

# The Lutheran Light

*"As the Body of Christ, St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church is called by the Father through the Holy Spirit to worship God and witness to others."*

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## The Pastor's Prism



### Keeping Relevant

In recent years there has been much attention given to keeping the church relevant to the local culture and current day. For example, worship services have been modified to include music that is contemporary with what is experienced in today's culture. Large screens display music so that participants can follow along and become more engaged in the worship. Altar and fixtures have often been minimized or even eliminated in hopes of providing more informality and interaction between the pastor and those who lead the music. Worshipers are invited to dress casually. All this is done in hopes that those who come will find a welcoming and friendly atmosphere in the church which these days is increasingly being called the "worship center." All these changes are attempts to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that is relevant to the contemporary life of worshipers.

Sometimes this approach has worked well, when a congregation has human and music resources to conduct such worship along with charismatic leadership. In other cases, after using contemporary worship forms for some years but not receiving the hoped response from worshipers, the regular worship service has been modified so that old and new forms of worship are blended together.

In our own *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book, which we use as a basis for our Sunday worship, there are options for all kinds variations on how to celebrate worship with the ubiquitous rubric throughout "...may be sung...may greet...may say." There are ten settings of the Holy Communion liturgy plus a Service of the Word. In addition there are eleven different Eucharistic prayers offered for use. The hymns come from the earliest centuries of the church but also include many that were introduced in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There are hymns from many different countries besides our own and northern Europe., The point is that our church is attempting to be relevant to

today's context of Lutherans in many settings while maintaining a connection with liturgy and hymns that have stood the test of time.

At the same time, I heard a person say that the church had been a disappointing experience, even though the person's involvement had been with a wide range of churches over a long number of years. Perhaps this person's experience mirrored that of those who simply church shop until they find one that meets their perceived needs. The good thing about those who church shop is that they recognize that they have a need for a life with God, but attending will be on their terms. It has to be relevant to what they want, and therein lies the danger. Worship is more than just searching for a church that "...fulfills one's needs" or because "...it is what I like." Such an approach sees relevancy only in egotistical terms, rather than for worshipping God in fellowship with others in order to be strengthened by Word and Sacrament for serving in the world.

Another person said a problem today is that there are too many churches. While this person was relating to the splits of churches in a particular community, what was said may be true in light of the declining church attendance and the host of small rural churches all of the same denomination located within close proximity of one another. These small churches came into being in an earlier age when people didn't travel very far or often from their home communities. Today because of the relative ease of transportation, people are willing to travel as far as 15-20 miles, or even more, to attend worship.

The church must always seek to be relevant to the people in the context it serves but at the same time hold faithfully to God's revelations that have come down through the ages. It's wonderful that we have a variety of Christian churches in which to worship for there is certainly more than one flavor of Christianity. Therefore, we have little excuse for not

being involved with church life, unless our church choices are based on "What I will out of it," rather than, "How can I worship and serve God here."

What is certain is that God sees us as relevant to His world and wants us here and now. Regular worship is a part of that relevancy. He has created and redeemed us from our self-centered lives (e.g., Gen. 1:27, Psalms 24, 95, 100; 1 Cor. 6:20, 7:23), and called us to worship Him and serve our neighbor (e.g., Mark 12:28-34; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-28).

+ "Pr. Lee"

Almighty God, we too often think that we are the center of what is to be relevant in our lives. Forgive us in these thoughts and actions, setting us free so we understand that what is truly relevant is the You have created us to be in relationship with You and to serve as Your people for this time.

Help us to increasingly realize and live in recognition that this is Your world and that we are called to be Your stewards in caring for it. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## Newsletter Information

**Deadline:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday by 10:00 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-1pm

**Please contact the office when:**

- ✓ your committee plans a meeting/activity so it can be listed on the master calendar.
- ✓ you have an announcement to be included in the newsletter. (Online Announcement form on our website. Paper announcement forms available on the church and parish house bulletin boards. You may also email your information to the church office, to newsletter@stmaryselc.org)

## Council Highlights

### September Council Meeting Highlights

1. Thanks to Jim Crist on efforts to keep the Strawberry Festival organized and running smoothly. It's much appreciated.
2. September 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Historical service. After the service there will be a pot luck lunch.
3. At the annual congregational meeting the council will be recommending to adopt Rev. Dr. Eric Trozzo and Rev. Wendolyn Rozzo from Malaysia for two years at the friend level. (\$1,000 per year)
4. We have been invited to have another seminary student for the upcoming year. They [*Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg*] thanked us for having seminary students for the past 12 years. A motion was made and accepted that we can continue.

### October Council Meeting Highlights

1. The German visit was fully funded outside the operating budget with outside monetary gifts.
2. The Annual Congregational meeting will be November 17<sup>th</sup> with a brunch before the meeting.
3. Moving forward with putting in handicap accessible bathroom upstairs of Parish House. Also reactivating the Handicap accessible chair.
4. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 am. - Noon, Fall Clean up.
5. October 6<sup>th</sup> - Blessing of the Creatures service in the parish house.
6. Volunteers need to be ushers.

## As Luther Says...\*

(...) Whoso readeth, let him understand (...).

Matthew 24 (xv)

Whoever wants to learn the Scriptures needs to understand them (...). For you are not reading the word of a human writer, but the Word of the Highest. He desires to have students who are attentive and who note what He says. Just as it is rightly said that the letters of princes need to be read three times so that the reader knows what he is talking about and does not look like a fool: how much more true is it that God's letters - by which I mean Holy Scripture - need to be read three times, four time, ten times, a hundred times, a thousand times or even thousands upon thousands of times? For God speaks with words that are grave and significant. God is Eternal Wisdom itself. Whoever does this will grow in learning and virtue from reading Scripture. Whoever does not do it will learn nothing, will actually get worse; for clean animals chew the cud and this form of rumination means approaching God's work with due gravity; taking it to heart and finding love and joy in it; contemplating it carefully, and holding on tight to it.

*Schriften, 48. BD., S. 199*

\*Luther's Breviary. A Meditation for Each Day of the Year, Wartburg Verlag GmbH, Weimar Und Internationale Martin Luther Stiftung, 2007, ISBN 978-3-86160-195-1

## Address Change

Mabel Leese has moved to 112 Lion Drive, Hanover, PA, 17331 where she is living with Mavis Starner (Tel.: 717-632-1480). Mabel welcomes contacts but it is better to call ahead before visiting.

## Silver Run Community Food Pantry

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## Bereavement Skills Training

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**Dates:** (5 consecutive Wednesdays)  
October 16, 23, 30 &  
November 6 & 13

**Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** Carroll Hospice  
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Westminster, M



**Please Call To Register:**

Kathy Bare 410-871-7231

Jessica Roschen 410-871-7656

## Kids' Corner

*"But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."* 1 Corinthians 6

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

As I am sure all of you know, Halloween is coming soon. Many of you will dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating. If you do, remember to be safe. You should only go to the homes of people you know very well. You know -- close friends and family. Never go trick-or-treating to homes of people that you do not know.

Have you ever made a Jack o' Lantern? If you have, you know that the first thing you do when making a Jack o' Lantern is

to clean up your pumpkin by washing off the dirt and mud. Then you cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin and clean out the inside. You scoop out all the seeds and yucky stuff.

The next thing you do is to carve a face. You cut out the eyes, nose, and mouth. I don't know about you, but I always like to put a smile on my Jack o' Lantern.

The next step is to put a candle inside the Jack o' Lantern. Then you light the candle so that the light will shine through the eyes, nose, and mouth.

Finally, when all is finished, you place the Jack o' Lantern in the window or on your porch so that all who pass by your house will see its light.

You know, I was thinking. This is a pretty good picture of what happens

when we invite Jesus into our heart.

When we become a Christian, Jesus picks us up and cleanses our life from sin. He removes all the yucky thoughts and the seeds of doubt, hate, and selfishness that we have inside. Then he puts a smile on our face and puts his light inside to shine for all the world to see.

I don't know what you think of when you see a Jack o' Lantern, but I hope that this Halloween you will think of Jesus. Think about how he came to take away the sins of the world and put his light in our hearts to shine for him.

*Dear Jesus, help us to let our light shine so that others will see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven.*

~www.sermons4kids.com



## Prayer Ventures

1 Pray for peace in Egypt and for a reconciliation between its citizens and their government.

2 Pray for all who are affected by the criminal justice system – for victims and offenders, their families and loved ones – as we seek to implement the new ELCA social statement, “The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries.”

3 Praise God for the ELCA volunteer missionaries and give thanks for the many English-speaking teachers serving at Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Kosice, and Tisovec, Slovakia.

4 Pray for peace in Syria and the hope that the day will come when its citizens are no longer under the threat of violence and death.

5 Pray for the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton as she is installed today as the ELCA presiding bishop; remember in your prayers the Rev. Mark Hanson as he concludes his term of service as presiding bishop.

**6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.** Merciful God, we thank you for speaking to the people of the Republic of Congo and Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe through the Bible. May they find strength and wisdom in your word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7 During Mental Illness Awareness Week, Oct. 6-12, remember those who suffer from mental illness and brain disorders. Pray for families and caregivers, that they may have wisdom, love and peace.

8 Pray for all those suffering in abusive relationships and for the efforts in our congregations to help people dealing with domestic violence.

9 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries in Nigeria – Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade and their HIV and AIDS ministry there.

10 Pray for those who endure flood and fire, especially our brothers and sisters in Colorado and New Jersey. Ease the fears of all and make your presence known.

11 Give thanks for the contributions to the ELCA Vision for Mission, gifts that enable this church to build strategies for the future, mobilize people for mission, promote

generosity and create new and renewed congregations.

12 Remember in your prayers the many homeless ministries supported by ELCA congregations. In particular, lift up the Shobi’s Table, a ministry of radical hospitality among the homeless population of St. Paul, Minn.

**13 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost** Almighty God, keep us safe in body, mind and spirit as we strive to accomplish all the work you have for us. Give us strength to serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

14 Give thanks for the congregations, such as Ascension Lutheran Church, Riverside, Ill., that are making a difference in the global church by sponsoring an ELCA missionary. Ascension was one of the first ELCA congregations to support Karen Anderson in her work with “Popular Education in Health” and “Action for Health in the Americans” in Chile.

15 Remember in your prayers the recipients around the world of ELCA Good Gifts and pray that, through the generosity of others, those recipients will see a better tomorrow.

16 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Austin and Tanya Propst, ELCA missionaries who are the Madagascar coordinators for the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program.

17 Pray for those planning the 2014 Triennial gathering of the Women of the ELCA to be held in Charlotte, N.C.

18 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Anna Ballan, an ELCA missionary in Sweden serving in parish ministry.

19 Give thanks for those on the staff of your synod office as they go about the daily needs of this church in your synod.

**20 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost** We thank you, God, for your gifts of the earth, sea and sky. We ask you to be with us as we strive to be good caretakers of those gifts, that we live in harmony with the natural rhythms of life.

21 Remember in your prayers ELCA instructor in Japan Allyson Bedford, who is teaching English as a second language.

22 Pray for the ELCA’s disability ministries, which include making the church welcoming to people with mental illness and brain disorders, visual impairments and hearing disorders.

23 Pray for the efforts in the ELCA and other denominations that are addressing the trend of declining active church membership.

24 Pray for the ELCA Global Mission ministry and all those who walk in accompaniment with our sisters and brothers around the world in the global church.

25 Give thanks for the ELCA Fund for Leaders and pray for its continued support as it provides crucial financial aid for students preparing for the ministry at one of the ELCA’s eight seminaries.

26 Remember in your prayers the congregations of the ELCA and their daily efforts to be welcoming to all and to do God’s work with our hands where needed.

**27 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** O Lord, we give you thanks today for the mission and ministry of The Lutheran World Federation. Be with them in the countless places where they work around the world, as they create unity, justice and peace in a world broken by poverty, violence, hunger and oppression.

28 Include in your prayers the Rev. Nathan and Sharonette Bowman, ELCA missionaries who are serving in parish and social service ministries in Japan.

29 Give thanks for the countless adults who take seriously their role as faith mentors for youth who are trying to find their way in a complex world.

30 Pray for the 10<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which begins today in Busan, South Korea, under the theme “God of life, lead us to justice and peace.” The ELCA is a member of the council.

31 Remember in your prayers the people in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program as they begin their year of walking in accompaniment with brothers and sisters in an unfamiliar culture far from home.

## Member News

### Affirmation of Baptism & 1<sup>st</sup> Time Receiving Holy Communion

Joseph "Joe" Frederick Parsons affirmed his baptism on September 8<sup>th</sup> and has become a member of our St. Mary's family to worship God and witness to others. Joe grew up in the Patterson Park section of Baltimore where he attended and graduated from Patterson High School. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's Catholic Church and more recently a member of St. John's Catholic in Westminster. Following graduation he worked at Johns Hopkins as an animal technician where he later became a research assistant. From Johns Hopkins he joined the merchant marines and sailed around the world twice, stopping at ports in Russia, Japan, Africa, and others too numerous to mention. After 6 years in the merchant marines, he got involved in truck driving, for more than 18 years, owning two trucks which he leased out to various companies.

Joe enjoys country and bluegrass music, and eating at *Bob Evans* where he and his wife, Diann Miller-Parsons, first met each other after making Internet contact! Currently, he and Diann are living on Tarragon Road in Reisterstown. Though retired, Joe still is keeping his options open about future work where he has an interest and can use a variety of his additional skills. His sponsor is Craig and Dwyn Fleischer. Please welcome him to St. Mary's!

Deloise Diann Miller-parsons, also affirmed her baptism on September 8<sup>th</sup> with her husband, Joseph. Diann grew

up in Minden, Louisiana, where she also graduated from high school. She was baptized and attended Southside Baptist Church. She attended Hartford Community College at Bel Air, Maryland, where she earned her associate degree and became a certified paralegal. She worked for thirty years as paralegal in the Baltimore area. Today she works as an administrative assistant for the State of Maryland, a position she has held for eight years. When she is not involved with caring for her family, she enjoys reading historical Christian novels, particularly those by Brock and Brodie Thoene. Diann also enjoys cooking, Louisiana style, and bluegrass music. Her sponsor is Craig and Dwyn Fleischer. We look forward to welcoming her into our membership as a fellow sister in Christ!

Receiving the Holy Communion for the first time on September 22<sup>nd</sup> were Brooke Bennett, Mackenzie Bennett, and Ella Scott. Brooke and Mackenzie are the daughters of Jason and Laura Bennett, while Ella is the daughter of Robert and Kelli Scott. The girls received basic instruction about the Holy Communion and will receive additional instruction during confirmation studies. Please welcome them in sharing with us the Body and Blood of our Lord that we might know the forgiveness of sins in a tangible way and be nurtured in our faith.

## News Around the Parish

**FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE ANNUAL RAFFLE** - Hand Quilted "Baskets" Quilt - size 100 x 102". Drawing: December 7th. Proceeds benefit the Resident Assitance Fund. Tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. See Fran Crist for tickets.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** (every Christian woman is a member) throughout the year will be collecting sample size toiletries, socks, and gloves for the Cold Weather Shelter. Save and donate the soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. from stays in hotels/motels. Use the small plastic container found on the table in the overflow room for your donations. Thank You. Any questions, see Fran Crist.

**REMINDER:** Thrivent Members who have Thrivent Choice Dollars to allocate, please go onto the Thrivent web site or call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 to allocate those dollars to the organization of your choice (St. Mary's Lutheran, Mar-Lu Ridge, Carroll Lutheran School, etc.). If you allocate dollars in October or November, Thrivent will double them! Also, please be aware that you must re-assign the dollars at least once a year - there is no longer the option to choose an organization once and to keep having your Choice Dollars directed to them.

**NO TEACHING PARISH STUDENT THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.** St. Mary's was one of 30 congregations invited by our seminary at Gettysburg to host a student. As there were only 17 students needing the teaching parish experience, congregations who did not receive a student last year were given priority. Last year Seminarian Pam Illick was with us.

**A RED BOOKLET, "PASTOR DIETER: RETIREMENT SERVICE"** containing pictures is available for your perusal on the table in the overflow room.

**TWO CD'S ARE AVAILABLE** for loan at the church office regarding the German Youth visitation, July 1 - 15, 2013. The first video was made by the Germans to introduce themselves to us and includes a word of greeting from their parish council president. The other CD contains photographs made by Jim Crist as he followed some of the day-to-day events wich the Germans experienced with us.

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## Wellness Notes

We live in a fast paced, high stress world and find less and less time to eat well and exercise. Neglecting our physical well-being affects us not only mentally, but also spiritually.

*“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.”* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

It's beginning to feel a lot like Fall! The air is cooling and the leaves are changing. For Southerners, Fall brings bearable weather, and for Northerners, they're getting their last bearable months in. Fall is the perfect time for long walks, hay rides and campfires. While you're out enjoying the weather, be sure to keep safe by following these tips:

**Outdoor Jogging** Now is the time to enjoy your outdoor jogging! The weather is just right, and a light breeze can help cool you down, but with increased jogging comes increased hazards.



According to the CDC, 4,378 pedestrians were killed by cars from 2004-2006. The best advice for jogging this fall season is to be aware at intersections. Many joggers assume that drivers notice them—it's an easy misconception—since a jogger can easily see a car, they assume that a car can just as easily see them. Usually that's not the case at all. When you're jogging, you

can usually hear and see your surroundings, but when you're in a car, and you're isolated from outside noise and action. Just because a car is stopped, doesn't mean they've seen you. Make eye contact before crossing in front of a car, if the driver gives you a signal, you're much safer to proceed.

**Deer Mating Season** That's right, deer mating season coincides with the fall season, which can be very dangerous for drivers and passengers. An easy tip for avoiding deer while driving is to be very cautious during both sunrise and

sunset. This is the time when most deer travel and it's much harder to see them, especially if you're driving into the light. Always keep a pair of sunglasses in your car and try make sure to check the sides of the roads, instead of just looking ahead. Also, be extremely cautious if you see one deer near the side of the road, since deer travel together, you may see a line of them about to cross. Don't assume if one has crossed that you're safe to go; wait until the coast is clear.



**Campfire Hazards** While they're a signature pastime for many fall festivities, campfires can be extremely dangerous, especially for younger children. Many children don't understand fire safety, and enjoy throwing flammable items—such as lighter fluid, paper products, and toys—into the fire for fun. Children learn by example, so if they're around adults playing with fire and being unsafe, they're much more likely to be unsafe themselves. Make sure to educate your children about fire safety before allowing them to be near a fire.



Stay safe this fall and if you've been injured, don't hesitate to contact a San Antonio personal injury attorney to help you get the compensation you deserve.

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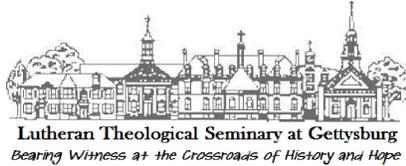
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## Notes & Thank Yous



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September 17, 2013

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time here in Gettysburg as the community commemorates the 150th Anniversary of the epic and history changing three-day battle fought here. Visitors from all over the world are flocking to this small town in Pennsylvania to be part of this historic moment. On the ridge, we eagerly prepare to welcome another class of seminarians who are discerning their calls to leadership in our church through numerous vocations. Since 1826, Gettysburg has stood for quality theological education of servant-leaders for the church. It is, indeed, an exciting time.

Thank you for your gift [of \$60.00], which makes our ministry possible. Without your gift and others like it, we would not be the strong seminary that we have become.

Please come and visit us sometime soon and share in the excitement not only the history of the ridge and our significant part of the battle of 1863, but the energy and enthusiasm of our particular witness to the Gospel and our part in leadership formation for the church we all love and the God we serve.

The Rev. Glenn E. Ludwig,  
Vice President of Seminary Advancement

September 4, 2013

Dear St. Mary's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$814.00 to ELCA Missionary Sponsorship. Your generosity is appreciated now more than ever.

Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, helps nearly 250 missionaries in 48 countries preach, teach, heal, build and seek peace alongside our global neighbors.

Because of gifts like yours, villages in the Central African Republic are able to have safe drinking water for the very first time. Community health development training is made available to women in Chile. Congregations in Suriname, Jerusalem, Japan and Kenya have pastors to proclaim the gospel and develop local leadership.

Your ongoing prayers and financial gifts-together with the hard work of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) missionaries and our global companions make a world of difference!

As the ELCA, we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems-doing God's work in the world. Thank you for your support.

Yours in Christ,  
Lanny Westphal, Director  
Missionary Sponsorship and Global Appeals

## Lutheran Men Fall Meeting Dinner

The Lutheran Church Men of the Westminster Conference will hold their Fall Dinner Meeting, Monday, October 28, at St. Luke (Winters') Lutheran Church, near New Windsor. The ladies of the church will be serving a family-style roast beef dinner with all the fixings at 6:30 p.m. As has been customary, a free-will offering will be received for the meal, with at least \$11.00 requested. Net proceeds from the dinner will go to Carroll Lutheran School.

Following dinner, the men will move into the church nave for devotions. As always, included will be some good ole-fashioned male four-part harmony on some favorite hymns.

These semi-annual dinners have become a wonderful opportunity for the men of the churches of our conference to socialize and renew old acquaintances. In order to coordinate travel from Silver Run, please meet in St. Mary's parking lot at 5:30 p.m. so we can leave promptly at 5:45 p.m. Please let Pastor Lee know by Sunday, October 13th if you will be attending so he can make reservations.

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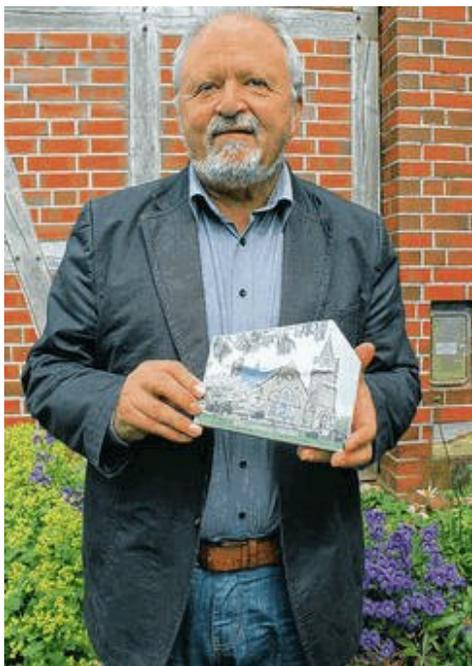
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# Ein Pastor, dem die Jugendarbeit besonders am Herzen liegt

## *(A Pastor to Whom the Youth Work Is near and Dear)*

*Lübecker Nachrichten: 30<sup>th</sup> June/1<sup>st</sup> July*

*(Thank you to Anna Karamnow for translating this article.)*



### **Dieter Kuchenbecker will retire to the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.**

Written by Lothar Hermann Kullack

#### **Seedorf/Nehms**

Is it possible that this bustling man will retire? Pastor Dieter Kuchenbecker (63), the chaplain of Schlamersdorf, will at least try to. His service of farewell will take place on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> of August, starting at 3 pm in the church in Schlamersdorf.

‘Exemplarily it is a special pleasure that the youths get involved in our parish; the older ones motivate the younger ones, and all are preparing services and involving in projects with fun and severity.’, wrote Pastor Kuchenbecker in the last edition of the parish newsletter that all at once seems to be as a farewell letter. And the youth work didn’t be near to him just in his last place of activity. It was he, who established the youth work in the church district in the mid-eighties, in association with the representative for youth work in the church district Ortrud von Möllendorf, and all six years before Roland Scheel as a full-time Pastor for youth work

started.

Even now he likes to talk about school services planned and prepared by the youths their selves. He grew up in Kiel, in the wild time of 67/68. During his school and student time he liked discussing and revolting and even from the beginning the active Christianity. ‘To be on leave for going on a strike.’ it says in his class register, when he was the elected representative of the pupils of the schools in Kiel.

An exchange school year in McVeytown/Pennsylvania influenced Kuchenbecker, the same as his time during study that he continued after his time in Kiel, partly with the older Ernst Bloch in Tübingen and later on at the Clinton-University in Yale.

‘The student group of devotion ,beside all the other political corporations, was the final decision for theology. And in the USA I experienced what community work is.’ The pastor, Kuchenbecker adapted this image from the USA to his work, is responsible for the care of souls and the preaching. In the organizational and social congregational life are especially the people of the parish involved. This he tried to implement in all his pastorates, in Medelby at the Danish frontier as well as in Bad Segeberg or Schlamersdorf: The pastor gives the impulses; the congregational life is planned by the participants. Even now the contacts with the USA never broke down for him, the president of the American community in Segeberg. So Kuchenbecker is not the only one who travels every 5 years to alumni reunion in Yale. And even this summer he will travel with 17 youths and adult companions to a 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a Church in Littlestown Pike, Maryland.

And now, suddenly releasing everything? Even in August?

‘In the first half of the year I won’t probably do anything, for not disturbing my successor.’ ,said Kuchenbecker. Moreover he looks forward to his spare time shared with his wife Hannelore who works as an architect and reconstructed their house in Nehms and his daughter Irene (16), who’ll now visit the 12<sup>th</sup> grade of the ‘Städtisches Gymnasium’

A Dieter Kuchenbecker planting potatoes, watering flowers and nothing else? How long does it work?

# October 2013

\*\*Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday\*\*

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. No Summer Sunday School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>Worship Helpers</u></b>                      Acolyte: Gillian Scott, Anna Ruby                      Usher:                      Communion Asst.: Fran Crist                      Altar Guild: Ruth Warfield</p>		1	2  <b>Silver Run Food Pantry 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.</b>	3 Judith Bollinger Mellisa Davis	4	5 Marion Matthias
<p>6                      20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green                      Habakkuk 1: 1 - 4; 2: 1 - 4                      Psalm: 37: 1 - 9                      2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14                      Luke 17: 5 - 10                      Basket Offering -Littlestown, Alpha Fire Co. #1                      8:30 a.m. - Eucharist, overflow room of church                      9:30 a.m. - Creature Blessing Service, Parish House</p>	7	8  <b>CLS Fundraiser 6 - 9 p.m. @ Buffalo Wild Wings</b>	9	10	11 	12 Curtis Meadows
<p>13                      21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green                      2 Kings 5: 1 - 3, 7 - 15                      Psalm:111                      2 Timothy 2: 8 - 15                      Luke 17: 11 - 19</p>	14  <b>Church Council Meeting - 7 p.m.</b>  Columbus Day	15	16  <b>Silver Run Food Pantry 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline 10 a.m.</b>	17	18 Joye Kaufman  <i>Luke, Evangelist</i>	19
<p>20                      John Haifley                      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green                      Genesis 32: 22 - 31                      Psalm: 121                      2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5                      Luke 18: 1 - 8</p>	21 Leslie Phillips  	22	23	24 Pat Armstrong James Crist	25	26 Ruth Warfield
<p>27                      Sarah Bollinger                      23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Green                      Jeremiah 14: 7 - 10, 19 - 22                      Psalm: 84: 1 - 7                      2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8, 16 - 18                      Luke 18: 9 - 14  <b>Social Hour</b> - Worship &amp; Music Committee</p>	28 Devin Carrington  <b>5:45 a.m. - Leave from St. Mary's for St. Luke's, Lutheran Men Fall Meeting 6:30 - Fall Dinner Meeting</b>	29	30  <b>8:45a.m. - 3:30p.m. Luther Colloquy at LTSG</b>	31 Stephanie Sparacino	<b><u>Anniversaries:</u></b> Craig & Dwyn Fleischer - 10/2/1982 Clifford & Mary Krebs - 10/11/1992 Jason & Laura Bennett - 10/21/2000	