

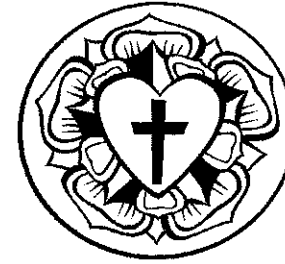


The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone who attended our annual “Dinner and a Movie Night” on Saturday, April 13th. Also thank you to everyone who provided food for the evening, to Karen Curtis for selecting another awesome movie and to Pastor Kathy

for operating the player so we could enjoy the movie. We set a record of 33 people in attendance, and from the comments that we received, everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Our committee also thanks everyone who donated items to the schoolhouse for our college students. Packages were made for 8 young people of our congregation who are students. Thank you for your continued support to all our events and projects.

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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Sunday Holy Communion Service –

8 am & 10:30 am

Saturday Holy Communion Service - 5 pm

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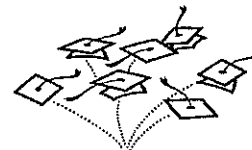
Closed from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch



During the church service on Sunday, April 7th, Signs of Faith signed the anthem, “They That Sow in Tears,” while the choir sang it. We are in the process of learning a new anthem for the church service on Sunday, May 5th.

Calling all graduates!!!

Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by May 12th. We will be honoring them in our services on June 2nd. Please include with your name where you are graduating from and your future plans.



Graduation



Jackie Albert donated \$25.00 to the memorial fund in the name of Ruth Liddle.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St Paul's Lutheran Church invites all children to explore where God's power can take you at **To Mars and Beyond** Vacation Bible School! This space adventure includes exciting new music, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God's amazing power. The adventure runs from June 9 through June 13. VBS begins at 6:30 PM in the church annex and concludes in the fellowship hall at 8:30 PM. Children from ages 2 and up to including those completing 6th grade are invited to join **To Mars and Beyond** VBS.

Register for this exciting Vacation Bible School by complete the registration form located on the table in the back of the church or the church website. In order to make sure that we have enough materials for all students, we ask that you register by May 26, 2019. Any adults or youth who would like to help with this year's VBS are asked to contact Reba Llewellyn.



A combined service with St. Paul's UCC Church to honor all veterans for Memorial Day will be held May 26th during the Sunday School hour at the memorial.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Dear Folks,

The strangest, but ordinary circumstances will spur my thinking to ponder issues of church and faith. A few days ago, as I prepared to tackle the spring clean-up around my home, I was in a big box store struggling to load a large, heavy bag of garden soil onto the bottom of my cart. As the cart kept sliding away, I attempted to hold onto the cart and swing this bulky bag of soil. Apparently, I looked like I needed help, because this wonderful young woman asked if she could help me. Now, normally I tend to say, "That's ok, I can get it." But this time I only said, "Thank you!" and in a flash the bag was on the cart. As she walked away, I thought to myself, "She saw my gray hair and must have thought I was too old to do it." Yet as I continued shopping, I felt blessed by the unexpected gracious offer of help.

Fast forward to the loading of my car. As I loaded items from the top of the cart, a worker clearing empty shopping carts from the parking lot was looking my way. I thought he must be waiting for my cart, but no, he came over and offered to load the big, heavy bag of garden soil. Once again, I thought, boy, I must look like an old lady who needs help, but I said "yes, thank you."

Now maybe both these people were just gracious, helpful people. The young woman saw my struggle, but the man in the parking lot only saw me. I hadn't started to struggle yet! I wondered what role my age and gender played into their offers. I have never had 2 offers in one store trip before. I started thinking about the difference between how I saw myself and what the world sees. I felt competent to load my own purchases, but did the world see a gray hair old lady who perhaps had no clue how heavy that bag really was or was the

world just being gracious to me that day.

We are Easter people! We proclaim, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" We are the body of Christ in the world, sharing the gracious gift of God's unending love and forgiveness, given through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know this. We know we are beloved children of God through our Baptism sent out to bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. But what does the world see? Do they see people who have a deep relationship with their Lord and Savior? Do they recognize us as Christians, caring for one another with that love? Do they know our mandate from Jesus himself is to go out into the world caring for those in need? Or do they see people who have a stale, dusty old religious social club? Who are unchanged by what they hear on a Sunday morning to make a difference in daily life? Who celebrate a hard to believe ancient story behind closed doors just as the disciples did that first Easter?

What impression do we as Christians and as faithful people of St. Paul's, Summer Hill give to the world around us? Is it the same impression we have of ourselves? Are we doing a good job of communicating God's Word of love among ourselves and out into the world? And if not, how might we change that?

We are an Easter people sent out into the world. We are to be Christ's hands and feet in serving others. Gray hair or not, in Christ there is no retirement program!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Pastor Kathy

The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner
Pastor

Keep in your prayers:



Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Jane Frantz, Greg Phillips, 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 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, Nancy Blankenhorn, Jay Sticker, 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.

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



The deadline for items for the July/August newsletter is **June 15th.**

Happy May Birthday To:



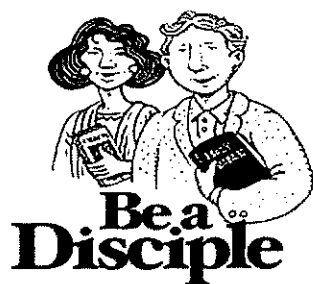
5/1 – Hunter Koury
5/2 - Harvey Sutton, III
5/3 - Elona Fromm; Harry Schwenk
5/4 - Marvin Moyer
5/6 - Kenneth Heinbaugh; Elaine M. Moyer;
Patricia Stevens; Terry Tryon; Brenda Frankenstein
5/7 - Lisa Hollenbach; Christine Nagle
5/8 - Matthew Ball; Charles Hawk, Sr.;
Betty Heinbaugh
5/9 - Arlene Moyer; Kristin Strausser
5/10 - Donald Hand
5/11 - Amanda Deal; Tracey Seltzer
5/15 - Gregory Phillips II; Pegi Staller
5/16 - Stella Lavenburg; David Reidler;
Kohlby Rollman
5/17 - Donald Paxson, Jr.; Carl Wildermuth; Doris Willhoyte
5/18 - Erin Ball; Patricia Davis; Scott Thomas
5/20 – Edward Hossler, III
5/22 - Lora Bubeck; Jane Gordon; Eileen Heffleger
5/23 - John Weegar
5/24 – Sheila Tryon
5/25 – Errol Seltzer, Jr.
5/26 - Jason Honicker; Bernadette Trostle
5/27 - Dolores Detweiler; Charles Hawk, Jr;
Kolton Platt; Thaddeus Schantzenbach; Heidi Securda
5/28 - Harry Lord; Lillian Wisner
5/29 - Carly Mullins
5/30 - Betty Freeman
5/31 - Dominic Ross; Charity Staller

Happy June Birthday To:

6/2 - Victoria Lord; Quinn Oblas
6/3 - Molly Ulsh
6/4 - Bonnie Beck; Larry Johnson; Rebecca Mairose,
6/7 - Richard Thomas; Brittney Tokarick
6/8 - Elaine Martin
6/10 - Stacey Lehman
6/12 - Kathy Robinson
6/13 - Leah Geiger
6/14 - Troy Hollenbach; Giselle Moss
6/15 - Patrick Cleary
6/16 - Brian Ferrence
6/17 - Logan Rollman
6/20 - David Brooker
6/21 - Thelma Brensinger; Cynthia Reber
6/23 - April Carroll; Mary Lord
6/25 - Michelle Bachman; Matthew Burcik,
Patricia Reazor
6/26 - Beth Cleary
6/28 - Kurt Sinclair
6/29 – Robert Zeledonis
6/30 - Annie Ferrence; Abigail Minrod;
Matthew Middleton



The summer schedule of worship will begin on Sunday, June 2nd. On that date, the congregation will gather for service with Holy Communion at **9 a.m.** There will be **no** Sunday School during the summer months. Saturday Services are held every Saturday at 5 pm.



Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.

I am concerned. Every year our church pews seem to be emptier. This of course is not just in our church but in all main line denominations. Why

is this? I know this is going to sound like I am preaching to the choir BUT if things continue like they are, there will only be the choir to preach to. Ask yourself a very simple question. In the greatest nation on the earth that GOD so richly blesses why do we not obey the first commandment? Believe me we as Christians have failed miserably with this one. Let's face it we don't do that well with the other nine either. Some people might say how do we disobey the first commandment. We don't worship other gods. Ah but we sure do. Your priorities are your god. Sometimes I think we need to be reminded of the days when God destroyed those that worship other gods and not Him. How about commandment #2 and how about commandment #3. Think back on the 10 commandments and recall the FIRST THREE ARE ALL ABOUT GOD. These are the ones that if we follow, our churches would be FULL every Sunday. We shouldn't give a second thought about where our priorities are. With the gifts God bestows on us daily we should be ANXIOUS TO GO TO CHURCH AND THANK HIM. Is there anything more important? NO! Have we as a society changed over the years? Boy Howdy!!!!!! Has God changed over the years? NO! God sustains us with so many Blessings and promises our VERY FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO COME TO CHURCH AND THANK HIM. Where else are you going to hear the WORD that not only doesn't change but you know is 100% TRUE. When you really put your thinking cap

on: what are doing is filling up the church grounds (the cemetery) and not the church. We need to reverse that trend! Please excuse the last sentence but sometimes a little humor can help get the point across.



MY FATHER'S HOUSE

+ Servants to All +

During the month of June, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of items for the benefit of "Servants to All." A box will be in the Narthex for donations of paper products. Items needed are disposable plates, bowls and coffee cups, plastic spoons and forks, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper and zip lock bags. Thank you for your generosity. Servants to All operates My Father's House and Day Center in downtown Pottsville and an overnight at the United Presbyterian Church for homeless in Schuylkill County. They provide supportive services to both men and women as they strive to get back on their feet with the goal of independent living.

May 2019

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28 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	29 10am Prayer Shawl	30 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	1 7pm Church Council	2 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 10 am Schuylkill Mission District Eastern Cluster	3	4 WELCA Spring Assembly 5pm Holy Communion service
5 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	6 10am Prayer Shawl	7 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	8 1pm Evangelism Meeting 6:30 pm Christian Ed	9 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 5pm Holy Communion service
12 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	13 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Stewardship	14 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal	15 7pm Property	16 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18 5pm Holy Communion service
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26 9am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10 AM Memorial Day service with St. Paul's UCC 10:30am Holy Communion	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 7pm Finance	28	29	30	31	1 5pm Holy Communion service

June 2019

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26 9am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed 7pm Finance	28	29	30	31	1 NEPS Assembly in Hazleton 5pm Holy Communion service
2 9am Holy Communion	3 10am Prayer Shawl	4 12:30pm Jolly Quilters	5 6pm Christian Ed 7pm Church Council	6	7	8 5pm Holy Communion service
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May Lectionary 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Psalm 122 Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 Luke 12:4-12	2 Psalm 30 Isaiah 5:11-17 Revelation 3:14-22	3 Psalm 30 Isaiah 6:1-4 Revelation 4:1-11	4 Psalm 30 Genesis 18:1-8 Luke 14:12-14
5 Third Sunday of Easter	6 Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:1-25 Acts 9:19b-31	7 Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:26—2:1 Acts 26:1-18	8 Psalm 121 Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11	9 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 11:1-25 Revelation 5:1-10	10 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 20:39-44 Revelation 6:1—7:4	11 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 28:25-26 Luke 12:29-32
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter	13 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 37:15-28 Revelation 15:1-4	14 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35	15 Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:17-20 John 10:31-42	16 Psalm 148 Ezekiel 2:8—3:11 Revelation 10:1-11	17 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 11:15	18 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27 Revelation 11:16-19
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	20 Psalm 133 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 Acts 11:19-26	21 Psalm 133 2 Samuel 1:4-27 Acts 11:27-30	22 Psalm 133 Leviticus 19:9-18 Luke 10:25-28	23 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:1-5 Acts 15:36-41	24 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:6-8 Acts 16:1-8	25 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:9-15 Luke 19:1-10
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	27 Psalm 93 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 Revelation 21:5-14	28 Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Revelation 21:15-22	29 Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 Luke 2:25-38	30 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	31 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9	

June Lectionary 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:18-23 John 1:14-18
2 Seventh Sunday of Easter	3 Psalm 29 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40	4 Psalm 29 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29	5 Psalm 29 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27	6 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25	7 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10	8 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 1:5-17
9 Pentecost	10 Psalm 48 Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 2:1-11	11 Psalm 48 Ezekiel 11:14-25 1 Corinthians 2:12-16	12 Psalm 48 Numbers 24:1-14 Luke 1:26-38	13 Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:13-18 Ephesians 1:17-19	14 Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:19-26 Ephesians 4:1-6	15 Psalm 8 Proverbs 4:1-9 Luke 2:41-52
16 The Holy Trinity	17 Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4 Ephesians 4:7-16	18 Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21 Ephesians 5:15-20	19 Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke 1:46b-55	20 Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 56:9-12 Romans 2:17-29	21 Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 57:1-13 Galatians 3:15-22	22 Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 59:1-8 Matthew 9:27-34
23 Second Sunday after Pentecost	24 Psalm 64 Job 18:1-21 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	25 Psalm 64 Job 19:1-22 Ephesians 2:11-22	26 Psalm 64 Ezekiel 32:1-10 Luke 9:37-43a	27 Psalm 16 Leviticus 9:22—10:11 2 Corinthians 13:5-10	28 Psalm 16 2 Kings 1:1-16 Galatians 4:8-20	29 Psalm 16 Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43 Luke 9:21-27