

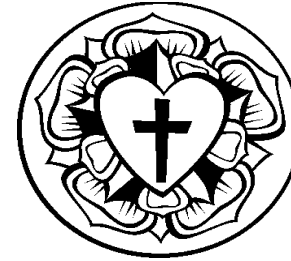


2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for pickup. If you did not pick up your envelopes the last 2 years and still desire offering envelopes, please call the church office. If you do not want to receive envelopes because

you are contributing online, please send an email to the church's email address listed in the newsletter.

Note: All members numbers have been changed for this year.

You may 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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Keep in your prayers:

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

The deadline for items for the March newsletter is **February 15.**



The weekends of January 4 and 5 and February 1 and 2, there will be a spoken service on Saturday at 5 pm and services with communion on Sunday at 8 and 10:30 am. All other Sundays will be only the 10:30 am service. Sunday school for all ages will be held every week on Sunday at 9:15 am.



The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex throughout the weeks before Christmas to accept donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. After the Christmas season, these items will be donated to Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

So, how are your New Year's resolutions coming? I have not made any as of yet, but I am considering a few. The problem is my New Years resolutions usually are too ambitious, like losing weight or joining a gym. This year I am thinking of scaling back to something I can actually attempt to achieve! Every year I commit to reading more and watching TV less; something I struggle with that because TV is so easy to get sucked into. It takes so little effort, and before you know it you have been sitting watching for way more time you intended.

Not that I don't like TV, but I think I need to find something better than House Hunters or reruns of old TV shows! Some of my friends pretend to not watch much TV but I have my doubts. It was much easier when I was younger and there were only 10 to 13 channels, but now there are hundreds of things you can find to distract you from real life. I think that's the problem!

Sometimes we have so much going on in our lives that we forget to take stock and see if there is anything we need to change in our lives. I'm not talking about big changes, but the little things we need to give up or start thinking about doing to get closer to God. If anyone has had a meal where I have said grace you

know that sometimes I end the grace with “Rub-a-dub-dub, thanks for the grub, Yay God!!”

It may seem silly but this reminds me at meals that I need to have More Joy in my life. I hope that when I add this to the grace, that the people I am about to share a meal with will also experience a little joy in this prayer too!

Happy New Year
Pastor Marie

THANK YOU

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who sponsored a child from our Angel Tree. We had 32 names of children from Schuylkill Children and Youth. Thank you to everyone who bought gifts and helped to make Christmas very special for these children.

By Charles Hawk, Sr.



Sometimes we may confront someone who would like to know about Jesus Christ. If this would be a hard question to answer I am going to give you a few things that I know would help. Actually there are 9 words right out of the BIBLE that I Believe if you look them up I am sure you will agree. #1 John 3-3 Be Born Again. #2 Matthew 11-5 Listen. John 3-16 By Faith you are SAVED! #5 Obey Him. #6 Mark 12-30 Love HIM! #7 Matthew 28-19 Share HIM! #8 John 12-26 Serve HIM! #9 Suffer For HIM! Philippians 1-29. Any BIBLE translation will give just about the same verbiage

THANK YOU

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas Caroling adventure a success. Between our church and St. Paul's U.C.C, we had 21 carolers traveling in 5 vehicles, and we visited 10 people, 5 of our members, and 5 of theirs.



Happy January Birthday To:

1/1 Tyler Donatti, Jr.
1/2 Trent Schantzenbach
1/3 Karen Curtis; Eva Waldman
1/5 Sydney Hill
1/7 Leslie Fessler
1/10 Carol Boyer
1/11 Delaney Hill; Trevor Reber, Kingsly Donatti
1/13 Leah Bowman
1/14 Richard Paxson
1/19 Earl Epting; Donald Mairose
1/21 Tyler Heist; George Skripko, IV
1/24 Donald Boyer
1/26 Rebecca Reber
1/30 Connie Harig
1/31 Gary Brown; Helen Miller

Happy February Birthday To:

2/2 Debbie Lord
2/3 Sandy Wentz
2/4 Brenda Phillips; Angie Saylor
2/6 Alan Romberger, Rachel Brensinger
2/8 Reba Llewellyn, Noah Brensinger
2/11 Emily Brown, Matthew Krammes, Jr.
2/14 Myles Honicker; Jacob Woll
2/16 Jessica Rollman
2/17 Karen Tokarick
2/18 Eric Thomas
2/22 Carl Schwenk; John Strauch, Jr.
2/23 Francis Frankenstein; Mary Jo Moss
2/25 Jennifer Minrod; Cynthia Reidler
2/26 Richelle Carroll; Brandon Felty; Mason Reber
2/28 Lisa Lehman