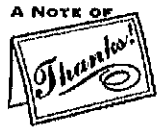




The following have donated gifts to the memorial fund in memory of Robert Emerich

Nancy Sweitzer

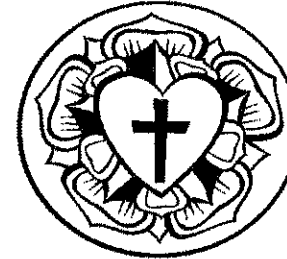
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Members of St. Paul's,
Holidays are over and it's time to thank the people who kindly remembered me at this Holy Season. Your gift is always appreciated and well received.

Thank you and God Bless all of you for your kindness,
Love and Prayers
Joanne Yarrish

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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Saturday Holy Communion Service - 5 pm

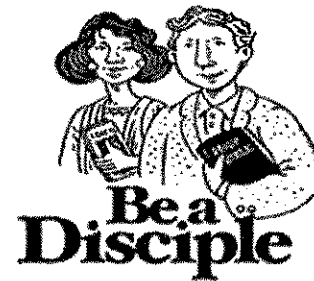
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Evangelism News

By Charles Hawk, Sr.

One week ago, on February 26 2020 we started preparing for Easter. It was Ash Wednesday the beginning of

Lent. Remember how we prepare for Christmas with Advent season. Now it is time to prepare for Easter. SPRINGTIME. Flowers are slowly coming up through the ground. Trees are beginning to come alive with new buds. Summer birds are preparing to make their flight up north to find a nesting place for the starting of their families. Are WE getting ready? It has always been a tossup to me which season is the most important. Christmas or Easter. Well you cannot have one without the other, so I imagine God thought they were both IMPORTANT! Jesus was born to die. He was born to die, so we may live with Him in heaven. This, I believe, is something we need to be reminded of. Easter season is not about Easter bonnets and Easter eggs. Let's make an effort this Lenten season to attend the Wednesday night services and get ready for HOLY WEEK. Is there a reason for not doing this? THIS EASTER SEASON HOW ABOUT IF WE PUT JESUS FIRST!!!!!!



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Just wanted to send a note of thanks 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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St Paul's Lutheran Church
invites all children to **Knights of
North Castle Vacation Bible School!**

This adventure includes exciting new music, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God's amazing power. The adventure runs from June 7 through June 11. VBS begins at 6:30 PM in the church annex and concludes in the fellowship hall at 8:30 PM. Children from ages 2 and up to including those completing 6th grade are invited to join **Knights of North Castle VBS**.

Register for this exciting Vacation Bible School by complete the registration form located on the table in the back of the church or the church website. In order to make sure that we have enough materials for all students, we ask that you register by May 24, 2020. Any adults or youth who would like to help with this year's VBS are asked to contact Reba Llewellyn.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual "Souper Bowl" event. 86 food items were collected and given to the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, and \$1,658.00 was given to the Pottsville Soup Kitchen. Thank you for your continued support.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 2:5

Dear Folks,

As we prepare to leave the Epiphany season behind and look forward to celebrate Easter, we enter the 40 day season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and its warning about how we practice our piety. In its call to practice all humility, we receive an ashen cross on our foreheads, ashes made from last year's palms, and hear the words "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

In the Lenten call to "Return to the Lord," we are encouraged to reflect on our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Many people find fasting a helpful discipline during Lent, remembering Jesus' 40 day fast in the wilderness. Traditionally people have "fasted from" or given up something they like, such as candy or dessert.

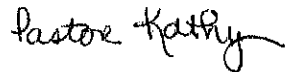
What would happen if instead of, (or in addition to), giving up something we like, we strive to give up something that makes us less than what God calls us to be? What if we gave up being critical or judging other people? What if we stopped gossiping or spreading rumors? What if we stopped immediately rejecting people or fearing people who are not like us? What if we tried to have more confidence in ourselves, because, after all, we are created in God's image? What changes might we see in ourselves and others? Would giving up something like that help us to better reflect the mind of Jesus?

Being of the same mind as was in Christ Jesus is a

tough challenge. It was a vision for the disciples, although they, too, often fell short. Striving to be more of the same mind of Jesus brings us closer to him. Perhaps in reflecting of just what that mind is, we see his humility, grace, mercy, and love for all God's people and want to spread that message. Perhaps when we fall short, we become more fully aware of the gift of forgiveness of our sins and that God loves us even in our brokenness. After 40 days of this kind of fasting, you might even develop a new attitude of Christ like living!

In the challenge to be more of the same mind of Jesus, join us for our Midweek Evening Prayer service at 7 pm with a time of food and fellowship at 6 pm. This year we are doing something a bit different. As part of the meditation time, we'll have a short video clip from the film series, "A New Family: Opening the Doors of the Church" by Rachel Held Evans. She states, "If God throws open the doors of the church, who are we to monitor them, or worse close them. Through her life Rachel wanted to start faith conversations, encouraging people to action and always reaching for the outsider. Starting Wednesday, March 4th, the 5-week series will include "Gatekeeping," "Love is Biblical," "Remember Jesus," "The God Who Sees You," and "With An Open Hand." Please join our worship and conversation.

Serving in the name of Christ,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner
Pastor



At the Church Council reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 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.



The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Mitten Tree. The items were divided evenly between Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All, both of Pottsville. Items which were received were 47 pairs of gloves, 15 pairs of mittens, 5 pairs of socks, 59 hats, 4 scarves, 2 pairs of slippers, 3 pairs of slipper socks, 2 hat & gloves sets, 19 hat & mittens sets, and 2 headbands. Thank you for your continuing support in this annual project.



Members of St. Paul's:

Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's for the Christmas cards that were sent to me. It was so nice to be remembered and appreciated so very much.

Sincerely
Regina Phillips



Dear St. Paul's Lutheran,

Thank you so much for my care package. I greatly appreciate it!

Sydney Harig



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 8th.

Keep in your prayers:



Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, 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 & Linda Curtis, Arlene Moyer, 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, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Chrissy Kull, Stella Lavenburg, Matthew Flashner, 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 April newsletter is **March 15th.**

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:

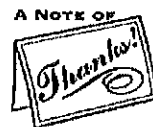
- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" X 40" to 52" X 27"), dark color recommended.
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, (no picks or fine-toothed 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 following have donated gifts to the memorial fund in memory of Warren "Skip" Baker, Sr.

Marlene and Michael Troxell	\$75.00
Scott and Monica Sechler, Sr.	\$100.00
Terry and Sharon Weidner	\$100.00
Robert and Donna Terry	\$75.00
Richard and Mae Berger	\$25.00
Glenn and Helen Miller	\$50.00
Robert and Doris Gregory	\$250.00
Harry and Jack Schwenk	\$20.00
Shirley Baker	\$100.00
Joan Hill	\$30.00
Dennis and Charlene Egan	\$50.00



Pastor Kathy,

Thank you and the members of our church for welcoming me into the church and for my First Bible and blanket! I'm truly blessed.

Landon Hummel

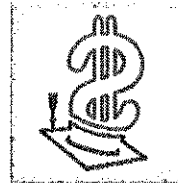


The Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring their annual "Dinner and a Movie Night" on Saturday evening, April 25th at 5:45 pm in the Annex following the Saturday evening worship service. More

details will be in the next newsletter.

The following have donated gifts to the Youth Group in memory of Georgia Sandler

Rosemary Biever	\$100.00
The Wisner Family	\$100.00
Leonard E. Geary	\$50.00
Sallie Geary Sandler	\$250.00
John and Joanne Plaxa	\$50.00
Jim and Barbara Tokarz	\$30.00
Joanne K. Hively	\$15.00
Sch. Haven Dist. Admin. Staff employees	\$130.00
Denise P. Stabingas	\$50.00
Cecilila Michalik	\$25.00
Becky Herb	\$25.00
Fay Sausser	\$25.00
Nancy Sweitzer	\$25.00
Karen and Douglas Travor	\$50.00
Anthony and Mary Jane DiCello	\$25.00
The Law Office of James P. Wallbillich, LLC	\$25.00
Tobi and Barb Mengle	\$100.00
Glenn and Helen Miller	\$25.00
Kenneth and Aletha Heinbaugh	\$25.00
Angela Potts	\$50.00
Bob and Denise Klinger	\$100.00
Lee Ann and Donald Freiler	\$30.00
Beverly Trumbo and family	\$50.00
Marlene and Michael Troxell	\$75.00
Keith and Gemma Geary	\$50.00
Becky and Don Mairose	\$100.00
Charlene and Dennis Egan	\$30.00
The Hoy-Kaiser Family	\$100.00
Richard and Cheryl Thomas and Helen Moyer	\$50.00
Mrs. Gisela Oertmann	\$50.00



Student Loan Applications will be available the beginning of April for the 2020-21 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: Dennis Gordon, Jeff Freeman, Charlene Egan, Marlene Troxell and Trish Krause. Completed Student Loan Applications should be returned to a committee member no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2020.



During the 10:30 am Sunday morning church service on January 5th, Signs of Faith signed the anthem, "The Snow Lay on the Ground," while the choir sang it. At the church service on Sunday, February 2nd, the anthem, "Holy is the Lord," was signed while it was sung by the choir in both English and German.

We are in the process of learning an anthem to be signed at the church service in March.

Church Calendar for March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Holy Communion With Healing 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion with Healing	2 10am Prayer Shawl	3 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	4 6pm Soup and Sandwich 7pm Midweek Lenten Service 8pm Council Meeting	5 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6 Office Closed	7 5pm Holy Communion service 6 pm First Holy Communion
8 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion 11:30 am Social Ministry	9 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Stewardship	10 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	11 1pm Evangelism Meeting 6pm Soup and Sandwich 7pm Midweek Lenten Service	12 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 5pm Holy Communion service 6 pm First Holy Communion
15 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	16 10am Prayer Shawl	17 12:30pm Jolly Quilters 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	18 6pm Soup and Sandwich 7pm Midweek Lenten Service 7pm Property	19 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 5pm Holy Communion service 6 pm First Holy Communion
22 8am Holy Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Communion	23 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Finance	24 6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Council of Churches at St. Paul's UCC	25 6pm Soup and Sandwich 7pm Midweek Lenten Service	26 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 5pm Holy Communion service
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Lectionary Calendar for March 2020

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1 First Sunday of Lent	2 Psalm 32 1 Kings 19:1-8 Hebrews 2:10-18	3 Psalm 32 Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 4:14—5:10	4 Psalm 32 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28 Matthew 18:10-14	5 Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:1-3 2 Timothy 1:3-7	6 Psalm 121 Micah 7:18-20 Romans 3:21-31	7 Psalm 121 Isaiah 51:4-8 Luke 7:1-10
8 Second Sunday of Lent	9 Psalm 128 Numbers 21:4-9 Hebrews 3:1-6	10 Psalm 128 Isaiah 65:17-25 Romans 4:6-13	11 Psalm 128 Ezekiel 36:22-32 John 7:53—8:11	12 Psalm 95 Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23	13 Psalm 95 Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22	14 Psalm 95 Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6
15 Third Sunday of Lent	16 Psalm 81 Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13	17 Psalm 81 Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-4	18 Psalm 81 Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39	19 Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:10-21 Ephesians 4:25-32	20 Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:22-31 Ephesians 5:1-9	21 Psalm 23 1 Samuel 15:32-34 John 1:1-9
22 Fourth Sunday of Lent	23 Psalm 146 Isaiah 59:9-19 Acts 9:1-20	24 Psalm 146 Isaiah 42:14-21 Colossians 1:9-14	25 Psalm 146 Isaiah 60:17-22 Matthew 9:27-34	26 Psalm 130 Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3 Revelation 10:1-11	27 Psalm 130 Ezekiel 33:10-16 Revelation 11:15-19	28 Psalm 130 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53
29 Fifth Sunday of Lent	30 Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12	31 Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10				