



At the Church Council reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, the following people were elected to office: Jerry Heffleger, President; Earl Paxson, Vice President; Holly Maldonado, Secretary; and Eva Waldman,

Treasurer. Our church secretary Linda Angstadt was appointed Financial Secretary. We thank these people for their willingness to serve in these positions.

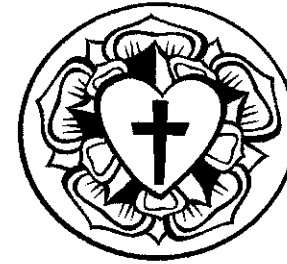


Dear Social Ministry,

We really appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness for the snack basket! You are the best! Keep up the good work that you do.

Love,
Rick & Debbie Kosmisky

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 –

8 am & 10:30 am

Saturday Holy Communion Service - 5 pm

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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Closed from 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm for lunch



At the church service on Sunday, January 6th, Signs of Faith signed the anthem “This Little Light of Mine,” and on Sunday, February 3rd, signed “My Faith has Found a Resting Place,” while the church choir sang the anthem.

We are in the process of learning an anthem to be signed at the service on Sunday, March 3rd.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual “Souper Bowl” event. 77 food items were collected and given to the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, and \$1,686.90 was given to the Pottsville Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your continued support.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Mitten Tree. The items that were delivered to Schuylkill Women in Crisis were 35 pairs of gloves, 14 pairs of mittens, 36 pairs of socks, 33 hats, 3 scarves, 7 hat & gloves sets, 4 hat & mittens sets, 1 hat & scarf set, and 1 hat, gloves & scarf set. Your generosity is appreciated.



Music From Summer Hill
Matthew Hayes
Director of Music

Music is an integral part of Sunday Worship here at Summer Hill. The Lenten Season beginning in March will bring some new changes to our Sunday Worship. Some of the musical changes during Lent will include the organ taking a lesser role in our Sunday Services and the piano being more present. The current organ has lead countless worship services at Summer Hill over 58 years and will continue to do so during our Lenten Journey. The music for Lent will be more contemplative and acoustic as we enter a less celebratory and more somber season. Also there will be the omission of the postlude during the Lent and all through Holy Week. Please use the time following the sending hymn in place of the postlude to reflect on your own "Fast" whatever it may be. As we journey through Palm/Passion Sunday, we will start with Jesus and his Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. The service will end in silence. There will be no postlude for this service as we prepare for Holy Week. Maunday Thursday and Good Friday will not feature a prelude or postlude, again during these times I invite you to be in quiet meditation on your own Lenten Journey. Easter Sunday will feature an anthem with our Bells, Choir and organ; you will not want to miss it!



Dear St. Paul's Social Ministry,
Thank you for delivering our
Thanksgiving dinners and thank you to the
Christmas carolers.

Thanks so much,
Georgia Sandler

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Dear Folks,

Our annual Lenten journey begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. The joyous sounds of Alleluia! are buried for a season that calls us to remember our mortality. With the words "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," we face the reality of our death. Yet this 40 day journey also reminds us that our story doesn't end in death. For on Ash Wednesday, with the words "remember you are dust," we also wear an ashen cross. A cross that marks the eternal claim on us by Jesus Christ. We have the baptismal promise from God that although we face death in this mortal world, we receive eternal life with Christ through death. The cross on our foreheads reminds us that death doesn't have the final answer. God does.

We are invited during the 40 days of Lent to more intently focus on our relationship with our Lord and Savior. Fasting, the giving up of a favorite item, has helped people in this pursuit. Many have also found it helpful to increase their worship and acts of service as well as prayer. As a faith community, we provide you with additional opportunities and encourage your participation in these Lenten disciplines.

Worship – In addition to our weekly Saturday evening and Sunday morning services, we begin our Midweek Lenten services on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 12 noon and 7 pm for solemn worship with distribution of ashes and Holy Communion. This year our Confirmation class has helped prepare the ashes from last year's Palms. On the following 5

Wednesday evenings, we will gather at 6 pm for a meal of soup and sandwiches in the fellowship hall to follow with the evening prayer service at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Our Midweek Lenten Series this year is titled "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." We'll examine texts from both the Old and New Testaments as we explore the dimensions of God's love for us and this world. We'll examine the challenges of loving our neighbor as well as our enemies and what role fear plays in our lives.

LWR Health Care Kits – Once again we join the Jolly Quilters in collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Health kits. See elsewhere in this newsletter the list of what we are collecting. You may give a donation toward the project if you rather not shop for the items. This project is one way in which we show our love to people around the world who are suffering in great need.

First Holy Communion Class – The new First Holy Communion class will meet Sunday, March 3rd following the 10:30 am service to determine meeting times for the Lenten season. First Holy Communion is celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 7 pm service. It is not too late to sign up your child who is 5th grade or 10 years old. Anyone who is older and has not attended these classes are welcome as well.

Whatever your practice is for the season of Lent, please join us as we focus on God's call to "return to the Lord." See you soon!

Serving in the name of Christ,

Pastor Kathy



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner
Pastor

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



Beverly and Willis Woomert, Jr. have donated \$100.00 to the memorial fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wommert, Sr.

Stella Lavenburg has donated \$25.00 to the memorial fund in memory of Matthew Roberts.

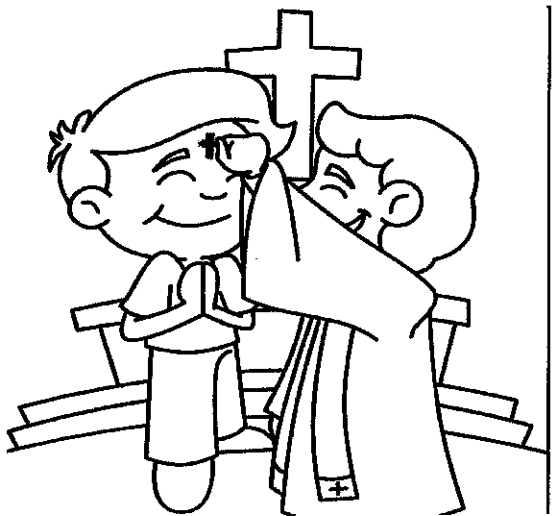
Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.



Spring is coming. Lent is coming. Don't forget our Wednesday night Lenten services with Soup and Sandwiches before each service. Easter follows that. Isn't it wonderful that God has planned things in perfect order? We cannot go wrong following our Lord and

Saviour. It's been a tough winter so let us celebrate its ending with enjoying our spring arrival going to church every Wednesday evening during Lent. This way we prepare ourselves for the GREATEST DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, JESUS' RESURRECTION!!! See you in church Wednesday evenings during Lent!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Ash Wednesday Services with imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at noon and 7 pm.

Keep in your prayers:



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, Adam Brink, Glenn Curtis, Georgia Sandler, Arlene Moyer, John Weegar, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Carol Glaser, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, Neal Brensinger, Nancy Blankenhorn, Jay Sticker, 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

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

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





Happy March Birthday To:

3/1 Ava Ciavarella
3/3 Balin Honicker; Trudy Ryan
3/4 Jacob Felty; Ayva Straus
3/6 Donna Cox
3/8 Danica Boyer; Matthew Cleary

3/9 Clair Moyer
3/11 Shawn Davis
3/12 Tyler Brensinger; Brittney Buchanan;
Nicole Manbeck; Lindsey Seltzer; Jane Bressler;
Aliyah Woll
3/14 John Strauch, Sr.
3/15 Linda Haberstroh
3/16 Jane Schnoke
3/17 Regina Phillips
3/18 Kayla Fidler; Grayson Rollman
3/19 Beverly Freeman
3/20 Derek Boyer; Melvin Hoffman; Christian Yerusavage
3/21 Soren Honicker; Lindsey Petrie; Mark Gilbert
3/22 Adalynn Deal; Mark Durick; Carol Gordon
3/24 Amanda Sisko
3/25 Amy Schantzenbach; Wilbert Staller, Jr.; Landon Trostle
3/26 Eva Andrew; Sandra Brooker
3/27 Matthew Hayes
3/30 Kyle Cleary
3/31 Juliann Reazor



Remember to turn your clocks ahead on March 10th.



Thank you very much for the care package. I truly appreciate it. It is so kind of everyone to think of me while I am in school. Looking forward to spending Christmas with you all!

Love,
Rachael Troxell



Dear St. Paul's Carolers,

Thank you for the treat of music you gave me on Sunday. Also the nice bag of goodies sure made my day. Thanks again and Merry Christmas.

Love,
Stella Lavenburg



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Just wanted to send a note of thans for the Christmas gifts for the children we service. We Greatly appreciate the generosity that St.

Paul's shows children within our area. Your kindness is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Susan Yeager
Program Specialist
Sch. Co. Children & Youth

Baskets of Promise

"...satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10

When emergencies like natural disasters or conflict arise, many families must flee their homes, leaving their belongings behind. When they arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softness of a towel as reminders of someone's care and concern for them in their plight.

Items may be brought to the church during the Lenten Season.

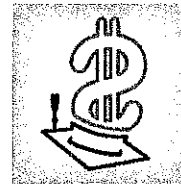
Each kit includes:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 40" to 52" X 27"), dark color recommended.
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, (no picks or fine toothed combs);
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

If you wish to participate, but rather have someone else do the shopping, please place your donation in an envelope on the offering plate marked "Personal Care Kits."



The Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring "Dinner and a Movie Night" on Saturday evening, April 13th at 5:45 pm in the Annex. The committee will provide the food and beverages for the dinner, and anyone attending is welcome to bring a dessert or snacks. The movie is titled "I Can Only Imagine." More details will be in the next newsletter.



Student Loan Applications will be available the beginning of April for the 2019-20 school year. Student Loan Applications may be picked up in the Church Library located in the narthex, from a Student Loan Committee member, or by downloading the application from the website. Student Loan Committee Members include: Cindy Freeman, Dennis Gordon, Jeff Freeman, Charlene Egan, and Marlene Troxell. Completed Student Loan Applications should be returned to a committee member no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2019.



Lectionary Calendar March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:6-14 Acts 10:1-8	Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:15-24 Luke 10:21-24
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Transfiguration of Our Lord	Psalm 35:11-28 Exodus 35:1-29 Acts 10:9-23a	Psalm 35:11-28 Ezekiel 1:1—2:1 Acts 10:23b-33	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 <i>or</i> Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b— 6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 5:10-23 Acts 7:30-34	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 6:1-13 Acts 7:35-42	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 John 12:27-36
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
First Sunday of Lent	Psalm 17 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 1 John 2:1-6	Psalm 17 Zechariah 3:1-10 2 Peter 2:4-21	Psalm 17 Job 1:1-22 Luke 21:34—22:6	Psalm 27 Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18 Philippians 3:2-12	Psalm 27 Genesis 14:17-24 Philippians 3:17-20	Psalm 27 Psalm 118:26-29 Matthew 23:37-39
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Second Sunday of Lent	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 Exodus 33:1-6 Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 Numbers 14:10b-24 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 2 Chronicles 20:1-22 Luke 13:22-31	Psalm 63:1-8 Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 2:8-11	Psalm 63:1-8 Daniel 12:1-4 Revelation 3:1-6	Psalm 63:1-8 Isaiah 5:1-7 Luke 6:43-45
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Third Sunday of Lent	Psalm 39 Jeremiah 11:1-17 Romans 2:1-11	Psalm 39 Ezekiel 17:1-10 Romans 2:12-16	Psalm 39 Numbers 13:17-27 Luke 13:18-21	Psalm 32 Joshua 4:1-13 2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5	Psalm 32 Joshua 4:14-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-15	Psalm 32 Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10

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