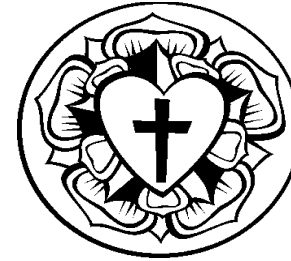




A combined service with St. Paul's UCC Church to honor all veterans for Memorial Day will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour at the memorial.

**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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### **Office Hours**

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Save the dates...  
June 12-16, 2022  
Vacation Bible School



Volunteer help is needed to help plan and implement this event. Please contact the church office



## Evangelism News By Charles Hawk, Sr.

If you came to one of the Easter services you were surprised to see something new in altar area. What a welcome surprise it was. Two giant screens on the wall behind the altar that depicted parts of the worship as we were following the liturgy. **IT WAS WONDERFUL.** The Pastor said more will be added as she gets more familiar with the functioning. We can see the words as we go along even if you are sitting in the back pews. Things like this are not only good for some members in the congregation, but really helpful for any who may have problems following the hymnal or people with diminished eyesight or hearing. **IN ADDITION TO THE GLORIOUS EASTER WORSHIP,** what a pleasant surprise this was. If you weren't there you have just got to come and see this most helpful advancement in **YOUR CHURCH.** **THANKS BE TO GOD!!!**



## From the Pastor's Pen

Lutherans don't talk very much about the Holy Spirit. We **BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, and we pray that God would send the Spirit to us. But we tend to be more cerebral about our faith, and the mystical aspects of faith sometimes scare us because they are so difficult to grasp with the mind.

We are often suspicious of the "praying in tongues" that our sisters and brothers in Pentecostal traditions do with ease, possibly because these are prayers we can't understand with our ears and our minds; we have to use our hearts!

A thoughtful faith is good. It means we are always seeking to deepen our understanding. But there is a piece of faith that simply cannot be put into words. It can only be experienced. On Pentecost Sunday we have the opportunity to be reminded of the power and the awesome mystery of the Holy Spirit, whose presence, power and activity are simply beyond understanding with the powers of our minds or describing with human speech. They can only be experienced.

One of the moments in my life that was a vivid reminder of the Spirit's power and presence came on the day I had to tell my children that their Grandpa (my father) had died. Rebecca and Jonathan were too young to fully grasp what that meant, but Will, my oldest son who had cerebral palsy, was 13. He was very close to my dad, and when I told him he was devastated and cried in my arms with deep grief. Then, quite suddenly, he calmed down and looked at me with the most incredible smile, and a light of joy in his eyes. At first I was startled, but suddenly I understood what was happening. I looked at Will

and said, “Oh my! You know that Grandpa is with Jesus, where he has always looked forward to being, don’t you?” Will was not able to form speech because his CP made it impossible for him to control all the muscles needed to form words. But with great effort he could vocalize a few distinct sounds, and at this very moment he managed a very clear “uh huh;” YES!

Over the weeks and months ahead, he experienced moments of sorrow and loss as he grieved the loss of my dad’s companionship. But whenever he talked about Grandpa, using his computerized speech device, he always reminded us “Grandpa is with Jesus,” and I knew that his certainty was a gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the months ahead as you work through the process of calling a new pastor, it is my fervent prayer that you will be open to the powerful and transformative presence of the Holy Spirit. I hope that when you pray for the Spirit’s presence you will allow space and silence for the Spirit to be made known to you, and that you will be willing to be changed by your encounters with the Spirit.

In the wonderful words of the hymn we have been gifted with from the Lutheran church in Tanzania:

*Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.  
It’s your leading that we’re needing, help us to follow you.  
Come, come, come Holy Spirit, come.  
ELW 401 Wilson Niwagila © Lutheran Theological College,  
Makmira, Tanzania*

*Blessings! Pastor Eileen*



### 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, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Beverly Trumbo, Irma Fessler, Dennis Loy, Brian Hunsberger, 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, Ryan Bast, 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 July/August newsletter is **June 15.**



Nancy Sweitzer has donated \$50.00 to the memorial fund in memory of Doris Wilhoyte



The Evangelism Committee and Church Council have been receiving a lot of feedback regarding the church newsletter. We recognize the newsletter is a wonderful means of

communication for our church. Many individuals have suggested that the newsletter be delivered electronically via email to the members of the congregation. The benefits of electronic delivery are reduced costs for postage, paper, envelopes, printer ink, etc. Electronic delivery is immediate whereas when the newsletter is mailed via the U. S. Postal Service delivery can take several days. Therefore, we are moving to electronic delivery of the newsletter for everyone as of July 1, 2022. Please contact Linda at the church office and provide her with (or confirm) your email address. Similarly, if you prefer to continue receiving the newsletter via the U. S. Postal Service, please contact Linda and she will make this accommodation. We anticipate the number of mailed newsletters will be minimal. A small number of newsletters will be available in the narthex. If you do not provide a preference for newsletter delivery by June 15, 2022, your name and address will be removed from the newsletter mailing list. Please speak to any member of the Evangelism Committee or the Church Council if you have questions.



The church is starting a new program of checking on people who currently live alone. If any persons are interested, or know of anyone interested, in receiving a daily check-in phone call, please contact the office. We are also looking for any persons who would be interested in doing the calling.



As you may have noticed the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins are always posted to the church's website. Due to security reasons the online version of the monthly newsletter will have some information deleted before it is posted such as birthday column and

any personal phone numbers. Personal phone numbers will also be deleted from the online version of the weekly bulletins. Personal phone numbers will be replaced with a statement saying you may pick up a printed copy at church, receive the documents in their entirety by email, or call the church office for contact information. Birthdays are used for security question answers at businesses and financial institutions so will not be published online. Please send an email address to the church office, if you have not previously given your email address to the church, and you will be sent the entire newsletter and/or bulletins by email. Please specify which you want to receive by email.



Bits 'n Bytes for your spiritual life from  
Pastor Eileen

Here are some online links for a devotional  
resource and bible study that are favorites  
of mine:

**Sacred Space**, a devotional site from the Irish Jesuit  
community

<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Bible Study: **Enter the Bible**, from Luther Seminary, a site  
where you can find answers to questions and a basic study  
course for every book of the bible!

<https://enterthebible.org/>



contact Leah Mullins Bowman.

Anyone who  
completed grades 1-  
12 that are interested  
in going to Bear  
Creek Camp in the  
summer please



## *Summer Worship Schedule*

June 5 – September 4  
Sunday Morning: 9:00  
AM  
Saturday 5:00 PM



## Coffee & Conversation

During the summer months Pastor Eileen is offering an  
opportunity to stay after 9 am worship from 10:15-11:15 for a  
time of conversation. She is inviting you to ask questions about  
bible passages, theology, faith, church, or anything in the realm  
of spirituality that you've wondered about or would like to  
explore. There will be cards on the table in the narthex that say  
"I've always wondered..." so that you can ask questions ahead  
of time and perhaps give her some time to think about your  
questions.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed items for our college students to have in time for their finals. Your generosity and support are always appreciated.

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Donations for Servants To All



**MY FATHER'S HOUSE**

+ Servants to All +

From May 14<sup>th</sup> until June 12<sup>th</sup> the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants To All. Servants To All is a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam cups, bowls and plates, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Any of these items would be appreciated. Please place them in the container in the narthex.



Dear St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you so much for the care package of snacks that I received. I am always happy to receive my package from St. Paul's. I am in the process of finishing my fifth year at Drexel University and will graduate in June with a Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering.

Thanks again,

Jonathan Schwenk

THANK YOU

Dear Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for your kind thoughts when creating the college care packages. This congregation is very generous with serving in the community. I enjoy coming to this church and seeing how friendly everyone is. The snacks will be enjoyed. I am presently in my second year at Gwynedd Mercy University studying Early Childhood/Special Education.

From,

Emily Schwenk

### Calendar for May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	2 10am Prayer Shawl	3 12:30pm Quilting	4 7pm Council Meeting	5 6pm Bell Choir 7:30pm choir	6	7 5pm Worship Service
8 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	9 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Stewardship	10 7pm Social Ministry	11 1pm Evangelism	12 6pm Bell Choir 7:30pm choir	13	14 5pm Worship Service
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22 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	23 10am Prayer Shawl	24	25	26 6pm Bell Choir 7:30pm choir	27	28 5pm Worship Service
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Lectionary Calendar for May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	2 Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:1-25 Acts 9:19b-31	3 Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:26—2:1 Acts 26:1-18	4 Psalm 121 Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11	5 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 11:1-25 Revelation 5:1-10	6 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 20:39-44 Revelation 6:1—7:4	7 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 28:25-26 Luke 12:29-32
8 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 37:15-28 Revelation 15:1-4	10 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35	11 Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:17-20 John 10:31-42	12 Psalm 148 Ezekiel 2:8—3:11 Revelation 10:1-11	13 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 11:15	14 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27 Revelation 11:16-19
15 <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	16 Psalm 133 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 Acts 11:19-26	17 Psalm 133 2 Samuel 1:4-27 Acts 11:27-30	18 Psalm 133 Leviticus 19:9-18 Luke 10:25-28	19 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:1-5 Acts 15:36-41	20 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:6-8 Acts 16:1-8	21 Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:9-15 Luke 19:1-10
22 <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	23 Psalm 93 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 Revelation 21:5-14	24 Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Revelation 21:15-22	25 Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 Luke 2:25-38	26 Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 <i>or</i> Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	27 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9	28 Psalm 97 Exodus 33:18-23 John 1:14-18
29 <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	30 Psalm 29 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40	31 Psalm 29 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29				

Lectionary Calendar for June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Psalm 29 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27	2 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25	3 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10	4 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 1:5-17
5 <b>Day of Pentecost</b>	6 Psalm 48 Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 2:1-11	7 Psalm 48 Ezekiel 11:14-25 1 Corinthians 2:12-16	8 Psalm 48 Numbers 24:1-14 Luke 1:26-38	9 Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:13-18 Ephesians 1:17-19	10 Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:19-26 Ephesians 4:1-6	11 Psalm 8 Proverbs 4:1-9 Luke 2:41-52
12 <b>Holy Trinity</b>	13 Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4 Ephesians 4:7-16	14 Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21 Ephesians 5:15-20	15 Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke 1:46b-55	16 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Proverbs 13:1-12 Romans 5:12—6:2	17 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Proverbs 15:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	18 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Isaiah 30:8-17 John 16:1-4a
19 <b>Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>	20 Psalm 1 Jeremiah 24:1-10 1 Corinthians 16:1-12	21 Psalm 1 Jeremiah 29:10-19 1 Corinthians 16:13-	22 Psalm 1 Proverbs 5:1-23 Luke 14:34-35	23 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Kings 6:23-38 2 Corinthians 5:11-17	24 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Kings 8:14-21 2 Corinthians 11:1-6	25 Psalm 96:1-9 1 Kings 8:31-40 Luke 4:31-37
26 <b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>	27 Psalm 5 Jonah 4:1-11 Acts 8:26-40	28 Psalm 5 Nehemiah 1:1-11 Acts 3:1-10	29 Psalm 5 Isaiah 56:1-8 Mark 7:24-30	30 Psalm 30 2 Samuel 14:1-11 Acts 22:6-21		

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History  
By Harry Schwenk

For this month's article, I spoke with a woman who has been an active lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Elona (Trumbo) Fromm shared many fond memories of her family being very active at our church throughout the years. Her family has been involved with the church choirs for years, including herself, her mother, her brother Kenneth, and her daughter Wendy.

Elona lives in Summit Station, and has lived there for most of her life, in the same house, except for two years after she and her husband George were married and lived in Hamburg. Elona was baptized by The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt, the same day as Marvin Moyer and Nancy (Herring) Wingert.

Elona's father, David Trumbo, was born and lived his whole life in the Summit Station area. Her mother, Violet Lengel, was born in the Reading area, and she moved to South Manheim Township as a young girl. Violet Lengel and David Trumbo were both in the Confirmation Class of 1921 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and they were confirmed by The Rev. Howard H. Krauss. David and Violet were married in the church parsonage in Schuylkill Haven by The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt. Elona recalled how her mother was very active, and sang in the Senior Choir for more than sixty years, served on the Worship and Music Committee, taught Sunday School for forty-five years, taught Bible School, and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Women. In the old St. Paul's Church, Violet was in charge of the Union Sunday School Christmas Pageants and Programs. She arranged everything for them and had each Sunday School teacher responsible for their own class to do recitations, skits, or sing songs. After each class was done with their presentations, the adults acted out the Nativity Story. Elona has many fond memories of participating in and observing these Christmas programs

Throughout her life, Elona has been a member of the Junior Choir, the Senior Choir, the Luther League, and later an advisor for the Luther League, and a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Elona recalled about the Live Nativity scenes in our picnic grove that were done for a few years in the early 1990's. The choir sang, and there were also live animals. Elona sadly remembers one of the days in Summer Hill History that she will never forget. She was only 12 years old, when the old St. Paul's Church burned on Saturday, December 13, 1958. Her family received a phone call about the fire. Elona and Violet had dentist appointments in Pottsville, so on their way, they stopped by the church. When they arrived, the church was all in flames, and it was a scary sight. Elona recalled that from that time until the new church was built, our congregation had services at the Friedensburg School. The choir and pastor were on the stage, and the congregation seated in the auditorium. She told me that she remembers looking down and seeing my parents sitting in the front row, and as time went on, an infant son (me) was being held by them. Elona was a member of the Confirmation Class of 1960. With us having no church, the classes of St. Paul's and St. John's Friedensburg were confirmed together at St. John's.

Elona is proud of her family's involvement with our church over the years, and is happy to say that her daughter Wendy and grandson Trevor were both baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's. She is happy to have the opportunity to worship regularly with Wendy, and she is proud that Wendy is presently serving on Church Council.