

As We Gather Being a prophet is dangerous! That's what Amos, the reluctant prophet, learned in the eighth century BC. John the Baptist even lost his head for prophesying. We are called to prophesy as well; that is, we are to teach the truth about salvation in Christ. Although that might entail social stigma or physical trauma, the true peril awaits those who refuse to hear the Good News. There is no lasting peril for those who respond to what God has done in choosing, adopting, forgiving, and promising them eternal life. Our Lord took the ultimate risk, taking our sins with Him to the cross and rising on the third day, assuring us of obtaining the promised inheritance, eternal life with Him.

Happy Birthday 7/15 Diane Jankowski; 7/19 Maria Chornobroff, Sarah Ward; 7/21 Novella Cantaffa, Antonio Walling.

Baptized at the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday July 15th, Dillon Luke Stockton, son of Lara and Richard Stockton. Dillon's sponsors are Natalia & John Difolco, Jessica O'Donnell and Erin Tarrazi. We ask for God's continued blessings on Dillon and his family.

The Animal Shelter collection has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who donated blankets, towels and sheets to a local animal shelter. Due to storage constraints, we can no longer accept these items.

Please mark the following dates on your calendars:

VBS Decorating - please check schedule below

Board of Directors Mtg. Sunday July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

No Wed. night service on July 25th due to VBS program

Vacation Bible School Save the date for our "*Shipwrecked*" adventure Monday July 23 - Friday July 27, 2018

Vacation Bible School Decorating & Clean up Schedule remember, many hands make light work!

Thursday, July 19th 7pm-9pm Parish Hall & parish hall classrooms

Friday, July 20th 3pm-6pm Parish Hall & parish hall classrooms

Sunday, July 22nd 10:30am-1:30pm Church & Narthex

Monday, July 23rd 4pm-5:30pm Church, Narthex & Finishing Touches

Friday, July 27th Clean up crews for kitchen, playground, parish hall and parish hall classrooms

Wednesday, August 1st 6pm-6:45pm and 8pm-9pm Clean up Church & Narthex.

"Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" Beginning July 11th, we will use the Lutheran Hour Ministry study "Explaining All the Scary Stuff in Revelation" for five Wednesday evenings. The 7:00 p.m. service will start with a prayer and then the video followed by the communion liturgy. Those wishing to stay and talk will be invited to stay for a short period. We have workbooks that go with the videos for you to use during the week in order to get the most out of the series.

Our Hand Bell Choir will be on hiatus for the summer. They will resume their 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening practices on August 28th. We wish to thank all of our bell ringers for all the wonderful blessings they add to our church services. They bless us all year long in every season and occasion with their precious gifts of sacred music. New ringers are always welcome!

Baby clothes needed! Calling all families...Joshua House in Farmingdale has checked their inventory and they are reporting a severe shortage of baby and toddler clothes. Please drop all donations in the house-shaped receptacle in the front hallway. Thank you for your generosity.

Flea Market Donations Our Prince of Peace members and friends have always been more than generous when it comes to making donations of gently used items for our Flea Market events. Unfortunately, at this time, because of storage constraints, we can not accept your donations until right before the next Flea Market in October. So, keep those flea market treasures in your garage, attic and basement until we let you know. We will be more than happy to accept them in a few months.

Acolyte and Usher Sign in Sheets: We are asking that Acolytes and Usher Team Members sign in when they are reporting for their scheduled services. An Usher sign in sheet has been placed on the podium to the right of the double doors. The Acolyte sign in sheet is on the table to the left of the door when the Acolytes go in to get their robes. If you are covering for someone else we also ask that you sign in so we know if any adjustments to the schedules need to be made. Thank you to everyone who serves.

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Generosity thought for Sunday, July 15th The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’ One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that’s no surprise when we consider how God’s activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord’s own nature.

Sight & Sound Trip Join us on Saturday November 17, 2018 to see “Jesus” at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Prices are \$107 for children (ages 4-10) and \$160 for adults, which includes the show, bus transportation and lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant. Look for a **new** sign-up sheet in the narthex. Questions can be directed to Ken French at 732-616-2850.

Thrivent Financial will be hosting free information sessions on Long-Term Care and Retirement & Estate Planning. Dates and times are listed on the Thrivent posters on the bulletin board. To reserve your spot for the long-term care event, please RSVP to our Thrivent representative, John Seifert, at 732-320-6958 or email him at john.seifert@thrivent.com. For the Retirement & Estate Strategy sessions, please reply to Debbie Dunne at 877-657-9363, x-9 or email her at debbie.dunne@thrivent.com.

Joshua House clothing donations are very much needed and appreciated. As always, Joshua House can only accept season appropriate clothing. They are only accepting spring and summer clothing at this time. Please, no coats or winter clothing until later in the year! Thank you.

Used ink toners needed When the church recycles old ink cartridges, we are able to get coupons for free office supplies and more importantly, when cartridges are disposed of properly, we are keeping these toxic products out of our environment. We accept all brands and sizes - there is a straw basket in the narthex for your used cartridges. Thanks for your help!

Food Pantry Needs! Here is our updated list for July: personal hygiene items, canned meats, cereal, coffee, tissues, jelly, hearty soups, household cleaning supplies, jar tomato sauce, canned pasta, juice and water (gallons and bottles.) Sugar-free items are frequently requested by our clients who are diabetic.

Shipwrecked! Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Join us for our 5-day Vacation Bible School experience where kids are anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. Our program will run Monday, July 23, 2018 through Friday, July 27, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. More information will be available soon. Please direct questions to Danielle Romano, Director of Education, at mytutoringnanny@gmail.com.

Graduation News Give a shout out to your 2018 graduate! Email the church office at pop-church@optonline.net with any graduation, school or award information you would like published in the church newsletter. No matter their age, no matter their grade, let them know how proud you are of their accomplishments!

“Life Quotes” for The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 15th “We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He’s the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We’d rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we’d rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don’t want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means ‘with suffering.’ Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ.” *Joni Eareckson Tada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •*
www.lutheransforlife.org

Next Sunday's Readings July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene Ruth 1:6-18 Ruth's Loyalty to Naomi. Acts 13:26-33a Paul's first missionary journey in company with Barnabas. John 20:1-2, 11-18 The Resurrection.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Worship Leader: The Rev. Kenneth Fosse

Traditional Service July 8th: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Elder: Denise

Acolyte: Lia Nelson

Organist: Melissa Marsicano

Midweek Service July 18th: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Acolyte: TBD

Altar Guild: Lisa Tess, Anne McDonnell, Elba Hillis

July Ushers: Larry Landis, Trish McAllister, Carly Prendergast