



1 W. Wyomissing Ave., Mohnton, PA 19540

June 23rd, 2024 – June 29th, 2024

[www.calvaryumcmohnton.org](http://www.calvaryumcmohnton.org)

Summer Worship: 9AM

*Connect with God.  
Connect with each other.  
Connect with the community.*



**Next Sunday, June 30th**, join us in showing our appreciation for Pastor Matthew and his family during our 9:00AM summer worship service. There will be a fellowship hour afterward.

### **Greater Than Series: Possibility > Status Quo**

Pastor Nova's Sermon from 6/16/24; Scripture: John 14:11-14

*Whether or not we like the way things are, we tend to default to the status quo. Leaning on Christ, we have the power to discover endless possibilities.*

John 14:11-14 is part of a larger discourse where Jesus speaks to His disciples during the Last Supper, just before His crucifixion. This section is part of what is often referred to as the Farewell Discourse (John 14-17), where Jesus prepares His disciples for His coming departure, assures them of His continued presence through the Holy Spirit, and provides them with comfort and instruction.

#### *Possibility > Status Quo*

The phrase "**status quo**" is derived from Latin, where it literally means "*the state in which*". It has been adopted into English and is commonly used in discussions about continuity versus change. It is often used to describe how things are at a particular time, especially in the context of societal norms, political conditions, or organizational practices. Maintaining the status quo means keeping things the same and resisting significant changes or innovations.

**Possibility**, on the other hand, refers to *the state or fact of being possible*, indicating that something can happen or be done.

It encompasses the range of potential outcomes or events that might occur, given the conditions and circumstances. The concept of possibility is fundamental to various fields, including philosophy, mathematics, and everyday life, where it helps in understanding what could happen, even if it is not certain or likely.

What happened at the 2024 General Conference is a clear example of possibility surpassing the status quo. Like many of us, the apostles feared the unknown. In John 13:31-38, Jesus tells them He will be (physically) leaving them soon. They want to know where He is going so that they can continue to follow Him.

~Sermon cont'd on pg. 2



**June 23rd, 2024**

### *Community Worship & Picnic*

**10:30AM**

Rev. Rachael Dietz, former pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, will bring the morning message.

Please remember to bring a hot/hold side dish or dessert to share, as well as lawn chairs/blanket.

Pulled Pork BBQ and drinks provided.



Mifflin Food Ministry is collecting school supplies (needed by Aug. 15): Extra-large bookbags (sufficient smaller sizes are on hand), two pocket folders, spiral notebooks, pocket size tissues, pink erasers, pencil top erasers, glue sticks, highlighters, colored pencils, markers, and Sharpies.

[Drop off donations in the gray bin in the Gathering Area.]

Message cont'd from pg. 1

They want things to remain the same. In John 14:11-14, Jesus empowers them to do works without Him, even greater works than Jesus Himself. It would have been difficult for the apostles to imagine the possibility of doing greater works than Jesus. But they turned the world upside down because Jesus challenged them to do great things rather than maintain the status quo. The Church, in general, is a result of the possibility greater than the status quo. If the church had remained in the status quo, I would not be here in front of you teaching and preaching God's word.

If you noticed, the apostles were all male (what?!) and had a fatherly image. In the Bible, there is no specific mention of a celebration equivalent to modern Father's Day. Jewish traditions and holidays focus more on communal and religious observances rather than individual celebrations of parenthood, like Father's Day. However, the Old Testament does emphasize the importance of honoring and respecting one's parents, which is a central theme in Jewish culture.

*A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society. – Billy Graham*

Today is Father's Day. We will honor all fathers and men who have helped us shape the future. We will honor the memories of those who have come before us. We ask you to say the names of all men in your family who passed away, and we will light a candle for all of them. In Mexican culture, saying the name of the dead is deeply significant and tied to the traditions surrounding Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), which is celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. This practice reflects a broader cultural and spiritual understanding of life, death, and memory. It is important because of these reasons:

- \* Saying the name of the dead honors their memory and acknowledges their continued presence in the lives of the living.

- \* It is a way to show respect and love for those who have passed away. It helps keep their memories alive.

- \* Overall, the practice of saying the name of the dead is a profound expression of the Mexican view of death as a part of life, where the dead are not forgotten but continue to be an integral part of the community and family.

We thank God for our fathers and men who helped us and is helping us to make this world a better place for the future generation. God bless all the fathers and men who are walking in the light of God.



## Ticket Sales

Come enjoy some great baseball, fireworks, BBQ, and more! Fun for the whole family!

Calvary India Mission Team Fundraiser  
\$45 for a book of 6 tickets.

Tickets are good all season. That's only \$7.50 a ticket...\$12 at the gate!

Please see Pastor Nova or contact the church office  
@ 610-777-8441 for tickets.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

23 – Taylor Minick  
48 Rim View Lane  
Reading, PA 19607

28 - Ferdinand Gross  
418 Longview Drive  
Sinking Spr., PA 19608

27 - Adam Feiler  
3314 Pequot Drive  
Sinking Spr., PA 19607

29 - Brooke Shannon  
1431 Fayette Avenue  
Reading, PA 19607



Calvary youth, friends, and leaders  
enjoying a Reading Phils game.

# COMMUNITY WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**COME JOIN FELLOW CHRISTIANS AT OUR 16<sup>TH</sup>  
SUMMER DAY OF WORSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT  
AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup> AT THE  
MOHNTON MEMORIAL PARK  
[ Zion E.C. Church if inclement weather ]**

- ❑ Worship service at 10:30 AM (Main Pavilion) –
- ❑ Featured speaker Rev. Rachel Dietz (see Bio)
- ❑ Covered dish picnic w/pulled pork Bar-BQ at noon
- ❑ Fellowship time

**Sponsored jointly by:**

**Calvary United Methodist Church  
New Life Church of Shillington  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Zion Evangelical Congregational Church**

**Church participants are invited to bring a covered dish (preferred) and /  
or a dessert to share. Those concerned about sharing food are invited  
to bring a picnic lunch for their family. Don't forget your lawn chairs.**

## **Pastor Rachael Dietz**

*Executive Associate of the Bishop for Leadership*



Born and raised in Richmond, VA, I graduated from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA with a public policy/economics degree. After a year of itinerant youth ministry in the Midwest and 18 months as an inventory analyst, I admitted that the rustling in my gut wasn't indigestion but a call to sacramental service in the Church. I went to Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC, where I got schooled in the ways of shrimp and grits, scripture, theology, pastoral care, and Friday night cookouts.

Since ordination, I've served St. James Lutheran Church, Hobbie (near Wilkes-Barre) and St. John Lutheran, Mohnton. I loved living and working in Mohnton! In 2021, the newly elected Bishop, Christopher deForest, called me to serve on the Northeastern PA staff. After 18 years as a pastor, I'm still gobsmacked that I get the privilege to be about what God is up to in the world—to point out Jesus, crucified and risen.

I cheer for the Steelers and Packers passionately, stretch daily, knit methodically, and travel through life curiously with my service dog, Chipotle. I've been married to Travis Woodfield for almost 11 years now. Ask him to do a magic trick for you at the picnic!

---

And now about **SSD Chipotle** ...

Chipotle is Pastor Dietz' 4-year-old black Labrador from Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD), near Harrisburg, PA. He was born in June 2020 as part of the "Caliente" themed litter. After waiting 4 years and speed dating over a dozen dogs, Chipotle and Rachael became a team in July 2022.

He helps her with balance and mobility tasks such as: retrieving dropped items, providing a brace up and down curbs, pushing automatic door buttons, fetching her cane from anywhere in the house, taking off her socks, and more! When he's not working, he loves playing ball and sleeping on the couch.

Want to help with his training? The best thing you can do is ignore him!

Want to know more about him—or service dogs in general? Ask.

<http://www.facebook.com/dogfordietz>