

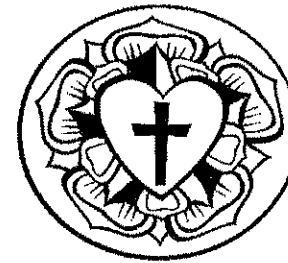


Confirmation

church office if interested. Questions can be directed to Pastor Kathy.

Confirmation class will begin a new year on September 12th during the Sunday School hour. Parents please come with your students so we can talk about what comes next for Confirmation in the midst of the pastoral transition. Seventh grade and older students are eligible to enroll. Call the

You may now make an offering to the church through our website 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

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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm
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Happy September Birthday To:

9/1 - Lynn Ney
9/2 - Wendy Kuhns; Clark Staller
9/3 - Marna Skripko
9/4 - Jillian Emerich
9/5 - Melissa Bubeck; Derek Reber
9/6 - Hunter Strauch
9/7 - Emma Fessler; Brian Kahl; Jennifer Lileck;
Tara Schoffstall; Lena Ferrence
9/8 - Sheryl Deal; Ashley Frankenstein
9/12 - Kylie Sinclair; Betty Strauch
9/14 - Christina Durick; Hailey Crossen
9/15 - Kylinn Hollenbach; Angelina Ross
9/16 - Rita Wolfe
9/17 - Elizabeth Moyer
9/19 - David Wolfe
9/20 - Earl Paxson
9/24 - Jennifer Gernert; Jason Tryon
9/25 - John Detweiler; Brian Staller
9/26 - Robert Burcik; Jennifer Platt; Charles Wernert
9/28 - Bryan Schaeffer; Erin Schaeffer; Shaun Schaeffer;
Abram Reber
9/30 - Ronald Kreiger; Maggie Moss; Amanda Tokarick

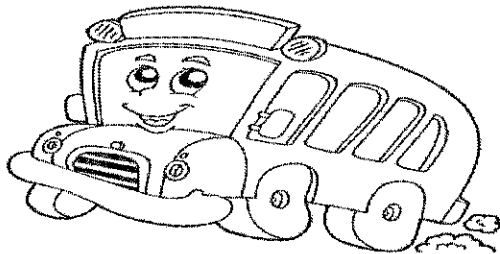


Evangelism News
By Charles Hawk, Sr.



With the Pastor retiring and nothing stable regarding covid I cannot say at this time whether we will have an adult Sunday school class. Plans are to have one if the metrics for Covid infection in Schuylkill County are low. We would like to hear from the adults who normally attend the adult Sunday School class if you are willing to attend a Sunday morning class. Please contact Sue or Harry Russell or myself. Seeing who will come is a good step in the right direction. We might even talk about a ZOOM class. It certainly is a gray area now but if we can make it work, we will. Sue, Harry and I had talked about the movie called THE CHOSEN, which is on TV as a possibility, but more discussion is necessary. If any of you have ideas for our class, please let one of us know. Of course, we will welcome new comers as well!

Back to School



“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Dear Folks,

Almost 16 years ago we began our journey of ministry and worshipping together with the words of Psalm 118:24. In the beginning I used that phrase to start announcements at the beginning of a worship service. These words echo in my mind as I think about my time at St. Paul’s coming to an end. Each day as we have moved forward in ministry has been a day that the Lord has given us to rejoice in God’s love and grace and to be sent out into the world to share that love. No matter if it was a day when everything went perfectly or a day when the challenges were so great that I was grateful when the day was over, it was a day gifted by God.

This month we will come to the end of our journey of ministry together. Some of you are sadden and have shared those feelings. Some are happy for me in my next adventure of life. I appreciate those well wishes. I’m sure there are a few saying, “it’s about time.” Gratefully, you have kept those thoughts to yourself. 😊 For me, I have mixed feelings. How I feel really depends on the day as this change becomes more real. Yet I feel the pull of God’s call to new adventures and it’s always good to be ready to answer God’s call.

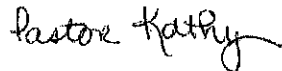
The St. Paul’s family on Summer Hill will always have a special place in my heart. There are people here that have touched me with memories that will stay with me forever. I have had the privilege of being the pastor to a whole host of saints who have gone before us and yet whose memories remain with us. I am grateful for the members who have

serviced on the Mutual Ministry Committee through the years. Your work has helped shaped our ministry together. Our staff – Matthew Hayes, Linda Angstadt, Eva Waldman, and Cindy Brown are the best! I have been blessed in our work together. We have faithful members serving on our committees that enable our work to run smoothly. Staff and committees will need your support, especially in the pastoral transition time.

Many of you know I love to quilt and part of my retirement will be dedicated to that craft. While I have many memories, I would like to create a tangible reminder. So, for the 3 Sundays in September that I am here, I am asking that each person and/or family sign a fabric square for me. Please sign your name(s) and add your thoughts or prayers if you wish. Children may draw a picture if they can't sign their names yet. I'll provide the fabric and the pens. Over the next year I plan to design a quilt using Christian symbols and Biblical blocks with your blocks for a memory quilt of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. That way when I feel "homesick," I can wrap up in the quilt with all your prayers and well wishes. Not worshipping in person? No worries, I'll drop a fabric square with directions in the mail and just return the fabric square the same way. I encourage everyone to participate!

The future holds great things for both St. Paul's and myself because God will continue to bless us and provide for us. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

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, 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 Weinius, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger.

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



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



75th and Over Birthday Luncheon

The Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring the annual 75th and Over Birthday Party Luncheon on Sunday, September 26th at 12:00 noon in the pavilion. Church members who are 75 and over will be receiving or have already received invitations for this event. If you are in this age category and haven't received an invitation, please contact us. Maybe your birthday is not recorded in the church office.



On Sunday, October 3rd, our church will join others in the Schuylkill Haven Area Council of Churches to walk the streets of Schuylkill Haven to end hunger. The annual Crop Walk will begin and end at the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry (rear of the Walk-In Shoe Building). Registration is at 1:00 pm, worship is at 1:15 pm, and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. Monies collected will benefit the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, as well as people around the world through the Church World Service. Dig out those sneakers and walk with other church members of our area churches. Registration forms are available on the table in the church Narthex. Any questions, please see Pastor Kathy

THANK YOU



The Social Ministry Committee thanks everyone who contributed Back-to-School items to our schoolhouse. The items were divided between Schuylkill Children & Youth and Schuylkill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence (formerly Schuylkill Women in Crisis.) Following is a list of the items that were received: 4 backpacks, 64 notebooks, 11 composition books, 10 folders, 2 rulers, 10 packs of pens, 15 packs of pencils, 1 pack of colored pencils, 4 packs of markers, 4 packs of Sharpies, 4 scissors, 19 glue sticks, 24 erasers, 1 whiteout, 2 packs of pencil grips, and 2 drink bottles. The children from these two organizations will be thrilled to receive all of these wonderful items donated by all of you.

Church Calendar for September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9am Worship Service	30 10am Prayer Shawl	31	1 6pm Christian Ed. meeting 7pm Council Meeting	2	3	4 5pm Worship Service
5 9am Worship Service	6 Office Closed 10am Prayer Shawl	7 12:30pm Quilting	8 1pm Evangelism	9	10	11 5pm Worship Service
12 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	13 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Stewardship	14	15 7pm Property	16	17 Office Closed	18 5pm Worship Service
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26 8am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	27 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Finance	28	29	30	1	2 5pm Worship Service

Lectionary Calendar for September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:21-40 Mark 7:9-23	2 Psalm 146 Isaiah 30:27-33 Romans 2:1-11	3 Psalm 146 Isaiah 32:1-8 Romans 2:12-16	4 Psalm 146 Isaiah 33:1-9 Matthew 15:21-31
5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	6 Isaiah 38:10-20 Joshua 6:1-21 Hebrews 11:29—12:2	7 Isaiah 38:10-20 Joshua 8:1-23 Hebrews 12:3-13	8 Isaiah 38:10-20 Judges 15:9-20 Matthew 17:14-21	9 Psalm 116:1-9 Joshua 2:1-14 Hebrews 11:17-22	10 Psalm 116:1-9 Joshua 2:15-24 James 2:17-26	11 Psalm 116:1-9 Joshua 6:22-27 Matthew 21:23-32
12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	13 Psalm 119:169-176 1 Kings 13:1-10 Romans 3:9-20	14 Psalm 119:169-176 1 Kings 13:11-25 Colossians 3:1-11	15 Psalm 119:169-176 Isaiah 10:12-20 John 7:25-36	16 Psalm 54 Judges 6:1-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5	17 Psalm 54 1 Kings 22:24-40 Romans 11:25-32	18 Psalm 54 2 Kings 17:5-18 Matthew 23:29-39
19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	20 Psalm 139:1-18 2 Kings 5:1-14 James 4:8-17	21 Psalm 139:1-18 2 Kings 11:21—12:16 James 5:1-6	22 Psalm 139:1-18 Jeremiah 1:4-10 John 8:21-38	23 Psalm 19:7-14 Exodus 18:13-27 Acts 4:13-31	24 Psalm 19:7-14 Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Acts 12:20-25	25 Psalm 19:7-14 Deuteronomy 27:1-10 Matthew 5:13-20
26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	27 Psalm 5 Zechariah 6:9-15 1 Peter 1:3-9	28 Psalm 5 Zechariah 8:18-23 1 John 2:18-25	29 Psalm 5 Zechariah 10:1-12 Matthew 18:6-9	30 Psalm 8 Genesis 20:1-18 Galatians 3:23-29		

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History
By Harry Schwenk

In continuing with last month's article, we will look at the rest of the special services of the dedication for our new church. After the initial dedication service on June 25, 1961, which was discussed in the last newsletter, five other services were held.

On Wednesday evening, June 28, 1961, a church service entitled "Community and Organization Night" was held in the new church. During the service, greetings were given from the pastors of the churches in the community and officers of the organizations of our church. The children from the Sunday School also presented the churches that were built with the church stamps that they purchased.

On Sunday morning, July 2nd an organization of a fully departmental Sunday Church School was held at 9:00 a.m., and the church worship service was at 10:30 a.m. That evening at 7:30 p.m., a service for the dedication of the pipe organ was held. An organ recital was given by Mrs. Marian (Steigerwalt) Dorward, the daughter of The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt and his wife Mabel. Mrs. Dorward graduated from Susquehanna University, the Conservatory of Music, and did post graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. At this time, she was a member of the American Guild of Organists. The guest soloist for the evening was Mrs. John Witmeyer.

A special service, Synodical and Districts of Schuylkill County and Parish Night, was held on Wednesday evening, July 5th at 7:30 p.m. Greetings were given from the deans of the Pottsville and Hegins Districts. Music was provided by the three choirs of the Lutheran Parish (St. Paul's of Summer Hill, St. John's of Friedensburg, and Zion's Red Church of Pinedale.)

The final special service for the dedication was held on Sunday morning, July 9th. Sunday Church School was held at 9:00 a.m. The first Holy Communion Service was held in the new church at 10:30 a.m.

The new St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Summer Hill was built as a completely new structure of split-level conservative, contemporary design; and was built to take the greatest advantage of the terrain. The main approach to the structure, designed by Dana W. Gangewere, church architect and consultant of Reading, is through a wide covered stoop and into a spacious opening, the narthex. To the left of the narthex was the church office (presently the church library), and on the right side is a large coat room. The narthex is separated from the nave by means of a varied colored screen of seedy cathedral glass and oak paneling. For special occasions, the narthex is to be used as overflow space. The nave, seating 252 in oak pews, is framed by laminated wood trusses and ceilings with Douglass fir exposed wood sheeting. The chancel, seating an antiphonal choir of forty-two voices, is featured by a beautiful white cast stone reredos with ten stained glass quatrefoils immediately behind the handsome oak altar. Adjacent to the chancel is the working sacristy with built-in counters and storage compartments as well as a pastor's sacristy in preparation areas. The church is built of Atglen stone, quarried by C. Mark Wise of Bowmansville, with the exterior feature being the carved chimney pylon supporting a twenty-eight-foot-high steel cross (which has been replaced with a lighter, white cross, which is illuminated at night.)