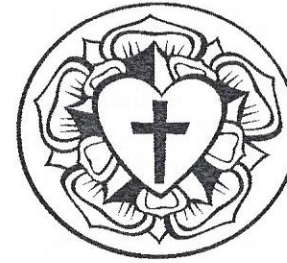


## COLLEGE STUDENT INFO NEEDED



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.

**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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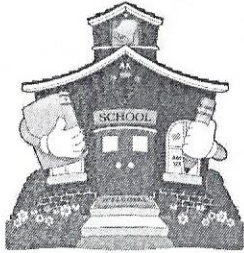
Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm  
Closed from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch

## Happy October Birthday To:

- 1 - Harry Russell
- 2 - Matthew Mairose
- 4 - Bryson Schrader, Sheree Bright
- 5 - Rachel Macfarlane; Tyler Weller
- 7 - Ruth Sholl
- 8 - Darrel Deal
- 9 - Joseph Freeman; Jerald Heffleger; Dale Reed
- 10 - Melissa Sisko
- 12 - Laura Woll
- 14 - Diane Bailey
- 15 - Gary Sholl; Dennis Gordon
- 17 - Evan Freeman; David Reber, Jr
- 18 - Stephen Fessler; Joshua Mairose
- 19 - Sadie Tokarick
- 22 - David Kahl
- 23 - Stephen Fessler, Jr
- 25 - Faye Williams, Kyran Murphy
- 26 - Russell Moyer
- 28 - Courtney Brown; Helen Runkle; Justin Weller
- 29 - Kevin Reber
- 30 - Bennett Platt
- 31 - Nicholas Frankenstein







### 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.

Dinner and a Movie night at St. Paul's Lutheran church will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm following the Saturday evening service. The movie will be: **Let There Be Light** which is a



2017 American Christian drama directed by and starring Kevin Sorbo and written by Dan Gordon and Sam Sorbo. Music by Marc Vanocur. The plot follows an atheist who goes through a near-death experience in an auto accident and converts to Christianity. Sean Hannity executive produced and appears in the film.<sup>[3]</sup> Dionne Warwick and Travis Tritt also have roles in the film.<sup>[4]</sup> It was released in the United States on October 27, 2017.

### Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary. Peggy Davis, Sue and Harry Russell, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, 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, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.

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**Pastoral visits and home communions are available. Please call the office to schedule a visit.**

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



The Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, with registration beginning at 12:30 PM at the Council of Churches' Food Pantry and the walk beginning at 1 PM.

Many thanks to those of you who ready to promote the Walk to help End Hunger One Step at a Time, here in Schuylkill Haven and around the world.

One Rock One Community (15 west Sch County churches actively involved) is hosting a concert on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. The group is looking for volunteers and donations for the event. Please contact Rev. Ken McDowell for questions at 610-207-4783

### Church services for October 2023



Sunday morning service will be held at 10:30 am every Sunday. October 1<sup>st</sup> there will also be an 8 am service. Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a spoken service at 5 pm with communion. October 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> communion will not be offered. Sunday School will be held every week at 9:15 am.





# October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 1	<b>2</b> Psalm 28 Judges 14:1-20 Philippians 1:3-14	<b>3</b> Psalm 28 Judges 16:1-22 Philippians 1:15-21	<b>4</b> Psalm 28 Judges 16:23-31 Matthew 9:2-8	<b>5</b> Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:14-22 Colossians 2:16-23	<b>6</b> Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:23-37 Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a	<b>7</b> Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 6:1-10 John 7:40-52
<b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8	<b>9</b> Psalm 144 Ezekiel 19:10-14 1 Peter 2:4-10	<b>10</b> Psalm 144 Isaiah 27:1-6 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	<b>11</b> Psalm 144 Song of Solomon 8:5-14 John 11:45-57	<b>12</b> Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:1-8a 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14	<b>13</b> Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:8b-14 James 4:4-10	<b>14</b> Psalm 23 Isaiah 24:17-23 Mark 2:18-22
<b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 15	<b>16</b> Psalm 34 Exodus 19:7-20 Jude 17-25	<b>17</b> Psalm 34 Amos 9:5-15 Philippians 3:13—4:1	<b>18</b> Psalm 34 Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4 John 6:25-35	<b>19</b> Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Judges 17:1-6 3 John 9-12	<b>20</b> Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Deuteronomy 17:14-20 1 Peter 5:1-5	<b>21</b> Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Isaiah 14:3-11 Matthew 14:1-12
<b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b> 22	<b>23</b> Psalm 98 Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20	<b>24</b> Psalm 98 Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24	<b>25</b> Psalm 98 Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27	<b>26</b> Psalm 1 Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16	<b>27</b> Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 9:25—10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15	<b>28</b> Psalm 1 Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47
<b>Reformation Sunday</b> 29	<b>30</b> Psalm 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 James 2:8-13	<b>31</b> Psalm 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 10:10-22 James 2:14-26				

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A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History  
By Harry Schwenk

With this being the month of October, following are reports of several special October services that were held at St. Paul's throughout its history.

On Sunday, October 13, 1940, a special day of festivities occurred. At 9:00 a.m., Sunday School was held with Paul Dewald, the Sunday School Superintendent, in charge. A service of Holy Communion was held at 10:00 a.m., with The Rev. Steigerwalt being assisted by The Rev. Leonard Nicholas of Pottsville. The Rev. Steigerwalt preached the sermon, "Witness Bearers." At noon, dinner was served in the picnic grove by the women and girls of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Steigerwalt. New friends were greeted and old acquaintances were renewed. At 2:00 p.m., a Reunion of Catechetical Classes service was held. The Rev. W. L. Gallenkamp, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Frackville and a close friend of The Rev. Steigerwalt, was the guest speaker. His topic was, "Christianity in Action," based on Exodus 5:2. This service was one of the largest and most successful reunions ever experienced on Summer Hill, which had more than 800 people in attendance. The old church, accommodating about 500 people, was filled to capacity, including an additional four dozen chairs. According to one report, there were almost as many people outside the church as there were inside.

On Sunday, October 29, 1944, special services were held at St. Paul's, commemorating its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregations being affiliated with their Synods. At this time, the ministers of St. Paul's Union Church were The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt and The Rev. Edwin Fahringer. The day began with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. The morning church service was held at 10:00 a.m., with the Rev. Fahringer being in charge. The guest speaker for this service was The Rev. Frederick D. Eyster, pastor of St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Schuylkill Haven. The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Clark Rauch, sang "The Holy City" and "The Lord's Prayer." In the afternoon, a special anniversary service was held at 2:00 p.m., with The Rev. Steigerwalt being in charge. The Rev. E. A. Acker, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Schuylkill Haven was the guest speaker. His subject was "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The Rev. Edwin H. Smoll brought greetings to his former parish.

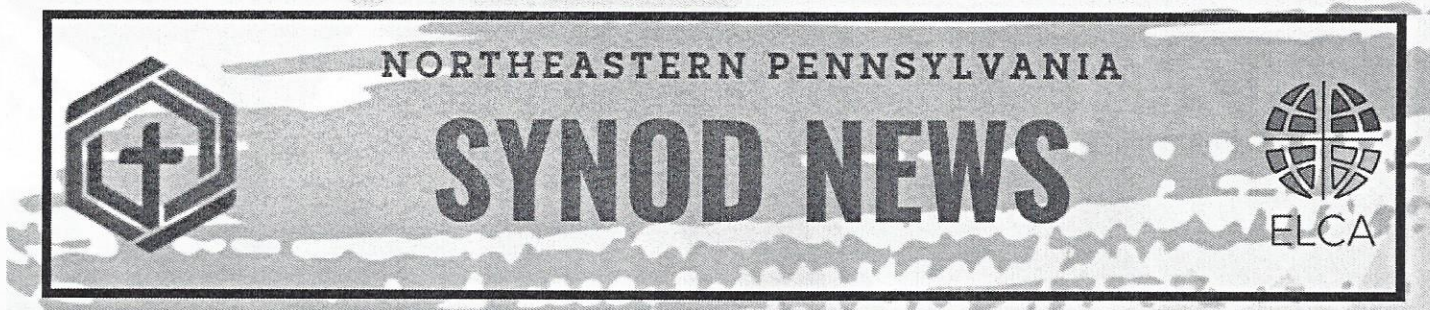
On Sunday, October 6, 1957, more than 600 people attended two services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The services were for the observance of World-Wide Communion, the reunion of catechetical classes, and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt being pastor of the three churches in the parish. The day's activities began with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. The Reunion Service was held at 10:00 a.m. with 268 people attending. All who had been confirmed at St. Paul's were recognized, along with The Rev. Steigerwalt for his 30 years of service. The committee in charge of the reunion consisted of members of the confirmation classes from 1887-1957. The oldest representative of the group confirmed at Summer Hill was Joel M. Phillips. He was confirmed in 1887, and a life-long member of St. Paul's. A basket of flowers was presented to him. His wife, Nora (Krammes) Phillips, was confirmed in 1889. They were the grandparents of Regina Phillips, a current member of our congregation. At noon, a turkey dinner was served by the women of the church. The 2:00 p.m. World-Wide Communion service was attended by 344 people. The Rev. Steigerwalt preached, and assisting him in distributing Holy Communion was his son-in-law, The Rev. Craig J. Dorward.



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## MISSION: GAINING STRENGTH, GOING BEYOND DEATH TO LIFE AND GROWING YOUNG IN THE PROCESS

In our journey of faith, we often hear about the transformative power of mission. Mission is not just a buzzword; it is the heartbeat of our church. It is the force that propels us forward, enabling us to grow younger in spirit, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the boundaries of life and death. In this newsletter article, we will explore the profound importance of mission in our lives as individuals and as a church family.

One of the remarkable aspects of **mission** is its ability to rejuvenate our spirits and keep our faith nourished. When we engage in meaningful outreach, extend a helping hand to those in need, and share the gospel with others, we are infused with the energy of youthful enthusiasm, a childlike faith that brings us back to the main thing: Jesus. Missional work often challenges us, taking us out of our comfort zones and pushing us to rely on God's strength, leading to a deeper and more vibrant connection with our faith. By embracing a missional life, we are transported back to a faith that's continually renewing our commitment to Christ and consequently, our community.

Christ's Church is like a mighty tree with deep roots, a strong trunk, and branches that stretch far and wide. Mission is the lifeblood that flows through our spiritual tree, strengthening its core and expanding its reach. When we unite in the pursuit of a common mission, we grow closer as a community. We learn to rely on each other's strengths, support one another in times of challenge, and celebrate our victories together. In this process, our church gains resilience and vitality, better equipped to weather the storms of life. With our synod's new focus on 6-2-6-1 we will see the lifeblood of our churches expand and grow, nourishing not just out space in time but beyond.

Mission work takes us beyond the limits of this earthly existence. It reminds us of the eternal perspective of our faith. When we share the hope and love of Christ with others, we are sowing seeds that transcend the boundaries of time and mortality. These seeds of faith have the potential to flourish long after we have left this world. Through mission, we participate in a legacy of faith that extends beyond our own lifetimes, carrying the message of salvation from generation to generation.

Mission is not merely a task; it is a calling, a privilege, and a source of abundant blessings. It helps us grow young individually and collectively, gain strength as a community, and go beyond the limitations of this life to embrace the promise of eternal life in Christ. Let us continue to be a Church known for our unwavering commitment to living missionally, in all we do let us weigh our values, so all we do leads to progress - It is through mission that we will thrive, make a lasting impact, and experience the fullness of God's love.

As we embark on this journey of mission together, may we remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Let these words guide our mission and inspire us to grow, gain strength, and go beyond death to life in Christ.





# 6261

## Ministry Communities

### 120 INTERCONNECTED CONGREGATIONS BY 2028



#### *Sharing Staff*

6 congregations sharing 2 full-time pastors,  
6 lay leaders, and 1 full-time deacon.

Some 6261 Ministry Communities may even  
include our Ecumenical partners.



#### *Happening Anywhere*

6261 Ministry Communities will be formed  
across the Synod - in rural & urban areas,  
with congregations of any size, and with  
congregations who currently have staff as  
well as those experiencing a vacancy.



#### *For the Sake of the Gospel*

Each 6261 Ministry Community will have its  
own primary ministry project centered in  
the love of Jesus and focused on addressing  
a justice issue within the surrounding  
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