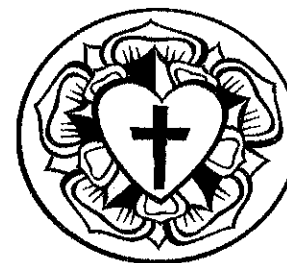




Confirmation class will begin a new year on September 12<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Please call the church office if interested. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kathy.

**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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**CHRISTIANS**  
Caring for each other

The Social Ministry Committee will have its schoolhouse in the narthex from Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, to accept Back-to-School items. These items will be divided between the children from Children and Youth and Women in Crisis. Items to be donated include: backpacks, notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, rulers, glue or any other appropriate school items. Thank you for your generosity.



**CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!**

We celebrate with these graduates and their families as they complete this milestone of their lives. Our prayers are with them as they look to the future.

**KOHLBY BRYCE ROLLMAN** – graduating from Hamburg High School. He has been accepted to attend Penn State University where he will major in engineering.

**RACHYL ANN SHOLLY** - graduating from Tulpehocken Area High School and Berks Career and Technology Center. She will be joining the work force with a job in Horticulture.

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



During our last Evangelism Committee meeting, we spent a lot of time discussing how the last year has affected our church. In this meeting, we also mentioned how fortunate we, as a congregation, were to have worship without physically being in the building itself. This brought to mind changes are coming in many different ways and not all were from the Covid virus. Technology is getting stronger in many areas in our country including our church worship. The church attendance has been hit hard in every denomination and evangelism has also been greatly affected. The best way to get people to come to church is by invitation. With today's generation who has been raised with the use of cell phones, I-pads, computers, etc. we need to really look at using the same instruments to INVITE people to come to church. We have gotten a good start in this area but need to KEEP MOVING FORWARD. Our future of the church depends on this. It is a world of things that most of us aren't that familiar with. BUT WE NEED TO SOMEHOW do something about it. THANK AND PRAISE GOD FOR WHAT WE HAVE AND ASK HIM TO HELP US IN THE AREAS WE NEED HELP IN.

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Dear Folks,

New beginnings. Sixty years ago this June, St. Paul's Lutheran Church had a new beginning as it dedicated a new church building, rising up out of the ashes of a devastating fire. With the words from Pastor Steigerwalt, "Peace be to this House" and the congregational response, "And to all that enter therein," St. Paul's began a new chapter in its history as a community of faith on the Summer Hill. (See Harry Schwenk's historical article this month elsewhere in the newsletter.)

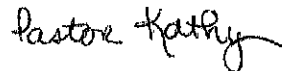
I found Harry's article particularly pertinent this month as more of us continue to return to worship in our sanctuary, post pandemic. While a more "normal" service will begin in July with a full liturgy and singing, we are returning to a new normal. Offering plates will not be passed, at least for the short term. Communion will still be distributed with our sanitizing procedures in place, although we will be able to use our pew cushions once again and masks will be optional.

Just as our congregation dedicated their new church in 1961 with the possibilities of ministry that could be enabled by this building, we are returning with many new possibilities that we did not have before the pandemic. We have a new vocabulary for some of these possibilities. Livestreaming allows us to develop a hybrid church (in person and online), but how will that be lived out is a question that remains to be answered. The Zoom Bible Study on Thursday night is wonderfully engaging but zoom VBS wasn't as nearly as

energetic last year as an in person VBS was this year. How do we balance and choose the right format for the right people? How do we assure those watching online feel spiritually fed and part of our community and not merely a spectator? How do we use our website and social media to more effectively communicate with our members and visitors and still remember those who like the touch of paper (You can count me as one of the “paper people.”) As you can see there are many questions for which we will need to discover the answers as we move forward in a post pandemic world.

I imagine we’ll experience a bumpy road as each of us transitions at a different pace. Yet our hope lies in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ who will always be our guide and our strength. May we not allow the fear of things changing to take hold and instead find a renewed sense of excitement of ministry as we explore our new possibilities in a post pandemic world.

Serving in the name of Christ,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner  
Pastor

### 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, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, 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, 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 September newsletter is **August 15.**

## Happy July Birthday To:

7/1 - Cheryl Thomas  
7/2 - Donald Paxson, Sr.;  
Tyler Schweigert  
7/3 - Milton Sholl; Kate Thomas  
7/4 - Isaiah Arnett, Olivia Reber  
7/6 - Cindy Brown  
7/7 - Devin Carroll; Rita Lehman  
7/8 - Alex Mullins  
7/9 - Elaine Paxson; Joyce Zeledonis  
7/10 - Taylor Fidler  
7/11 - Ella Bubeck; Meghan Hall  
7/12 - Jill Gordon  
7/14 - Randy Fessler; Hannah Lea Krammes  
7/17 - Brian Krammes; Laura Llewellyn; Jennie Raudenbush  
7/18 - Julie Wisner  
7/19 - Harrison Ciavarella; Sydnie Harig; Aiden Platt  
7/20 - Tessa Benedict  
7/22 - Lori Fidler; Shawn Frankenstein; Gregory Sholl;  
Corey Staller; Lisa Sweigert; Ian Tokarick  
7/23 - Emily Gordon  
7/26 - Teresa Chappell  
7/27 - Thomas Bright  
7/28 - Russell Fidler  
7/29 - Jacquelyn Albert; Heather Geiger;  
Cecelia Reber; Bonnie Bernat  
7/30 - Dustin Honicker; Tyler Reber; Kaleen Zerbe;  
Annabell Hossler



## Happy August Birthday To:

8/1 - Alan Fessler; Suzanne Russell; Lisa Wisner  
8/2 - Bruce Bailey; Blair Freeman; Diane Kimmel;  
Thomas Shearn, Jr.  
8/4 - Alexander Deal; Jeremy Swiger;  
Nicholas Wisner  
8/5 - Trisha Krause; Jay Riegel, Jr  
8/6 - Paul Fabian; Aletha Heinbaugh  
8/8 - Zachary Reber; Lisa White  
8/9 - Dorothy Moyer; Matthew Troxell; Greyson Woll  
8/10 - John Edwards  
8/11 - Evan Wisner  
8/12 - Jack Schwenk  
8/14 - Kenneth Dowell: Ashley Roberts; Naomi Reber  
8/15 - Cory Buchanan; Lee Ann Llewellyn  
8/16 - Harry Ciavarella; Tony Sisko  
8/17 - Thomas Gordon; Emma Schweigert;  
Ashley Nespeca; Confey Maldonado, Jr.  
8/18 - Abree Reed  
8/20 - Joy Petrie  
8/21 - Tabatha Vega  
8/22 - Ryan Bailey; Suzanne Riegel  
8/23 - Christopher Tokarick; Alyvia Trostle  
8/24 - Frank Reber; Richard Reinert  
8/26 - Beverly Trumbo  
8/28 - Sharon Emerich; Laura Gordon; Jonathan Hummel  
8/29 - Elizabeth Thomas  
8/30 - Joan Axtt; Tracy Geiger; Brianna Leonard  
8/31 - Jarett Felty; Linda Angstadt



## ADVENTURE ISLAND VBS

Twenty children attended our Adventure Island VBS from June 13 to 17 in the Pavilion. Lighthouse Keeper Pastor Kathy and Beacon the puffin guided the Explorers (children) on an exciting quest to find five mysterious Infinity Lanterns to help find their way. Using map coordinates from their Reference Book (Bible), children discovered clues to finding each lantern while learning God's light shines in the lives of familiar Bible characters from Old and New Testament stories. Children enjoyed the Bible lesson, crafts and games and ended with a snack prepared by Nick Wisner and committee.

Offering collected was sent through Lutheran Disaster Fund to Haiti to help those in need.

A huge thank you to all who helped make this VBS possible; Pastor Kathy, Bright family for background scenery, awesome teachers and helpers, Thrivent for seed money to purchase supplies, and a big shout out to the parents and grandparents for bringing their children and grandchildren to VBS.



The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone who donated paper products for our collection for Servants to All. Your generosity in helping with our projects is always appreciated. We collected 3,535 items plus two shopping bags full of utensil and napkin combs. Items included in the 3,535 included paper towels, trash bags, hot & cold cups, snack and sandwich bags, napkins, toilet paper, foam and paper plates and bowls, plastic storage bags and assorted utensils.



The Jolly Quilters thanks Earl Paxson for taking the quilts and kits to the Pole building and Harry & Sue Russell for helping. They thank Pastor Kathy for packing the quilts and for helping move boxes upstairs. The Schuylkill County Ingathering shipped 502 quilts, 218 School Bags, 278 Personal Care Kits, 7 Baby Kits and 4 Blankets this year. St. Paul's portion of that shipping was 25 quilts, 131 school bags, 7 baby kits, and 164 personal care kits (from the Lenten project). Thank you to our hard-working Jolly Quilters and everyone who supports them!



**Congratulations** to Aiden Platt and Kylie Sinclair who affirmed their Baptism on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Their Confirmation marks the completion of the two-year catechetical program. Their studies were impacted both years by the COVID pandemic. We congratulate them as they make this important faith step and for keeping to their tasks in difficult times.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Worship Service	28	29	30	1 7 pm Bible Study- Zoom	2	3 5pm Worship Service
4 9am Worship Service	5 <b>Office Closed</b>	6 12:30pm Quilting	7 7pm Council Meeting	8 7 pm Bible Study- Zoom	9	10 5pm Worship Service
11 9am Worship Service	12 10am Prayer Shawl	13	14 7 pm Worship and Music	15 7 pm Bible Study- Zoom	16 Office Closed	17 5pm Worship Service
18 9am Worship Service	19 10am Prayer Shawl	20 12:30pm Quilting	21	22	23	24 5pm Worship Service
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<b>8</b> 9am Worship Service	<b>9</b> 10am Prayer Shawl	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1 pm Evangelism	<b>12</b> 7 pm Bible Study- Zoom	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b> 5pm Worship Service
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# Lectionary Calendar for July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:1-15 1 Corinthians 4:8-13	2 Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:16-26 2 Corinthians 10:7-11	3 Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:27-34 Matthew 8:18-22
4 <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	5 Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 2:8—3:11 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	6 Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:1-13 James 5:7-12	7 Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:14-21 John 7:1-9	8 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 2:6-16 Colossians 2:1-5	9 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 3:1-12 Colossians 4:2-18	10 Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 4:6-13 Luke 1:57-80
11 <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	12 Psalm 142 Amos 5:1-9 Acts 21:27-39	13 Psalm 142 Amos 9:1-4 Acts 23:12-35	14 Psalm 142 Amos 9:11-15 Luke 7:31-35	15 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:1-16 Colossians 1:15-23	16 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:17-25 Acts 17:16-31	17 Psalm 23 Jeremiah 12:1-13 <b>Luke 18:35-43</b>
18 <b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	19 Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:1-7 Hebrews 13:17-25	20 Psalm 100 Zechariah 9:14—10:2 Acts 20:17-38	21 Psalm 100 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Luke 15:1-7	22 Psalm 145:10-18 1 Kings 19:19-21 Colossians 1:9-14	23 Psalm 145:10-18 2 Kings 3:4-20 Colossians 3:12-17	24 Psalm 145:10-18 2 Kings 4:38-41 John 4:31-38
25 <b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	26 Psalm 111 Genesis 18:1-15 Philippians 4:10-20	27 Psalm 111 Exodus 24:1-11 Romans 15:22-33	28 Psalm 111 Isaiah 25:6-10a Mark 6:35-44	29 Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 12:33-42 1 Corinthians 11:17-22	30 Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 12:43—13:2 1 Corinthians 11:27-34	31 Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 16:5-12

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<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32 Ephesians 4:17-24	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 1 Corinthians 12:27-31	Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43 Isaiah 55:1-9 Mark 8:1-10	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Samuel 28:20-25 Romans 15:1-6	Psalm 34:1-8 2 Samuel 17:15-29 Galatians 6:1-10	Psalm 34:1-8 1 Kings 2:1-9 Matthew 7:7-11
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 81 1 Kings 17:1-16 Ephesians 5:1-14	Psalm 81 Ruth 2:1-23 2 Peter 3:14-18	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 6:35-40	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 11:1-20 Acts 6:8-15	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 12:1-25 Romans 16:17-20	Psalm 34:9-14 Job 13:1-19 John 4:7-26
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 36 Genesis 43:1-15 Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 36 Genesis 45:1-15 Acts 7:9-16	Psalm 36 Genesis 47:13-26 Mark 8:14-21	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:10-20 Romans 13:11-14	Psalm 34:15-22 Joshua 22:21-34 Luke 11:5-13
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:1-15 Ephesians 5:21—6:9	Psalm 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:16-31 Ephesians 6:21-24	Psalm 119:97-104 Isaiah 33:10-16 John 15:16-25	Psalm 15 Exodus 32:1-14 James 1:1-8	Psalm 15 Exodus 32:15-35 James 1:9-16	Psalm 15 Exodus 34:8-28 John 18:28-32
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<b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:9-14 1 Timothy 4:6-16	Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:15-20 1 Peter 2:19-25				

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History  
By Harry Schwenk

At this time, sixty years ago, our congregation was in the process of dedicating the new St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Summer Hill. Several special services were held from Sunday, June 25th to Sunday, July 9th, 1961.

On Sunday, June 25th at 2:30 p.m., the Dedication Service of the church occurred. The Clergy, Church Council, Choirs and congregation and friends assembled at the entrance to the church. Some of the Councilmen carried the Sacramental Vessels, Bibles, Service Book and Offering plates. On the church patio at the front door, Pastor Steigerwalt and the congregation read responses and the pastor offered a prayer. Then Psalm 24 was read responsibly.

Next was the presentation of the keys. The contractor, Edgar I. Zerbe spoke and presented the keys to the architect. The architect, Dana Gangaware spoke and presented the keys to the pastor. Pastor Steigerwalt said: "I certify that this building is in keeping with our desires, and stands as a testimony of the excellent work of the contractor and architect. I accept the keys on behalf of St. Paul's Lutheran Church." The keys were given to the pastor and he unlocked the door and said: "Peace be to this House." The congregation responded: "And to all that enter therein." Psalm 122 was read responsibly.

Moving slowly into the church, the congregation took their places in the pews and remained standing until the beginning of the first lesson. The choirs took their places in the Chancel, and the Church Council took their places in the front pew in the nave. Some of the Councilmen delivered the Communion Vessels, Bibles, Service Book, Offering Plates, and Alms Basin to their proper places. The pastor proceeded to the altar and gave a blessing. The hymn, "Come Holy Ghost" was sung, and the two Lessons were read.

Next was the Act of Dedication. Pastor Steigerwalt offered a prayer with seven petitions and then said: "I do now set apart this St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Parish School building as a House of God; and dedicate it to the glory and honor of Almighty God, and to the service of His Holy Church: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." The congregation responded: "Amen." The hymn, "God Himself is Present" was sung.

The Liturgist for the day was The Rev. Craig J. Dorward, the son-in-law of The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Steigerwalt. He led the congregation in the Kyrie and the Gloria in Excelsis, and he read the Epistle and Holy Gospel. Between the lessons, the Senior Choir sang, "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," and the Junior Choir sang, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." The hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" was sung. The Sermon was delivered by The Rev. Luther F. Schlenker, S.T.M., Assistant to the President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania. The anthem, "Dedication" was presented by the Senior Choir. The Recessional Hymn was "Now Thank We All Our God."

Other special services were held on Wednesday evening, June 28th, Sunday morning and evening, July 2nd, Wednesday evening, July 5th and Sunday morning, July 9th.