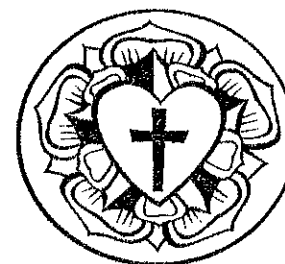




Confirmation class will begin a new year on September 13<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Please call the church office if interested. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kathy.

**You may now make an offering to the church** through our website [www.SummerHillLutheran.org](http://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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**8 am and 10:30 am**

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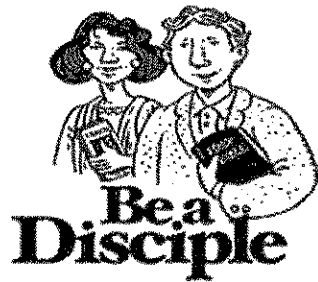
### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm  
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## Happy September Birthday To:

9/1 - Lynn Ney  
9/2 - Wendy Kuhns; Clark Staller  
9/3 - Marna Skripko  
9/4 - Jillian Emerich  
9/5 - Melissa Bubeck; Derek Reber  
9/6 - Hunter Strauch  
9/7 - Emma Fessler; Brian Kahl; Jennifer Lileck;  
Tara Schoffstall; Lena Ferrence  
9/8 - Sheryl Deal; Ashley Frankenstein  
9/12 - Kylie Sinclair; Betty Strauch  
9/14 - Christina Durick  
9/15 - Kylinn Hollenbach; Angelina Ross  
9/16 - Rita Wolfe  
9/17 - Elizabeth Moyer  
9/19 - David Wolfe  
9/20 - Earl Paxson  
9/24 - Jennifer Gernert; Jason Tryon  
9/25 - John Detweiler; Brian Staller  
9/26 - Robert Burcik; Jennifer Platt; Charles Wernert  
9/28 - Bryan Schaeffer; Erin Schaeffer; Shaun Schaeffer  
9/30 - Ronald Kreiger; Maggie Moss; Amanda Tokarick





## Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.

If you haven't heard it as yet-- Good News-- Sunday Church School commences September 13, 2020. Look forward to more

announcements regarding this. In addition to our regular classes, Pastor Kathy is having Bible study on an evening during the week, commencing in October. It will be on your computer. Things are being handled by the Pastor regarding the day, the time and how to get connected. This is exciting for many people who have been hoping for this for some time. Stay tuned

Dear Folks,

This newsletter is quite smaller than a normal September newsletter would be. Usually leaving the summer months behind, our newsletter would be filled with the details of a whole host of groups and events. Choir practice would resume. The Social Ministry Committee would be planning the 75<sup>th</sup> and older Birthday party. Rally Day would mark the beginning of Sunday School. Committees would return re-energized from the respite of the summer to begin a new year. But the way we did it cannot be the way we do it this year. COVID-19 has once again made its mark on our ministry.

What we will do is carefully consider those things we can do, and be diligent in our efforts to do them as safely as possible. We might even venture into the realm of "we've never done it that way before" and see what happens!

First, starting on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we will return to our 2 Sunday services at 8 am and 10:30 am. Each service will continue to have its own pews marked for social distancing. Holy Communion will be part of our service, following strict guidelines previously shared. Even though we will be using different pews, the sanctuary will be sanitized between services using a mister. We ask that you continue to make reservations for any service. Last minute requests usually can be accommodated. The worship service at 10:30 am will be live streamed on our Facebook page.

Sunday School will begin that day as well with proper social distancing and mask wearing by both teachers and students. Because of the larger numbers in the upper grade class, they will move from the church to the Pavilion for class.

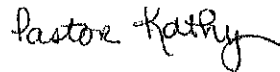
The Confirmation class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The mister will be used in these areas as well to keep the tables, chairs, and other high touch items clean and sanitized.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion will be celebrated for our students who were to receive First Holy Communion in the Spring. They will not be coming forward as a class, but by individual families. We will look forward to celebrating this important step in their faith journey.

Our two Confirmation Students who had hoped to be confirmed on Pentecost in the spring will complete their program in September and October and be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

No, things will not return to “normal” for a while, but things like in-home communion kits, zoom Bible study, live streaming, and zoom Committee meetings assure that the ministry continues to be done. Thank you for your prayerful support. Your stewardship of time, talents, and treasure is God sent and blessed! Be well!

Serving in the name of Christ,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner  
Pastor

### 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, Arlene Moyer, 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, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Chrissy Kull, Connie Klinger, 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

**Note:** This is the prayers list from the last bulletin printed in March. If anyone should be removed or added, please leave the church office know. Thank you, Linda

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

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The deadline for items for the October newsletter is **September 15th.**

# September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Psalm 17 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15 Revelation 3:7-13	<b>2</b> Psalm 17 Jeremiah 17:5-18 Matthew 12:22-32	<b>3</b> Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:1-14 2 Corinthians 12:11-21	<b>4</b> Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:15-27 Romans 10:15b-21	<b>5</b> <i>Saturday</i> Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 33:1-6 Matthew 23:29-36
<b>6</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>7</b> Psalm 119:65-72 Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16 1 Peter 2:11-17	<b>8</b> Psalm 119:65-72 Deuteronomy 17:2-13 Romans 13:1-7	<b>9</b> Psalm 119:65-72 Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28 Matthew 21:18-22	<b>10</b> Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 37:12-36 1 John 3:11-16	<b>11</b> Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 41:53—42:17 Acts 7:9-16	<b>12</b> Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 45:1-20 Matthew 6:7-15
<b>13</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>14</b> Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29	<b>15</b> Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29—50:14 Romans 14:13—15:2	<b>16</b> Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25	<b>17</b> Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-42	<b>18</b> Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10	<b>19</b> Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30
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## A BRIEF LOOK AT SOME SUMMER HILL HISTORY

By Harry Schwenk

This month we will take a look at what was happening at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in 1925, ninety five years ago. The information was taken from my 1925 Parish Directory, which was published in September 1925.

At this time, our church was a part of the Auburn Lutheran Parish, which consisted of four churches. They were St. John's, Auburn; Zion's Red Church, Pinedale; St. Paul's, Summer Hill and St. John's, Friedensburg. The Rev. Howard H. Krauss was the pastor, and the parsonage was located in Auburn. At this time, a lot of young couples did not get married in the churches. Instead they got married at the parsonage, with just a small ceremony. Some were attended by their immediate families, and if they didn't have anyone attending, the pastor's wife would be the witness. I know that both sets of my grandparents were married in the parsonage in Auburn by The Rev. Krauss.

At this time, each Lutheran congregation had services every other Sunday, sometimes in the morning, and sometimes in the afternoon. St. John's Auburn would sometimes have Sunday evening services. With the pastor having four churches, this kept him quite busy, with preaching at two, sometimes three churches, each week. With all four of the churches having a Reformed congregation sharing the building, on the alternate weeks, the Reformed congregation would hold their services. Many of the people went to their church each week, whether it was a Lutheran or Reformed service.

When coming to worship on Summer Hill in 1925, things looked quite different than today. First of all, Summer Hill Road was a dirt road and didn't become macadam until 1938, through the efforts of The Rev. Steigerwalt and members of the church. Also the parking lots were dirt. Most of the people came to services by either car or pick-up truck. There may have been a few still using horse and buggy, since the horse sheds located to the north of the west parking lot were not taken away until the middle of the 1930's. To announce that it was time for services to begin, the church sexton or one of his children or grandchildren would ring the church bell. In the old church, members also had the opportunity to sit in the balcony.

In 1925, the membership consisted of 411 adult confirmed members of our church, in addition to the 25 young people who were confirmed that year, making it 436 plus all of the children who hadn't yet been confirmed. As anyone who has ever strolled through the Summer Hill Cemetery can see, the surname Reber is the name that is mostly seen on the tombstones. In 1925, 60 of our adult members were Rebers. The next most popular names were Moyer with 37 adult members and Boyer with 23 adult members. Ninety five years later, there are still descendants of these people with these same surnames worshipping on Summer Hill.

The Church Council consisted of Deacons: Adam E. Heim, Mandon E. Boyer, Henry E. Lutz and Uriah H. Krammes. Elders were: B.F. Reber, the President and Oscar C. Moyer, the Secretary. The Trustee was Clinton Reber, the Treasurer. The Sunday School Superintendent was Joseph D. Roeder, and the Organist was Mrs. Emma Rhine.