



Dear members of St. Paul's  
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!  
Thank you so much for the care package. It is  
very kind of you all for thinking about the  
students during finals week.

Thanks!

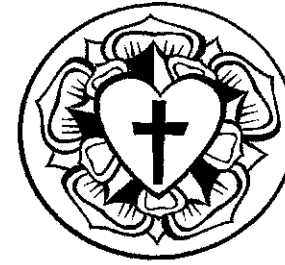
Matthew Troxell



To the Social Ministry Committee and St.  
Paul's Church Members,  
Thank you very much for remembering  
me with the college care package. It is always  
appreciated.

Jonathan Schwenk

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  
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## SIGNS OF FAITH



During the church service on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Signs of Faith signed the anthem, "My Lord, What a Morning." Our Director of Music, Matthew Hayes, assisted us by singing the song while we signed it.

We are in the process of learning a new anthem for the church service on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## MUSIC FROM SUMMER HILL

I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome during the month of December. You all have no idea how much it has helped with the transition of leading the Music Ministry at Summer Hill.

On Christmas Eve our Bell Choir graced us with several musical offerings at our 5pm service. David Kahl also offered his talents on trumpet, while Rachel Troxell offered her talents on flute.

With Advent and Christmas behind us, it is now time to think about the coming liturgical year. Our Senior Choir is small yet mighty, and could always use more voices. There is no requirement to read music. We currently rehearse on Thursday nights from 730-9pm. As we begin a new liturgical and calendar year, I look forward to getting our children more involved in the music ministry of St. Paul's.

Blessings and peace to you all:

Matthew Hayes

Director of Music





The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us with our activities and events throughout our committee's busiest time of the year.

Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way to make our 75<sup>th</sup> and over birthday party luncheon and also our annual Thanksgiving Dinner such a success. This year we tied the record of last year, with serving 126 people Thanksgiving Dinner.

Also thank you to all who traveled with us and to those members who welcomed us into their homes during our annual Christmas Caroling event.

This year, as with every other year, 50 names were put on our Angel tree. We thank each and every one of you for selecting a name and purchasing a gift for the children from Schuylkill County Children and Youth. We really appreciate the support of all of you. Thank you!



2019 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.

**“The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.”**

**Numbers 6:22-27**

Dear Folks,

A New Year – 2019! I know there are some of you who can hardly believe we have completed 2018 and are moving quickly into 2019. I believe it is true that relative time goes much more quickly as you grow older. I've heard it explained that as a young child, a year is a much larger portion of your life, i.e. if you are 5 years old, one year is 20% of your life, so it seems a long time. But as you grow older, it becomes a smaller portion. When you are 75 years old, it is only 1.3% of your life. Hence, you think the years are flying by. I'm not sure relative time is real, but we do stand at the beginning of another year.

The changing of the year calls for a natural accounting. Many financial budgets are run on an annual basis. The IRS calls for us to make a tax accounting on an annual basis. Even at the church, we close our budget year and begin anew with the budget that was past at the previous congregational meeting in November.

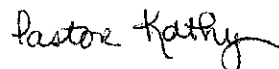
We do this accounting in other ways as well. We review the year, remembering the blessings and tough times that have occurred in our lives and the world. If 2018 was a

particularly tough year, we hope the new year will bring better times. The celebration of a New Year is a helpful time to set (or reset goals) for our life. A healthier life style is a favorite goal to set. As your pastor, I'd like to suggest the goal or continued goal of an active life within the church and daily Bible reading, so your faith may continue to be nurtured.

No matter what our hopes and desires are for the new year, God desires to bless us as well. Priests blessing the worshipping community is an ancient tradition. In our service there is always a final blessing or benediction. The familiar benediction from Numbers (quoted in the beginning of this article) goes far beyond the original context of Moses and Aaron. Portions of this blessing were found on 2 tiny silver scroll amulets discovered in a tomb in Jerusalem in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE. In this blessing, the shining face of the Lord is a sign of protection for his people. The lifting up of the Lord's countenance is a sign of favor, and peace is the Hebrew word *shalom*, meaning well-being or wholeness. A version of this blessing is still found in our hymnal and used in worship today.

As you begin this New Year, may you find your path of life filled with the joy and peace of God's blessings. May Christ's presence fill you with confidence that God is always with you and may the Holy Spirit, dwelling within you, stir your faith to a new and renewed life in this New Year. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen!

In Christ's Service,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner  
Pastor

### 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, Jeremiah Engleheart, Adam Brink, Glenn Curtis, Linda Van Dertorn, Georgia Sandler, Arlene Moyer, John Weegar, Alexandria Marshall, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Carol Glaser, Pat Stevens, Pastor Mark, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, Doris Epting, 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 Kathy.**

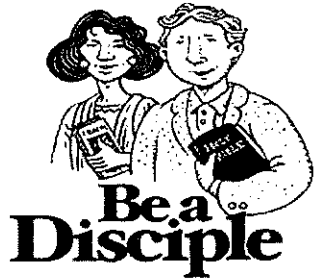
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The deadline for items for the March newsletter is  
**February 15th.**

## Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.



It is a New Year. Traditionally the time for people to make resolutions for what they would like to do for the upcoming year. I got a better thing to do for the New Year. The word begins

with re just like resolution, but it is far more meaningful in the life of a Christian. REPENTANCE is what needs to be done. We should concentrate in the New Year on that. Just as John the Baptist told the people when he said someone much more important than him is coming and you need to change your ways. You need to do a 180! If there are things in your life that you know needs correcting, that is what you need to reverse directions on. Wouldn't that be more pleasing to God and yourself than making a "resolution" that is probably going to be broken anyway. Repentance is something we ALL NEED TO DO. It is also something that we need to do on a continual basis. If you make a resolution and break it, that is usually the end of it till next year. THINK ABOUT IT!!!!!!



**First Communion** March 3, 2019, following the 10:30 am service. At this meeting, the program will be described and questions answered. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday evening, April 18, 2019. **Please call the church office by Friday, March 1, 2019 to register your child.** Please see Pastor Kathy with any questions.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Vacation Bible School  
June 9 – 13, 2019  
**"To Mars and Beyond"**

Reminder: Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM child safety review, update, and training for anyone working with St. Paul's children and youth.

## Happy January Birthday To:

1/1 Cody Reber, Isaiah Arnett,  
1/2 Trent Schantzenbach  
1/3 Karen Curtis; Eva Waldman  
1/5 Sydney Hill  
1/7 Leslie Fessler  
1/8 Stacy Staller  
1/9 Danielle Detweiler  
1/10 Carol Boyer  
1/11 Delaney Hill; Trevor Reber  
1/12 Keith Honicker  
1/13 Leah Mullins; Gerald Sholly, Jr.  
1/14 Richard Paxson  
1/16 Marna Gilbert  
1/17 Thomas Merchant, Jr.; Kendra Santiago  
1/18 Jaxson Manbeck  
1/19 Earl Epting; Kyle Koury; Donald Mairose;  
Barry Costenbader  
1/20 Deborah Kosmisky  
1/21 Tyler Heist; George Skripko IV  
1/22 Evan Burcik  
1/24 Donald Boyer  
1/25 Jonathan Schwartz  
1/26 Rebecca Reber  
1/27 Janet Roberts  
1/30 Connie Harig  
1/31 Gary Brown; Helen Miller



## Happy February Birthday To:

2/2 Debbie Lord; Carly Schnoke  
2/3 Mary Lou Blankenhorn; George Hall; Sandy Wentz  
2/4 Brenda Phillips; Angie Saylor  
2/6 Alan Romberger; Duane Bressler  
2/7 Elizabeth Ciavarella; Chelsea Wertz  
2/8 Brandon Koury; Reba Llewellyn  
2/9 George Skripko V  
2/11 Emily Brown; Tiffany Epting  
2/14 Myles Honicker; Jacob Woll  
2/16 Jessica Rollman  
2/17 Karen Tokarick  
2/18 Derek Burcik; Eric Thomas  
2/20 Christopher Schnoke  
2/21 Tyler Wertz  
2/22 Carl Schwenk; John Strauch, Jr.  
2/23 Francis Frankenstein; Mary Jo Moss  
2/25 Jennifer Minrod; Cynthia Reidler;  
Denise Wertz  
2/26 Richelle Carroll; Brandon Felty; Mason Reber  
2/28 Lisa Lehman  
2/29 Renee Bressler

# Church Calendar January 2019

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                            | Friday    | Saturday   |
|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| <b>30</b><br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion                                  | <b>31</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service                               |
| <b>6</b><br>Installation of Church Council<br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion | <b>7</b><br>10am Prayer Shawl                     | <b>8</b><br>6:30pm Bell Rehearsal<br>7pm Social Ministry               | <b>9</b><br>1pm Evangelism Meeting<br>4:30pm Worship Committee<br>6pm Christian Ed<br>7pm Church Council | <b>10</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service<br>10am Child Safety Meeting |
| <b>13</b><br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion                                  | <b>14</b><br>10am Prayer Shawl<br>7pm Stewardship | <b>15</b><br>12:30pm Jolly Quilters<br>6:30pm Bell Rehearsal           | <b>16</b><br>7pm Property  | <b>17</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service                              |
| <b>20</b><br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion                                  | <b>21</b><br>10am Prayer Shawl                    | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm Bell Rehearsal<br>7 pm Council of Churches meeting | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service                              |
| <b>27</b><br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion                                  | <b>28</b><br>10am Prayer Shawl<br>7pm Finance     | <b>29</b><br>6:30pm Bell Rehearsal                                     | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service                               |

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| <b>3</b><br>8am Holy Communion<br>9:15am Sunday School<br>10:30am Holy Communion  | <b>4</b><br>10am Prayer Shawl                     | <b>5</b><br>12:30pm Jolly Quilters<br>6:30pm Bell Rehearsal  | <b>6</b><br>6pm Christian Ed<br>7pm Church Council | <b>7</b><br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>5pm Holy Communion service  |
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# Lectionary Calendar January 2019

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|  |   | <b>1</b><br>Numbers 6:22-27<br>Psalm 8<br>Galatians 4:4-7 or<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Luke 2:15-21 | <b>2</b><br>Psalm 147:12-20<br>Proverbs 1:1-7<br>James 3:13-18    | <b>3</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Job 42:10-17<br>Luke 8:16-21                  | <b>4</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Isaiah 6:1-5<br>Acts 7:44-53                  | <b>5</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Jeremiah 31:7-14<br>John 1:[1-9] 10-18        |
| <b>6</b><br><b>Epiphany of Our Lord</b>          | <b>7</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Daniel 2:1-19<br>Ephesians 4:17—5:1               | <b>8</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Daniel 2:24-49<br>Ephesians 5:15-20  | <b>9</b><br>Psalm 72<br>Numbers 24:15-19<br>Luke 1:67-79          | <b>10</b><br>Psalm 29<br>Ecclesiastes 1:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | <b>11</b><br>Psalm 29<br>Ecclesiastes 2:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 2:1-10  | <b>12</b><br>Psalm 29<br>Ecclesiastes 3:1-15<br>1 Corinthians 2:11-16 |
| <b>13</b><br><b>Baptism of Our Lord</b>          | <b>14</b><br>Psalm 106:1-12<br>Judges 4:1-16<br>Ephesians 6:10-17         | <b>15</b><br>Psalm 106:1-12<br>Judges 5:12-21<br>1 John 5:13-21                                    | <b>16</b><br>Psalm 106:1-12<br>Numbers 27:1-11<br>Luke 11:33-36   | <b>17</b><br>Psalm 36:5-10<br>Jeremiah 3:1-5<br>Acts 8:18-24          | <b>18</b><br>Psalm 36:5-10<br>Jeremiah 3:19-25<br>1 Corinthians 7:1-7 | <b>19</b><br>Psalm 36:5-10<br>Jeremiah 4:1-4<br>Luke 11:14-23         |
| <b>20</b><br><b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b> | <b>21</b><br>Psalm 145<br>Isaiah 54:1-8<br>Romans 12:9-21                 | <b>22</b><br>Psalm 145<br>Song of Solomon 4:1-8<br>1 Corinthians 1:3-17                            | <b>23</b><br>Psalm 145<br>Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1<br>Luke 5:33-39 | <b>24</b><br>Psalm 19<br>Isaiah 61:1-7<br>Romans 7:1-6                | <b>25</b><br>Psalm 19<br>Nehemiah 2:1-10<br>Romans 12:1-8             | <b>26</b><br>Psalm 19<br>Nehemiah 5:1-13<br>Luke 2:39-52              |
| <b>27</b><br><b>Third Sunday after Epiphany</b>  | <b>28</b><br>Psalm 119:89-96<br>Jeremiah 36:1-10<br>1 Corinthians 14:1-12 | <b>29</b><br>Psalm 119:89-96<br>Jeremiah 36:11-26<br>2 Corinthians 7:2-12                          | <b>30</b><br>Psalm 119:89-96<br>Jeremiah 36:27-32<br>Luke 4:38-44 | <b>31</b><br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>2 Chronicles 34:1-7<br>Acts 10:44-48     |   |   |

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|   |  |   |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>2 Chronicles 35:20-27<br>Acts 19:1-10      | <b>2</b><br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>2 Chronicles 36:11-21<br>John 1:43-51      |
| <b>3</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday<br/>after Epiphany</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Psalm 56<br>1 Kings 17:8-16<br>1 Corinthians 2:6-16            | <b>5</b><br>Psalm 56<br>2 Kings 5:1-14<br>1 Corinthians<br>14:13-25           | <b>6</b><br>Psalm 56<br>Jeremiah 1:11-19<br>Luke 19:41-44    | <b>7</b><br>Psalm 138<br>Numbers 20:22-29<br>Acts 9:19b-25              | <b>8</b><br>Psalm 138<br>Numbers 27:12-23<br>Acts 9:26-31              | <b>9</b><br>Psalm 138<br>Judges 3:7-11<br>Luke 4:42-44                 |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Fifth Sunday<br/>after Epiphany</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Psalm 115<br>Judges 5:1-11<br>1 Corinthians 14:26-40          | <b>12</b><br>Psalm 115<br>1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b<br>1 Timothy 3:1-9              | <b>13</b><br>Psalm 115<br>Isaiah 8:1-15<br>Luke 5:27-32      | <b>14</b><br>Psalm 1<br>Jeremiah 13:12-19<br>Acts 13:26-34              | <b>15</b><br>Psalm 1<br>Jeremiah 13:20-27<br>1 Peter 1:17—2:1          | <b>16</b><br>Psalm 1<br>Jeremiah 17:1-4<br>Luke 11:24-28               |
| <b>17</b><br><b>Sixth Sunday<br/>after Epiphany</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Psalm 120<br>2 Kings 24:18—25:21<br>1 Corinthians<br>15:20-34 | <b>19</b><br>Psalm 120<br>Ezra 1:1-11<br>2 Corinthians 1:12-19                | <b>20</b><br>Psalm 120<br>Jeremiah 22:11-17<br>Luke 11:37-52 | <b>21</b><br>Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40<br>Genesis 43:16-34<br>Romans 8:1-11  | <b>22</b><br>Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40<br>Genesis 44:1-17<br>1 John 2:12-17 | <b>23</b><br>Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40<br>Genesis 44:18-34<br>Luke 12:57-59 |
| <b>24</b><br><b>Seventh Sunday<br/>after Epiphany</b> | <b>25</b><br>Psalm 38<br>Genesis 33:1-17<br>1 Corinthians 11:2-16          | <b>26</b><br>Psalm 38<br>1 Samuel 24:1-22<br>1 Corinthians<br>11:17-22, 27-33 | <b>27</b><br>Psalm 38<br>Leviticus 5:1-13<br>Luke 17:1-4     | <b>28</b><br>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15<br>Proverbs 13:1-12<br>Romans 5:12—6:2 |  |  |