



Reflections from Pastor Linda

Dear Siblings in Christ,

"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."- 1 John 3:18 (NRSV)

Please join me in wishing ELCA World Hunger a happy and blessed 50th Anniversary. What a difference fifty years can make in the lives of those impacted by food insecurity and crises. According to the Rev. Daniel Rift, Director of ELCA Service and Justice Giving, "fifty years ago hunger was rising at an alarming rate around the world, driven by drought, rising costs and other crises. Lutherans in the United States responded by launching the World Hunger Appeals. They were our church's way of standing alongside our millions of siblings in Christ who were experiencing food insecurity around the world. Half a century later you are still standing alongside them through your generosity. ELCA World Hunger has become a core ministry of our church, working to address the root causes of poverty in 66 countries around the world."

And Lutheran Disaster Response, a partner with ELCA World Hunger, has also been making a life-changing difference in the lives of those impacted by disasters. In 2023, support for ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response approached \$34 million! Through our generosity, we are sharing God's hope, healing and renewal with countless people whose lives have been upended by hunger or disaster. They are being connected with the resources they need: food, clean water, home repairs, health care support, guidance with paperwork for federal assistance and insurance claims, emotional and spiritual care and so much more. In 2023, Lutheran Disaster Response was at work in 51 countries around the world and 34 states and territories in the United States and the Caribbean, responding to hurricanes, tornadoes, conflict and migration.

But there's more... Your ELCA World Hunger gifts also support the work of missionaries and church leaders. In 2023, 101 long-term missionaries were at work in 41 countries around the world, and 25 Young Adults in Ministry (YAGM) volunteers served in five country programs. Fund for Leaders gifts provided nearly \$2.2 million in scholarship assistance to 345 seminary students during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Thank you for your generosity and love of neighbor that you continue to share in the name of our living Lord! You have made a difference in the lives of many for over 50 years! Here's to the next 50 years! To learn more about how you can support ELCA World Hunger or Lutheran Disaster Response, please visit their websites: ELCA.org/hunger ELCA.org/disaster or call 800-638-3522, ext.2616.

With joy and thanksgiving for our partnership in ministry and service to neighbor,

Pastor Linda Hanus

Quick Notes

PRESCHOOL PREPARED FOR THE YEAR — Monday, September 9 will be St. Peter's Preschool's first day for the 2023-24 school year! We will have three 4/5 year old classes, two 3 year old classes and a young 3's class. This year we are offering a "supplemental class" on Tuesday & Thursday with a biblical theme for our 3 year olds. We will also hold our extended lunch program, "Prayground", 5 days a week this fall. Prayground will also involve some ministry. We still have a few openings. Contact Heather Cramer, Preschool Director, with any questions or for a tour, heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org or 717 569-9211.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS — Children and youth are invited to bring their school backpacks and join us Sunday, August 25 during the Children's Sermon at both services. We will also offer a blessing for teachers and all school workers.

HYMN SING — This Sunday, July 28, we are going to have a congregational hymn sing - please come prepared to request your favorites from the hymnal! Hymn singing will start at 7:50 a.m. and 9:20 a.m.

50+ LUNCH — Please join us for our annual summer picnic on Thursday, August 8 at Noon in the café for lunch and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate whether you want a hamburger or hot dog. Let us know whether you will bring a salad or dessert. Place settings and beverages will be provided.

HERALD PUBLISHING UPDATE — The Weekly Herald will be taking a brief summer respite and will not publish new print editions on August 2 or 9. However, brief email editions will continue to be sent out regularly on Fridays, along with the weekly "3 Things You Need to Know" on Wednesdays.

Worship for July 28

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word

8:00 a.m.

*Pastor Pretz preaching
Livestream at stpeterslutheran.org*

Traditional Worship, Service of the Word & Communion

9:30 a.m.

Pastor Pretz preaching



EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

10 Delp Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

Upcoming Worship Assistant and Volunteer Schedule

July 28

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Ena Marie Banks;
Greeters: Luther & Catherine Kimmich;
Ushers: Liz O'Brien & Don Wenrich;
Welcome Center: Bob & Edee Bedford;
A/V: Mark Burkholder.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Anneliese Owen;
Greeters: Jillian & Joann Gorner; **Ushers:** Scott & Sharon Breeden; **Welcome Center:** Sherry Weller; **A/V:** Bill Schlener; **Communion Assistant:** Kathleen Bailey; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Jeff & Anneliese Owen.

Flower Delivery — Kathy Burke & Cheryl Oeschger.

August 4

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Tom Berdos;
Greeter: Cindy Miley; **Ushers:** Jo Boltz & Gene Olson; **Welcome Center:** Shirley Dombach; **A/V:** Jordan Lambert; **Communion Assistants:** Diane Gegg & Susan Ketchum; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Phyllis Hollinger.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Judy Logan;
Greeters: Rich & Ann Larrick; **Ushers:** Jane Musser & Brian Tolbert; **Welcome Center:** Dave & Lis Wolf; **A/V:** Bob Preston.

Flower Delivery — Cathy Graver & Becky Lutz.

August 11

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Mark Burkholder;
Greeter: Gene Olson; **Ushers:** The Rotz family; **Welcome Center:** Bob & Phyllis Hollinger; **Acolytes:** Rotz family; **A/V:** Tom Chever.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Jeffrey Pretz;
Greeters: Thompson McConnell;
Ushers: Dave & Lis Wolf; **Welcome Center:** Mark & Darla Cardin; **A/V:** Dave Tilley; **Communion Assistants:** Gregory Hand & Bill Sassaman; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Lis Wolf.

Flower Delivery — Karen Feldt & Jo Boltz.

August 18

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Jo Boltz; **Greeters:** Tom & Pat Badorf; **Ushers:** Bob Courtois & Tom Rothfus; **Welcome Center:** Thomas Rothfus; **A/V:** Angela Moshos; **Communion Assistants:** Bret Hoffmaster & Nancy LeFevre; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Cindy Blaney.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Nicolette Simon;
Greeters: Paul & Tricia Hough; **Ushers:** The Sasso family; **Welcome Center:** Rich & Ann Larrick; **Acolytes:** Sasso family; **A/V:** Bill Schlener.

Flower Delivery — Lois Benton & Judy Wenrich.

August 25

8:00 a.m. — Lector: Mark Burkholder;
Greeter: Susie Roderick; **Ushers:** Eric May & Kyle Templeton; **Welcome Center:** Ron & Joan Beck; **A/V:** Tom Badorf.

9:30 a.m. — Lector: Janet Roberts;
Greeters: Jim & Jane Savidge; **Ushers:** TBD; **Welcome Center:** Clarence Simon; **A/V:** Bob Preston; **Communion Assistants:** Gary & Dawn Troxell; **Altar Guild Coordinators:** Debbie Shue & Lori Weaver; **Altar Guild:** Trish Hough.
Flower Delivery — Christine Smith & Ken Shirk.

Donations Needed

For God's Work, our Hands Sunday on September 8.

Blessing bag donations: Granola bars, small tissue packets, pocket sized hand sanitizers, individual packed hand wipes, lip balm/Chapstick, peanut butter crackers, gallon zip lock bags.

For Children and Youth Snacks: Granola or Cereal Bars, Individually packed gluten free snacks, Individual packs of cookies, Individual packs of Rice Krispy Treats.

Food Items for Meet & Greet: Food donations are needed for the Meet and Greet with Pastor Linda on September 8 at 9:15 a.m. in the Café/FLC. Sign up to provide muffins, fruit, bagels or cookies.



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