential technology in a secure and fun way. Pastor Gary Rarick’s wife, Brea, has agreed to share her knowledge with us to help us “Navigate the Cell Phone World.” No registration is required; just bring your phone and questions. We will be meeting at Epler’s UCC in the lower level Social Hall after the church service. The workshop will be held from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Beverages will be provided. If you need further assistance, contact 484-709-5604 or email lahammond24@gmail.com.



PEACH FESTIVAL

We are invited to join Epler’s UCC, 1151 West Leesport Road, for their annual Peach Festival on **Saturday, August 20, from 3:00-7:00 p.m.** Performance by “Sweet Life Music” from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Basket Raffle at 6:00 p.m. Food all day! Held rain or shine. For more information, please check out Epler’s website at www.eplerschurch.org or their Facebook page.

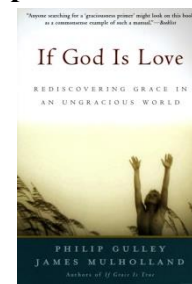


HAT SUNDAY

Attention ladies (and gentlemen)! **Sunday, August 21**, is Hat Sunday. So put on your best chapeau and join us for church (gloves and parasols are optional).

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Mark your calendars! Beginning **Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in Epler’s Church fellowship hall**, Pastor Gary Rarick will be leading a book discussion on “If God Is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World” by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. All are welcome to attend. If you do not have a copy of the book, please contact Pastor Gary and one can be purchased for you. They just ask that you reimburse the church. Even if you are not an avid reader, the book is a quick read and we will plan to discuss about one chapter per week. The discussion will last between 1 and 1½ hours. Depending on the interest in the discussion group, we may begin an evening group in the spring of 2023. Please email Pastor Gary at pastorrrarick@gmail.com if you intend to participate or contact Korinne at Bern Church.



“LIVING LUTHERAN” MAGAZINE

Were you aware that we receive a copy, four actually, of the “Living Lutheran” magazine. Are you interested in reading about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and matters of faith? Are you interested in what is working in other congregations? The ELCA, a diverse church of over 3.5 million members and 9300 congregations, publishes the “Living Lutheran” magazine that features stories and commentary about your fellow Lutherans, resources to help you deepen your faith, monthly reflections from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and coverage of religious news and events. It even includes crossword puzzles, book reviews and the Light Side-humorous bits to make your day. Copies of the magazine are available in the hallway for you to take home and read.

GLOSSY MAGAZINE RECYCLING PROGRAM for Ronald McDonald House

We continue to collect glossy magazines. You will find a black bin under the coat racks to place your magazines. Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc. processes the recycled magazines and sells them to a paper mill who turns the discarded paper into new magazine paper. A portion of the proceeds from each ton of paper collected goes directly to the Ronald McDonald House.





Please remember our homebound members this summer with a card or phone call.

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If you or anyone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or would consider visiting anyone of our homebound members, please contact Korinne in the church office by phone or email.

“My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust”: I thank you for the assurance that whenever I call on you, you will answer. – Psalm 91:2

ALTAR FLOWER, BULLETIN, AND NEWSLETTER SPONSORSHIPS

You can sponsor Altar Flowers for \$35.00/week, Bulletins for \$20.00/week, or our monthly Newsletter for \$40.00/month. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway with your name and dedication next to the date(s) you want to sponsor. Thank you!

If you wish to sponsor Altar Flowers, but don't want to pay the cost for both vases, you can split the cost with another member. Each vase would cost \$17.50 and each sponsor could still include a dedication in the bulletin.

Altar Flower sponsors for August:

August 7 – Bob and Tina Hissinger
August 14 – *sponsor needed*
August 21 – Phil and JoAnn Ketz
August 28 – Donna Marks

Bulletin sponsors for August:

August 7 – Caroline Eichner
August 14 – *sponsor needed*
August 21 – *sponsor needed*
August 28 – *sponsor needed*

Church Openers for August:

August 7 – Terri Shurr
August 14 – Pat Yocum
August 21 – Rick Gruber
August 28 – Chris Becker

Church Greeters for August:

August 7 – Barbara Auchenbach
August 14 – Nancy Malandra
August 21 – Barbara Auchenbach
August 28 – Nancy Malandra

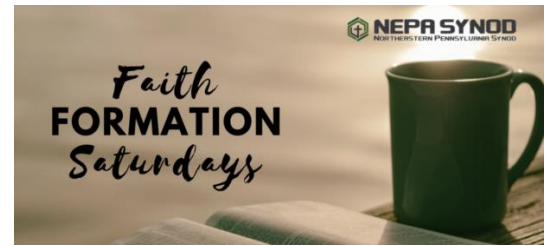
Lectors for August:

August 7 – Brenda Reichart
August 14 – Donna Marks
August 21 – Richard Gruber
August 28 – Kate Schuler

Supply Pastor Schedule:

August 7 – Charlotte Gross, Mission Interpreter
August 14 – Pastor Kenneth Gould
August 21 – Pastor Kenneth Gould
August 28 – Pastor David Kistler

It's summer, Creator God. Nourish growth in my heart as you do crops in fields and produce in gardens this time of year. Amen.



MEMBERS:

Michael Leh, Barbara Speicher, Tim Moyer, Jane Schaeffer, Myra Bernhart, Bob Frey, and Ruth Keeney

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Judy Claycomb, Marcia Stoudt, Jerry Martin, Peter and wife, Bill and Joan Carpenter, Arthur W. Zimmerman, Natalie, Linda M., Charles Trophe, Michael and Troy, Bob Stoner, Ashley, Philip Triantis, Mike, Peggy Deemer, Joe and Karen Young, Ryder Knechtle and family, Brian, Jamie Hey, Glenn Jones, Kailey, Renee Fullmer, Patrick, Susan, Owen Hey, Joyce, Rev. Fred Foerster, Brenda Frey, and Lesley Wegman

LOOKING UP

World-renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (1942-2018) stated: "Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious." His sentiment is especially fitting for August, when many people try to count the falling stars of the Perseid meteor shower. According to NASA, the evenings of August 12 and 13 will be a great opportunity for skywatchers to catch the show.

As a self-proclaimed atheist, Hawking relied on science to answer "what makes the universe exist." Yet many Christians believe that while science shows how things happen or were created, our faith tells who made them so.

Deuteronomy 4:19 (NIV) declares: "And when you look up to the sky and see ... the heavenly array — do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven." We can be grateful for the work of scientists and the wonders their study reveals, but instead of "bowing down" to nature, we worship its Creator and Ruler — the Lord of heaven and earth.



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THE FAMILY TREE OF CHRISTIANITY – Saturday, August 13, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. (online)

Non-Christians are sometimes confused by the wide variety of Christian denominations. Catholics don't always realize that all Protestants are not the same. In this workshop we will give an overview of the different "branches" of the Christian "tree," connecting them to their historical roots and comparing some of their main differences in theological emphases and worship practices.

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Roger E. Timm is a retired ELCA pastor. He received a M.Div. degree from Concordia Seminary and an M.A. in philosophy from Washington University, both in St. Louis, and a Ph.D. in religious studies in a joint program with Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University in New York. Ordained in April 1971, Roger has served in both parishes and campus ministry settings. During the 1980's, Timm was assistant chaplain and assistant professor of religion at Muhlenberg College. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Emmaus in 2013 and since 2019 live in the Luther Crest Retirement Community. Since 2013 he has served on the Faith Formation Resources Ministry Team and has led several Learning Ministry Day workshops and two previous Faith Formation Saturdays presentations.

To register, click the link below or contact Laurie Christman at the synod office at 610-266-5101:

[REGISTER HERE](#)





Financial scams targeting seniors can be devastating and can leave them in a very vulnerable position with little time to recoup their losses. Older adults lose more than \$3 billion each year to financial scams. Financial scams often go unreported or can be difficult to prosecute, so they're considered a low-risk crime. Learn how to identify and stop the top 10 financial scams so you can protect yourself and your loved ones from financial fraud. Here are the scams, listed in descending order:

10. Tech Repair

If you get a note on your computer that something needs to be fixed, along with a link to fix it, don't click the link. "Verify before you comply."

9. Sweetheart Swindle ("Catphishing")

You meet someone on social media, find out you have so much in common, "fall in love," and they lure you into a private chat, so your friends and family can't warn you. Next, they offer to meet, but, oh, by the way, they need funds for a need or to travel, etc. You got it. It's fake and eventually you have a broken heart.

8. Investment

"Have I got a deal for you!" If it's too good to be true. . . . – Those using this scam infiltrate organizations, get to know folks personally, then whisper the news about an investment they aren't going to tell anyone else about. It's called "affinity fraud."

7. Front Door Fraud

Someone official looking might say there is an emergency and need entrance to your house. Verify before you comply. Call 911. That operator will know whether there is an emergency. Also, did you know that many townships require a permit for any solicitations?

6. Online Shopping Sites

If they ask you to hit a link, don't. There are also fake delivery notifications going around. Don't click the link. Check your original orders to see whether there is a problem.

5. Charities

Check whether they are legitimate through:

- a) Dept of State Bureau of Charities
- b) Contacting the real charity for get last year's report.

Did you know the average commission telephone solicitors get is 75-85%?

4. Government or Banking Impersonator

The IRS will never call you. They must send 3 official letters before taking any action against you. Banks have similar policies. Never give out any personal info over the phone. Also, your mother's maiden name is no longer a good security question. That can be found on things like Ancestry.com.

3. Health Care

These scammers can find info. about one of your prescriptions by going through the trash at your house or outside a pharmacy. They call and say there was a computer problem, reference one of the meds you are taking, and ask for personal info to update their "system." Never throw out a pill bottle with your info on the outside. Also, hold on to the bag, etc. the pharmacy gives you until you can shred it at home.

2. Sweepstakes

First of all, you have to play to win. Second, legitimate sweepstakes like Publishers' Clearinghouse and Readers' Digest do, literally send someone to the house or send a notification of winnings by overnight express package.

Drum roll...

1. The Grandparent Scam

The call out of the blue: "Grandma, I'm in trouble and I need money for (something horrific or to get out of trouble.) Call the person on their actual phone or, better yet, call someone who knows this grandchild and ask what's going on. Likely, nothing. Never send money.

Final reminder: *The large print giveth.*

The small print taketh away.

Be sure to read before you sign anything.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE

Before you read further, stop and list the top five things you value most in life? Then rank them by importance. Go!

All done?

If you're like most people, your top-five list includes family, health, time, God, friends, job, home or community. Does money even show up? For many of us, it doesn't, and yet most of church talk about "stewardship" involves how we use our gifts of money.

Yes, we are "stewards," or caretakers of the material wealth with which God has blessed us, but we are also responsible for nourishing and cherishing all the OTHER blessings that God has put into our lives. That goes especially for the things we value most.

Now refer back to your top-five list. For each, consider these questions:

- Why is this item in the top five?
- How well am I caring for this?
- Am I treating it as one of the most valuable items in my life? Why or why not?
- How could I care even more for this item?
- How would God want me to care for this, and why?
- How would my life change if I really cherished and nourished this gift?

When we are good stewards of all the blessings and opportunities God gives us, we open our lives to the full joy and potential that God intends for us. How can you be a better steward of what God has given you?

--Rob Blezard

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(* Denotes 80 years young)

- 2 Zackery Schlottman
- 7 Robert Hissinger
- 9 Timothy Moyer
- 12 Cameron Cote
- 14 Audrey Henderson *
- 16 Bonnie Schlappich
- 17 Aiden Angstadt
- 18 Janna Kneeream
- 19 Ryan Wagner
- 20 Mitzi Cote
- 20 Toni Sweitzer
- 21 Betty Klopp *
- 22 Bristol Long
- 24 Lanny Werley
- 25 MaryEllen Reichart
- 29 George Schaeffer
- 30 Ted Mountz
- 30 Ethan Wismer
- 30 Emma Wismer



- 2 E. Berry and Margaret Hey (36 years)
- 6 Philip and JoAnn Ketz (56 years)
- 12 Barry and Bonnie Eiche (44 years)

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

- A. The singing of angels
- B. One sinner who repents
- C. 100 righteous people
- D. None of the above

JOY

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

AN INVITATION TO REST

Summer calls to mind a slower pace, time off from school and work. But many still face daily demands this time of year: farmers work long hours; teachers may take seasonal work to make ends meet; parents with kids now home all day may catch up on work late at night. Still, may the longer days and warmer weather beckon you into a bit of free time this season. Listen:

“When you take time to replenish your spirit, it allows you to serve others from the overflow. You cannot serve from an empty vessel.” — Eleanor Brownn (public speaker and educator)

“Sometimes it’s important to work for that pot of gold. But other times it’s essential ... to make sure that your most important decision in the day [is] which color to slide down on the rainbow.”

—Douglas Pagels (author)

“Rest time is not waste time; it is economy to gather fresh strength. ... In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less.” —Charles Spurgeon

“Come to me, all you that are weary ... and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” —Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Plow

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in verses about the harvest. Plowing symbolizes

preparing the heart to receive God’s truth, or the “seed” of God’s word. The

plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62, NIV). The prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God’s call (see 1 Kings 19:21).



INCOME AND ATTENDANCE

<u>For the Week Ending</u>	<u>Income toward Budget Expenses</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
07/03/22	\$ 1,295.00	26
07/10/22	2,343.00	37
07/17/22	3,472.66	46
07/24/22	1,260.00	36

***\$3,259.19 is needed per week to meet 100%
of the Budgeted Expenses***

Budget Report – Year to Date

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$28,430.00	\$ 95,964.00
Congregational		
Fund Raising	<u>95.00</u>	<u>7,997.00</u>
Total Funds	<u>\$28,525.00</u>	<u>\$103,961.00</u>

<u>Actual Income / Expenses</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Month</u>
Budgeted Income	\$66,120.00	\$ 9,659.00
Non-Budgeted Income	37,842.00	18,867.00
Budgeted Expenses	65,024.00	14,756.00
Non-Budgeted Expenses	9,829.00	1,568.00
Benevolence to be Paid	1,197.00	299.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	+\$27,912.00	+\$11,903.00

<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2022 Pledge</u>
Synod and ELCA	\$1,018.00	\$3,000.00
World Hunger	397.00	1,500.00
Mission Field	277.00	1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	221.00	600.00
Other	301.00	.00

<u>Capital Improvement Acct.</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions	\$115.00	\$ 740.00
Interest	.34	4.19
Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
		<u>\$41,586.66</u>

<u>Savings Account</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$.00
Interest	3.49
Expenses (Festival of Faith withdrawal)	<u>- \$1,000.00</u>
	<u>\$131,648.95</u>



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF BERN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
820 WEST LEESPORT ROAD, LEESPORT, PA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special Congregational Meeting of Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leesport, Pennsylvania has been called by the Congregational Council to be held on **Sunday, August 14, 2022** immediately following our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The purpose of this special meeting is as follows:

To discuss and vote on the sinkhole and water retention remediation.

Your input is welcome and all voting members of Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church are requested to be present during this meeting in order to conduct the business of the church.

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!



How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!



Were I to 15+6 them,

they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18 —



when I 13 + 4, I am still with you.

PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

SYNOD NEWS

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

Mission

*STRONGER
together*

Bear
Creek

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:18-19)

The verse above centers the theme of Bear Creek Camp for its Summer 2022 season: "Wild Abundance." Whenever I get to visit the Camp - which is the geographically largest camp in the ELCA Outdoor Ministry system - I am always struck with how big God's blessings are to us, and for us. The "Wild Abundance" of BCC also points to the whole point of God's abundant grace and gifts: we are blessed to be a blessing. God gives, without conditions, so that we may give the same way, and share joy and life, in an unlimited and everlasting spiral - reaching down to those in need, reaching up towards forgiveness and strength from God, who out of love for us and for Christ's sake promises to raise us all. So we give, to Mission Support - to bless ministries like BCC, so they may bless all who come to them, with God's Wild Abundance. + Bishop Christopher deForest



The Summer of 2021 at Bear Creek Camp was one of rediscovery of much of what had put on hold in 2020 and one of reinvention of new ways to live out our calling of building community and individuals while exploring, celebrating, and growing in God's creation. As we look forward to continuing to build on this foundation in for Summer Camp in 2022, we reflect back on one of the most powerful moments of returning to camp in 2021.

The first Sunday night of this past summer's Session One after a tasty dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, all the campers gathered together as a large group for the very first time around the bonfire circle. While learning and singing songs, the woods once again fully echoed with the glee of campers returning to this place so many call their second home. Near the midpoint of that first gathering, there was a quiet moment of pause. Looking around the circle, summer staff were in their brand-new teal tee-shirts keeping their heads on a swivel making sure their campers were all okay. Two campers that hadn't seen each other since camp two years prior held hands in that way only best camp friends do. Nervous first-time campers reacted every time a hemlock log would pop in the fire shooting sparks high up in the sky. This small moment in time was the manifestation of all the work our community had done over the past two years came to fruition; all the supporters that it took to get to that point of sharing in God's love as a community around a simple campfire.

Everything we do at camp throughout the year is building to moments like those opening bonfires. Whether facilities projects, summer staff salaries, food purchases or camperships - every resource we steward is moving us towards living into our shared mission. With your generous individual and congregational gifts and Mission Support throughout this past year and prayerfully continuing into the future, we look forward to further building the BCC community and welcoming all to experience the power of God within this place. + Collin Grooms, Executive Director

Bear Creek Camp seeks to provide a place apart: to live and grow in God's creation. Your mission support allows campers and staff to experience God in a new way. Campers discover young adult role models, and staff put their faith into action. In fact, the majority of seminarians cite outdoor ministry as key to their vocation story. Thank you for your faithful, generous, and consistent giving to Mission Support! It makes a difference as we endeavor to live out that mission.

*Find synod news
and events at
godslove.org*



AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00-9:00pm – National Night Out, Bern Pool	3	4	5 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	6
7 <u>8th Sunday of after Pentecost</u> 10:00am – Worship • Charlotte Gross, Mission Interpreter	8 1:00pm – Senior Berners	9	10 6:00pm – Boy Scouts	11	12 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	13 10:00am-12:00pm – Faith Formation Saturday (online)
14 <u>9th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10:00am-Worship with Holy Communion • Pastor Kenneth Gould • Special Congregational Meeting after worship 11:00-12:00pm – Cellphone Workshop, Epler's UCC	15 7:00pm – Council Meeting	16 3:30pm – Berks Quilter's Guild Newsletter Deadline	17	18	19 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	20 3:00-7:00pm – Epler's UCC Peach Festival
21 <u>10th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10:00am – Worship with Holy Communion • Pastor Kenneth Gould • Social Hall Rental – Bair Family Reunion	22	23 4:30-7:00pm – Berks Festival of Faith	24	25	26 6:00-8:00pm – Frog Pond	27
28 <u>11th Sunday after Pentecost</u> 10:00am-Worship • Pastor David Kistler	29	30	31			