



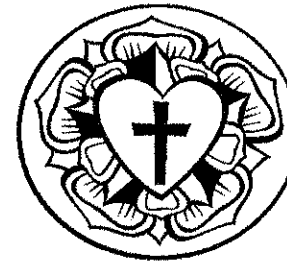
2022 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for pickup. If you did not pick up your envelopes the last 2 years and still desire offering envelopes, please call the church office. If you do not want to receive envelopes because

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



**Christmas Jar books** for the Stewardship Committee's Christmas Jar project will be available in December. After saving your change all year, now's the time to choose your recipient. Need help or a suggestion, please contact the office.

**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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**Sunday Holy Communion Service –**

**9 am**

**Saturday Holy Communion Service - 5 pm**

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### Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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



in helping to make this event a success.

The annual Mitten Tree will be in the narthex in December to accept donations of mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, hats, and any other appropriate items. The items will be divided between Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All. Thank you for your generosity



the child. They are just ideas of what the child would need to be able to use. Please have gifts wrapped, with the ornament attached to the gift, under the tree by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity in this annual event that Social Ministry has been sponsoring for the past 19 years.

The Social Ministry's Angel Tree is in the narthex with ornaments with children's names and some ideas for Christmas gifts for them. The names are from Schuylkill Children and Youth and are available for anyone to sponsor. Please select an ornament and write your name on the paper at the appropriate place. Everything listed on the ornament does not have to be purchased for



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items to the schoolhouse for our college students. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated at this time, when these young people are preparing for their mid-terms.

**Evangelism News**  
By Charles Hawk, Sr.



Some real exciting things taking place in the very near future. BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM beginning on November 29 @ 7:00PM. More information will follow from the Pulpit and e-mail. In January we will begin an Adult Sunday School class.

This is the first one since the pandemic fiasco. When we finished previously, we had 8 to 10 adults every Sunday. If you happened to be one of them, please spread the word to the ones you remember who participated. We really want this to grow as the LORD instructed us to do. The best way to get the news out is by word of mouth. Please be so kind to do that. Jesus will be happy and so will the attendees. PRAISE THE LORD!



Christmas Eve there will be services at 5 pm and 7:30 pm. There will not be a service on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be one service on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. There will not be any Sunday School on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. New Year's weekend the services will be a normal schedule, Saturday 5 pm, Sunday at 8 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School will meet at 9:15 am. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



*From the Pastor's Pen*

“O come, O come, Emmanuel!” It’s one of our most beloved Advent hymns, our cry of longing for God to be with us, and for us to recognize the ways God is with us. The season of Advent marks the beginning of our church year. It is a season of preparing to celebrate promises kept, and anticipate the fulfillment of promises for the future. Advent is so much more than “getting ready for Christmas.”

While the rest of the world around us is playing Christmas carols, having Christmas parties, and wishing us a “Merry Christmas,” the church is singing Advent hymns and inviting us to remember how God has faithfully kept promises of being with us, shows up in our lives today and will come again to fulfill God’s will and fully establish God’s kingdom.

As the world around us plunges headlong into the celebration of Christmas, I invite you to take a step back, to take a deep, slow breath and savor the season of Advent, the season of anticipation, the season of promises. If you haven’t established a daily routine for prayer and reading of scripture, Advent is an excellent opportunity to begin. There are lots of resources for daily devotions based on Advent themes.

Our worship in Advent will reflect the themes of promises made, kept and anticipated. Of all the seasons of the church year, Advent best reflects the “now, but not yet” of our faith lives: the kingdom God is here, among us now, but not yet in its fullness. You’ll notice that some of our Advent hymns are in a minor key, their haunting melodies reflecting the longing of our hearts for God’s healing presence in our lives and our

world.

When we arrive at Christmas Eve, and the beginning of our 12 day celebration of Christmas, we will joyfully celebrate the promise fulfilled when Jesus first came among us as a human child so many centuries ago. But in the meantime, let's savor the season of Advent, remembering God's promises made and fulfilled, learning how to watch and wait for the ways God shows up now, and anticipating the time when all God's promises are fulfilled and all things are made new.

Blessed Advent!

*Pastor Eileen*

### Coming Up in January: Adult Sunday School

9:15-10:15

Beginning Sunday, January 2 we will begin a series of conversations about living out our faith. We will be using Pastor Rob Bell's videos called "Nooma" as conversation starters.

### January 2: Rain

*An opportunity to explore the storms and difficult times in our lives, and ponder how we experienced (or didn't experience!) God in those times.*

### January 9: Trees

*How is it that our world can be filled with such beauty and such order and such good, and yet at the same time filled with such heartache and such pain?*

### Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, 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, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Helen Miller, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson 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.

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

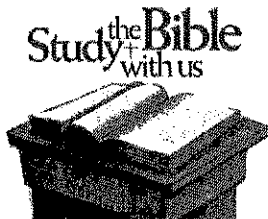
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The deadline for items for the January/February newsletter is **December 15**.



It is our hope to help families in our area who might need a bit extra at Christmas with the gift of a food card. If you know of someone or a family who would appreciate such a gift, please submit their name and address to Pastor Eileen (stpaulsummerhill.pastor@gmail.com) or call the church office by December 13<sup>th</sup>. Support for this ministry comes from the Local Benevolence Fund.



link to the online Zoom meeting.

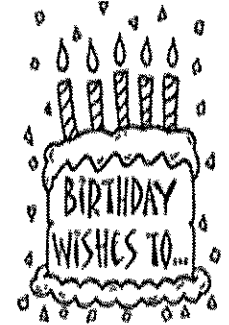
**Adult Bible Study** continues virtually on ZOOM on Monday evenings at 7 pm for about an hour. In December we will be examining the Advent prophecy scriptures as we watch and wait for the Messiah. Contact Pastor Eileen for the



If you desire Pastor Eileen to bring Holy Communion to your home before Christmas, please call the church office. Because of the pandemic, Holy Communion to our homebound members this year is by family request. Social distancing, mask wearing, and safety protocols will be in place.

## Happy December Birthday To:

- 1 Janet Pavlick
- 2 Charles Moyer
- 4 Patti Freeman
- 5 Allie Bright
- 6 Rose Edwards, Barrett Mullins
- 7 Jeffrey Hummel
- 13 Linda Fessler, Richard Kosmisky
- 14 Glenn Miller
- 15 Gereon Sholl
- 16 Vanessa Andrew, Courtney Schock, Larry Sweigert
- 18 Lilly Chappell, Johnathon Felty, Jr.
- 19 Matthew Platt, David Reber, Sr.
- 21 Nicholas Maldonado, Ava Woll, Zo Martin
- 24 Betty Bailey, Jeffrey Freeman
- 25 Rhonda Krammes
- 26 Nancy Benedict, Abigail Ebling
- 27 Cindy Freeman, Stephen Sandler
- 29 Jacqueline Paxson, Joanne Reinert
- 30 Janet Costenbader
- 31 Debbie Hummel



singing.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at our candlelight services on Christmas Eve - at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. We plan to livestream the 5 pm. The Bell Choir will play at the 5 pm service and the 7:30 pm service will be signed for the deaf. **Masks are required while**

**Following members are home bound.**

**THELMA BRENSINGER**

352 W. Deer View Drive  
Auburn, PA 17922

**ELMA BROWN**

Rosewood Rehab Center  
401 University Drive  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**RUSSELL FIDLER**

Providence Place  
2200 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Pottsville, PA 17901

**BETTY FREEMAN**

71 Eden View Road Apt. 383  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

**BETTY HEINBAUGH**

819 Summer Hill Road  
Auburn, PA 17922

**CONNIE KLINGER**

160 Red Horse Road Room 327  
Pottsville, PA 17901

**HANNAH LEA KRAMMES**

1035 Schuylkill Mountain Road  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**ZO MARTIN**

215 Wynonah Drive  
Auburn, PA 17922



**Brighten their day and send them a card.**

**RICHARD PAXSON**

619 Forest Lane  
Pottsville, PA 17901

**REGINA PHILLIPS**

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Eagleville, PA 19403

**HELEN RUNKLE**

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Pottsville, PA 17901

**CHARLES WERNERT**

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Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

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1285 State Route 183  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

# Church Calendar for December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>29</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 6pm Christian Ed. meeting 7pm Council Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> 5pm Worship Service
<b>5</b> 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>6</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>7</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6:30 pm Bell Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5pm Worship Service
<b>12</b> 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>13</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 pm Bell Choir</b>	<b>15</b> 7pm Property	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b> 5pm Worship Service
<b>19</b> 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>20</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>21</b> 12:30pm Quilting ???? 6:30 pm Bell Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed 5 pm Service 7 pm Service 9 pm Service	<b>25</b> 5pm Worship Service
<b>26</b> 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	<b>27</b> Office Closed 7pm Finance	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 pm Bell Choir</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office Closed	<b>1</b>

# Lectionary Calendar for December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Psalm 90 Isaiah 1:24-31 Luke 11:29-32	2 Luke 1:68-79 Malachi 3:5-12 Philippians 1:12-18a	3 Luke 11:68-79 Malachi 3:13-18 Philippians 1:18b-26	4 Luke 1:68-79 Malachi 4:1-6 Luke 9:1-6
5 <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	6 Psalm 126 Isaiah 40:1-11 Romans 8:22-25	7 Psalm 126 Isaiah 19:18-25 2 Peter 1:2-15	8 Psalm 126 Isaiah 35:3-7 Luke 7:18-30	9 Isaiah 12:2-6 Amos 6:1-8 2 Corinthians 8:1-15	10 Isaiah 12:2-6 Amos 8:4-12 2 Corinthians 9:1-15	11 Isaiah 12:2-6 Amos 9:8-15 Luke 1:57-66
12 <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	13 Isaiah 11:1-9 Numbers 16:1-19 Hebrews 13:7-17	14 Isaiah 11:1-9 Numbers 16:20-35 Acts 28:23-31	15 Isaiah 11:1-9 Micah 4:8-13 Luke 7:31-35	16 Psalm 80:1-7 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 10:10-18	17 Psalm 80:1-7 Isaiah 42:10-18 Hebrews 10:32-39	18 Psalm 80:1-7 Isaiah 66:7-11 Luke 13:31-35
19 <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	20 Psalm 113 Genesis 25:19-28 Colossians 1:15-20	21 Psalm 113 Genesis 30:1-24 Romans 8:18-30	22 Luke 1:46b-55 Micah 4:1-5 Ephesians 2:11-22	23 Luke 1:46b-55 Micah 4:6-8 2 Peter 1:16-21	24 Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	25 Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20
26 <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b>	27 Psalm 148 Proverbs 8:32-36 John 21:19b-24	28 Psalm 148 Isaiah 54:1-13 Revelation 21:1-7	29 Psalm 147:12-20 1 Chronicles 28:1-10 1 Corinthians 3:10-17	30 Psalm 147:12-20 2 Chronicles 1:7-13 Mark 13:32-37	31 Psalm 147:12-20 1 Kings 3:5-14 John 8:12-19	



A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History  
By Harry Schwenk

For this month's article, we will take a look at what was happening at St. Paul's in 1956, 65 years ago.

The Church Council members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church were:

Elders: Uriah H. Krammes and John Rhine

Trustee: Adam E. Heim

Deacons: Lewis Boyer, Calvin Dewald, Ammon Miller and Roy E. Reber

Choir Director: Mrs. Lewis Krebs

Organist: Miss Doris Frantz

Ushers: Rudy Fidler, Kenneth Heinbaugh, Paul Moyer and George Reber, Jr.

Acolytes: Robert Boyer and Marvin Moyer

Officers of the Church Council

President: The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt

Lay President: Adam E. Heim

Recording Secretary: Calvin Dewald

Corresponding Secretary: Lewis Boyer

Financial Secretary: John Rhine

Secretary to Financial Secretary: Irvin Haag

Treasurer: Roy E. Reber

Building Fund Treasurer: Ammon Miller

Parsonage Representative: Uriah H. Krammes

Altar Guild: Clara Fessler, Emma Phillips, Helen Reichert, Mabel Steigerwalt

Sunday School Officers

President: George Berkeiser

Superintendent: Paul Dewald

Asst. Supt.: Calvin Dewald

Treasurer: William Berkeiser

Secretary: Clarence Reichert

Asst. Secretary: Paul Heim

Pianist: Gloria Baker

Asst. Pianist: Gladys Reed

Home Dept.: Pauline Emerich

Pearl Peiffer

Librarians: Jean Moyer

Nancy Pales

Kenneth Schneck

Ladies Aid Society Officers

President: Clara Fessler

Vice President: Edna Krause

Secretary: Beatrice Spotts

Treasurer: Gladys Moyer

Corresponding Secretary: Violet Trumbo

## POINSETTIA ORDERS

The plants will be ordered from Freed's Flowers at a cost of \$10.00 for a pot of 4 or 5 red blooms.

**NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS ORDERED** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST (# of plants x \$10.00)** \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your orders on the offering plate or bring to the church office. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th! No orders will be accepted after this date!**

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**IN HONOR OF** \_\_\_\_\_

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