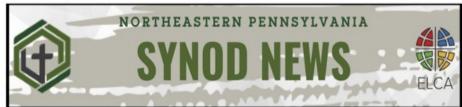
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -OFFICE CLOSED -GSCNS CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	2 - A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)	3 -Quilters 9:30-12:30 pm -Staff Mtg 5pm	4 -Fellowship & Commu- nity Building Mtg 6pm -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)	5 -Finance Mtg 10am	6 EPIPHANY
7 -BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY -Sunday School 9:00am -Worship 10:15am with Holy Communion -Council Installation -Council Officer election -BIRTHDAY BASH W/ POTLUCK LUNCH	8 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -Food Pantry Delivery 9am	 9 A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -Council Mtg 6pm 	10 -Quilters 9:30-12:30 pm	11 -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm	12	13 Psalm 98:1–3. Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
 14-Sunday School 9:00am -Worship 10:15am with Holy Communion -Property Committee Mtg -Social Ministry Mtg -Confirmation Class @ Safe Harbor -Girl Scout Mtg (FH) 7-8pm 	15 -AA Mtg 9am (FH) -GSCNS CLOSED -Christian Ed Mtg 6:30pm MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	16 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)	17 -Quilters 9:30am- 12:30pm	18 -Safe Harbor Meal delivered -Food Pantry 6-7:30pm	19	20
21-Sunday School 9:00am -New Member Class 9- 9:45am -Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am -Worship & Music Mtg	22 -AA Mtg 9am (FH)	23 -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH) -GSCNS Vision Screening (L)	24 -Quilters 9:30am- 12:30 -GSCNS Vision Screening (L)	25 -Girl Scouts 7-8pm (FH)	26	27
28-Sunday School 9:00am -New Member Class 9- 9:45am -New Member Installation -Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am -ANNUAL CONGREGATION MTG	29 -AA Mtg 9am (FH)	<i>30</i> -A Place to Belong Sr. Center 10am-2:30 pm (FH)	31 -Quilters 9:30am- 12:30pm -WUFLC Bible Study 12 noon		S Sanctuary FH Fellow- ship Hall K Kitchen CR Choir Room QR Quilters	L Lounge SS Sunday School Room NS Nursery School O Main Office

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Worship in Collaboration with Oglala Sioux Nation

On November 12, 2023, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Birdsboro, PA, held their annual Native American worship service in honor of November being Native American Heritage Month. I attended the worship service and wanted to share my experience with you.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church has a partnership with the Oglala Sioux Nation of Native Americans in Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, one of the poorest communities in the United States, and has been supporting them in many ways with their giving and their prayers.

In the worship service, the English translations used for the liturgy were:

Creator as the name used for God Creator-Sets-Free as the name used for Jesus The Chosen One as the name used for Christ The Great Spirit as the name used for the Holy Spirit The music for the worship service had a Native American vibe, words, and theme involving the sacredness of nature and life. Copal incense from Central and Southwestern North America was used during the service as Native Americans used for sacred services.



Pr. Jim Farnsworth's message was dedicated to Native Americans and how the new immigrants treated them to America. He asked that we remember and honor those who have gone before us -- the original inhabitants of this land. He also asked that we have a right relationship with God and each other and that we have a responsibility to repair relations. We reconcile by learning the truth, loving each other, and breaking down barriers with others. He suggested that we learn the history of our area by looking through the eyes of our neighbors and that we are called to be good neighbors.

> - Charlotte Gross, Co-Coordinator, Mission Interpretation Ministry

