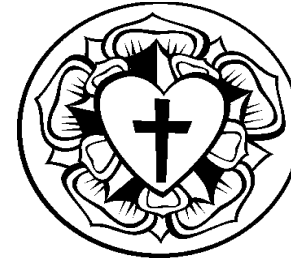




The following have donated gifts to the memorial fund in memory of Charles Wernert.

Robin and Steve Zimmerman	\$25.00
Bill Gayos	\$50.00

**You may 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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### Keep in your prayers:



Charles Hawk, Sr., Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Stephen Curtis,

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**Pastoral visits and home communions are available anytime.**

**Please call the office or Pastor Marie.**

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



Dinner and a Movie night at St. Paul's Lutheran church will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:45 pm following the Saturday evening service. The movie will be **Do You Believe?** A dozen different souls, all moving in different directions, all longing for something more. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, they each are about to discover there is power in the Cross of Christ, even if they don't yet believe it. When a local pastor is shaken to the core by the visible faith of an old street corner preacher, he is reminded that true belief always requires action. His response ignites a faith-fueled journey that powerfully impacts everyone it touches in ways that only God could orchestrate. More than a movie, it's a question we all must answer in our lifetimes: **DO YOU BELIEVE?**

#### COLLEGE STUDENT INFO NEEDED



The Social Ministry Committee is seeking the names and addresses of our young people who are college students. Each year care packages of items donated by our members are sent to the college students twice a year, at mid-terms and finals. Parents and/or grandparents, please give this information to the church office or to Harry Schwenk, Social Ministry Chairperson, so your student will be able to receive their care package.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

What are you thankful for? With Thanksgiving Day coming soon, have you thought about what you have to be thankful for this year?

It has been a busy heartrending wonderful year.

It seems that life is busier than ever, sometimes not even having time to just stop and consider the blessings we have received from God throughout the year. As I look back over 2024 There are many things I am thankful for. The call to be your pastor has been a blessing for me and my family, coming to this welcoming congregation and feeling at home with you all. I am thankful for the continuing gift of my family, especially my two great grandchildren!

This past year we have seen much sorrow as well. The two hurricanes that hit the southeast was devastating for so many people. Lost family members, livelihoods and, so many lost homes have been terrible. But the response from so many good and faithful people,

sending help, and going down to make sure that people are getting the help they need has been wonderful.

I believe that it is when we see people from all over the country and the world respond with love and help to such disasters, we are seeing the best humanity can be.

Our Gospel reading for October 20<sup>th</sup> says it best “Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

May we always be ready to serve those in need.

Pastor Marie

By Charles Hawk, Sr.



With all the disasters that have been happening recently and Christmas only 2 months away, maybe it would be nice if we thought about how we could help some of the less fortunate. Remember the WORDS of THE LORD JESUS, we are to help the poor. When you think of some of the people in the southern states (actually thousands!!!) many have nothing to come home to. A lot have no idea where they are going to lay their head tonight. There are many ways we can help. Think of all the organizations who send you requests for money, just check them out to be sure they are legitimate. there are MANY ESPECIALLY RIGHT HERE AT HOME (OUR CHURCH ) You couldn't go wrong there. Salvation Army is another one . Red Cross supports thousands of people regularly. Regardless of what you can do please keep them in your PRAYERS!!!!!! GOD BLESS YOUR EFFORTS

#### DONATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> until Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are taking their mid-term exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items that the young people could use while studying for their exams. The packages will be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

## Church services for November 2024



Sunday morning service will be held at 10:30 am every Sunday. November 3<sup>rd</sup> there will also be an 8 am service. Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a spoken service at 5 pm with communion. Sunday School will be held every week at 9:15 am. The weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be All Saints weekend.

## Congregational Meeting



The annual Congregational meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:30 am worship service.

The Nominating Committee is accepting names for open positions on the 2025 Church Council and the Student Loan Committee. Please submit nominees to Brian Staller or submit to the church office. Election of Church Council, and adoption of the budget will be on the agenda.

**Copies of the church budget for 2025 will be available in the narthex or may be picked-up in the church office the week before the Congregational Meeting.**

## Happy November Birthday To:

11/1 – Jayde Krammes  
11/2 - Eleanor Wernert  
11/4 - Joy Eldredge; Chauncey Trostle;  
Emery Reber  
11/5 - Diannah Swiger  
11/6 – Elyse Gilbert  
11/7 - Terri Cleary; Doris Gregory  
11/8 - William Cleary, Jr.; Taylor Frankenstein  
11/9 - Kelsey Sisko  
11/10 - Grace Paxson; Hanna Peto; Erin Sholl; Marlene Troxell  
11/11 - Edward Wentz  
11/15 -Wendy Welsh  
11/16 - Shirley Baker; Crystal Reber  
11/18 - Nicholas Lord; Kelly Schweigert;  
11/20 - Ross Weller, Jr.  
11/21 - Bradley Hill; Alexis Hossler  
11/22 - Tanner Gormley; Kathleen Kahl; Beth Reed;  
Nancy Sweitzer  
11/24 - Charlene Egan  
11/28 - David Peto



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Social Ministry Committee will sponsor Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins and elderly. We will be joining our sister congregation, St. Paul's U.C.C. for this event. Everyone is invited to join us. We will be carpooling and leaving from St. Paul's U.C.C, at 2:00 p.m.

## DONATIONS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS NEEDED



The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex from Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are taking their mid-term exams. Items to

be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items that the young people could use while studying for their exams. The packages will be sent to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Schuylkill Haven Council of Churches Crop Walk October 6<sup>th</sup>.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

By Harry Schwenk

On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Social Ministry Committee hosted their annual Birthday Party Luncheon for those who are 75 and over. The people who attended enjoyed a barbeque chicken meal with birthday cupcakes. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship with one another, playing games and winning prizes. A total of 32 people attended the event. Thank you to all who attended and also to those who helped in any way to make the event a success.



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