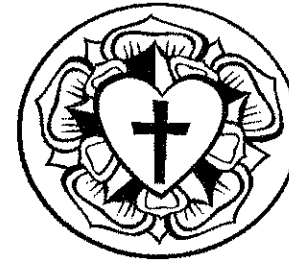




reporting is \$5,848.32.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Crop Walk October 6th. St. Paul's raised \$500 to relieve hunger in our community and the world. The final total from all the churches



The Epistle of St. Paul's

You may now make an offering to the church through our website www.SummerHillLutheran.org. Simply click on the online giving button on our home page and you will be directed to a secure site to make a one time or on-going offering. You may direct your offering from your checking or savings account or a credit or debit card. Use this QR code to go directly to the contribution page.



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Happy November Birthday To:

11/2 - Connie Klinger; Eleanor Wernert
11/04 - Joy Eldredge; Christopher Ross;
Georgia Sandler; Chauncey Trostle
11/5 - Diannah Swiger
11/6 - Elyse Gilbert
11/7 - Terri Cleary; Doris Gregory
11/8 - William Cleary, Jr.;
Phyllis Fessler; Taylor Frankenstein
11/9 - Kelsey Sisko
11/10 - Grace Paxson; Hanna Peto; Erin Sholl; Marlene Troxell
11/11 - Edward Wentz
11/12 - Kyle Honicker
11/15 - Wendy Reber
11/16 - Shirley Baker; Crystal Reber
11/17 - Amanda Sholly
11/18 - Nicholas Lord; Damien Pate; Kelly Schweigert;
Derek Staller
11/19 - Gwen Arnett
11/20 - Michael Sandler; Ross Weller, Jr.
11/21 - Douglas Boyer; Bradley Hill; Alexis Hossler
11/22 - Jack Davis; Tanner Gormley; Kathleen Kahl;
MaKayla Pate; Beth Reed; Nancy Sweitzer
11/24 - Charlene Egan
11/25 - Robert Gregory
11/27 - Shirley Fessler
11/28 - David Peto
11/30 - Gregory Schwartz, Jr.





The Social Ministry Committee will have their schoolhouse in the narthex to accept items for our college student from Saturday, November 2nd until Sunday, November 17th. Snacks, pens, pencils, or and other appropriate

items will be sent to our college students in time for their mid-terms. Thank you for your generosity. Parents and grandparents—If you would like your college student to receive a care package, please give the name and address to any member of our committees— (Karen Curtis, Charlene Egan, Harry Russell, or Harry Schwenk.)

Congregational Meeting



The annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17th following the worship service. The Nominating Committee is accepting names for open positions on the 2020 Church Council and the Student Loan Committee. Please submit nominees to Troy Hollenbach or

submit to the church office. Election of Church Council, adoption of the budget, and discussion of our worship services and times will be on the agenda.

Copies of the church budget for 2020 will be available in the narthex on Sunday, November 3rd, or may be picked-up in the church office the week before the Congregational Meeting.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? Psalm 116:12

Dear Folks,

The core understanding of the psalmist in Psalm 116 is that the Lord blesses and blesses bountifully. The psalmist's prayer for help has been answered. He has been delivered from his suffering. Now, for all the blessings that he has received, he desires to return a portion of that blessing back to the Lord. He does that by calling on the name of the Lord in thankful worship, offering sacrifices and his service in the name of the Lord.

In this month of Thanksgiving, it is natural for us to think about our blessings and to give thanks for all that we have. But do we think about where those blessings come from and what responsibility we have to steward those blessings?

Many times, especially with Fall Stewardship Programs in churches, we might associate giving thanks in connection to our financial stewardship and the stewardship of our time and talents. Have you considered your worship as a way of giving thanks to the Lord? In the parable of the 10 lepers, all are healed but only 1 returns to give thanks. Are you counted as the 1 in 10 or the 9 in 10?

What I hear many times from members and others is that there isn't enough time. Enough time to get all the work done, enough time to fit in all the children's activities, or family responsibilities, or work requirements. Yes, many of us are stressed with forces and responsibilities which seem beyond our control. We can feel there is not enough time to do all that we want to do. Yet, with God there is enough, because God is the giver. Perhaps a conversation with God might help. May God guide you in using all the blessings we have

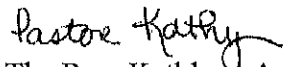
bountifully received so that each of us knows we do have enough to offer.

On Sunday, November 10th, the Stewardship Committee offers their thanks for your faithful stewardship of your time, talent, and treasure by serving a made-to-order breakfast following the 10 am worship service. Please join us for a fine breakfast and a good time of fellowship.

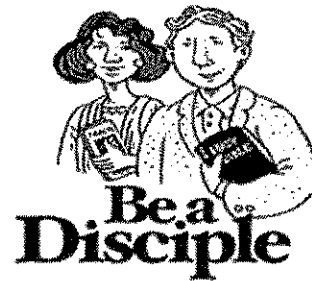
Don't forget the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, November 17th following the 10 am worship service. Along with approving the 2020 budget, we will elect church council members and a member for the Student Loan Committee. If a Nominating Committee member asks you to serve, please prayerfully consider your answer. Don't let "no" be your first answer. We need everyone working together to have a strong community in service to the Lord. At this meeting, we'll also be discussing the worship service times for the coming year. Shall we continue with one service on Sunday? Is the time working? Are there other worship times and opportunities we should explore? The Council realizes they can't please everyone but wants to make a decision that reflects the will of the community as a whole. See the survey elsewhere in the bulletin to express your thoughts.

Let us give thanks for all the bounty the Lord has given!

Serving to the glory of God,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner
Pastor



Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.

If you have attended worship recently you have received a copy of the TIME & TALENT SURVEY. It is also in

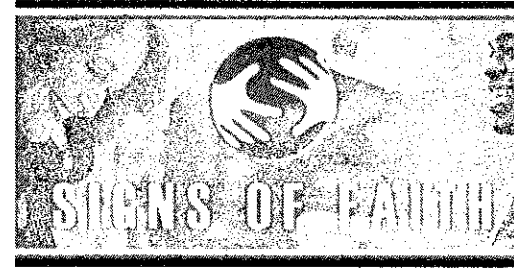
The Epistle of St. Paul's monthly mailing and on our website. This very important paper indicates what you might like to do to help on any of our committees, fold bulletins, help with worship activities, provide transportation when necessary, help in the music area., etc etc. Everyone can indeed find a way to help our mission of spreading God's Word. It really doesn't matter if you are 5 years of age or 95 years of age. There is always a need to be fulfilled. In addition, I would like to point out there is a schedule on the T&T survey form indicating when each committee meets and the times they meet. God has given you an opportunity to give a hand in some shape or form. You may be retired from your former employment, but God's work continues. PLEASE HELP AND FILL OUT YOUR SURVEY.

Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Leonard & Yvonne Szpara, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn

& Linda Curtis, Georgia Sandler, Arlene Moyer, John Weegar, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Carol Glaser, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, Neal Brensinger, David Axtt, Paul Baruka, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Chrissy Kull, Stella Lavenburg, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger



During the church service on Sunday, October 6th, Signs of Faith signed the anthem, "We've Come This Far By Faith" while the choir sang it.

We are in the process of learning a new anthem to be signed on Sunday, November 3rd.



A combined Thanksgiving Eve Service with St. Paul's UCC will be held on Wednesday, November 27th, here at St. Paul's Lutheran. Worship at 7 pm. There will be a meal in the Pavilion at 6 pm.

Pastoral visits and home communions are available anytime. Please call the office or Pastor Kathy.



Jerusalem Lutheran Church is hosting a community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 24th at 4 pm that everyone is invited to attend. Joint choir and bell choir music will be part of the service.



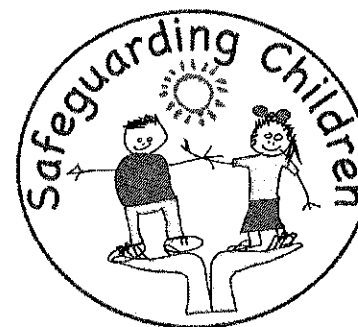
The deadline for items for the December newsletter is **November 15th.**



The annual Christmas Caroling event, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee, will be on Sunday, December 8th. The bus will leave the church at 1:30 pm, to visit some of the elderly and shut-in members of our church. You don't need to be part of the committee to join us. Let's fill the bus and the hearts of our elderly members with the joy of Christmas!



The annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors, sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee will be held in the pavilion on Saturday, November 23rd at 12:00 noon. All seniors from our church and the surrounding area are invited to attend the dinner and enjoy some fun and fellowship. If you plan to attend, please contact the church office or give your name to Harry Schwenk by Friday, November 15th.



Please read the article in the Synod News on renewing background checks. Remember anyone who did the background checks in 2015 must renew in 2020. All printouts of the record check certificate and the child abuse clearance certificate must be turned into the office. These checks are completely free to volunteers. Anyone who needs help may contact me at the office during office hours. I just renewed mine and I can tell you the child abuse clearance takes several days to be returned. If you have a job where you are required to have both of these clearances done, you may hand those certificates into the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, Linda

Church Calendar for November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45am Sunday School 10am Holy Communion 11 am Council meeting	28 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Finance	29 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	30	31 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2 5pm Holy Communion service
3 8:45am Sunday School 10am Holy Communion 11 am Stewardship	4 10am Prayer Shawl	5 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8	9 5pm Holy Communion service
10 Stewardship Sunday 8:45am Sunday School 10am Holy Communion 11 am Stewardship Breakfast	11 10am Prayer Shawl	12 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	13 1pm Evangelism Meeting 3 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry	14 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	15	16 5pm Holy Communion service
17 8:45am Sunday School 10am Holy Communion 11 am Congregational Meeting	18 10am Prayer Shawl	19 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Council of Churches meeting at St. Mark's UCC	20 7pm Church Council	21 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	22 Office closed	23 12 noon Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors in the pavilion. 5pm Holy Communion service
24 8:45am Sunday School 10am Holy Communion	25 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Finance	26 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	27 6 pm Meal with UCC Church 7 pm Joint Thanksgiving service	28 Office closed	29 Office closed	30 5pm Holy Communion service

Lectionary Calendar for November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Psalm 32:1-7 Job 22:21—23:17 2 Peter 1:1-11	Psalm 32:1-7 Isaiah 1:1-9 John 8:39-47
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All Saints Sunday	Psalm 50 Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31 1 Corinthians 5:9-13	Psalm 50 Zechariah 7:1-14 Jude 5-21	Psalm 50 Amos 5:12-24 Luke 19:11-27	Psalm 17:1-9 Deuteronomy 25:5-10 Acts 22:22—23:11	Psalm 17:1-9 Genesis 38:1-26 Acts 24:10-23	Psalm 17:1-9 Exodus 3:13-20 Luke 20:1-8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Twentieth-second Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 123 Job 20:1-11 2 Peter 1:16-21	Psalm 123 Job 21:1, 17-34 2 John 1-13	Psalm 123 Job 25:1—26:14 John 5:19-29	Psalm 98 1 Samuel 28:3-19 Romans 1:18-25	Psalm 98 2 Samuel 21:1-14 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	Psalm 98 Ezekiel 10:1-19 Luke 17:20-37
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Twentieth-third Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 141 Ezekiel 11:14-25 Ephesians 4:25—5:2	Psalm 141 Ezekiel 39:21—40:4 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1	Psalm 141 Ezekiel 43:1-12 Matthew 23:37—24:14	Psalm 46 2 Chronicles 18:12-22 Hebrews 9:23-28	Psalm 46 Zechariah 11:1-17 1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 46 Jeremiah 22:18-30 Luke 18:15-17
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christ the King	Psalm 24 Jeremiah 46:18-28 Revelation 21:5-27	Psalm 24 Isaiah 33:17-22 Revelation 22:8-21	Psalm 24 Isaiah 60:8-16 Luke 1:1-4	Psalm 122 Daniel 9:15-19 James 4:1-10	Psalm 122 Genesis 6:1-10 Hebrews 11:1-7	Psalm 122 Genesis 6:11-22 Matthew 24:1-22