

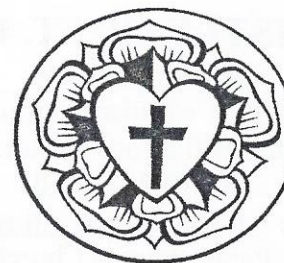


2024 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for pickup. If you did not pick up your envelopes the last 2 years and still desire offering envelopes, please call the church office. If you do not want to receive envelopes because

you are contributing online, please send an email to the church's email address listed in the newsletter.

Note: If your envelope was number 226 through 250, you have been assigned a new number. For 2025 everyone will receive a new assigned number except the people who contribute online.

You may 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 (first Sunday of month) and 10:30 am Worship
Saturday Holy Communion Service (first Saturday of
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Keep in your prayers:

Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Adam Brink, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Rosemary Meade, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Stacey Rao, John and Betty Strauch, Nancy Vargas, Jerry Heffleger, Kathy Robinson, Brian Hunsberger, Randy Ney, Donovan Baker, Kyle Cleary, Peggy Davis, Sue and Harry Russell, Carol Beenick, Brittany & Joshua Gallagher, Shawnette Keller, Neida Hayes, Helen Miller, Sheila Tryon, Sallie Ann Sandler, Kim Johnson 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 Weinius, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, Timothy Bast, and Ryan Bast.



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

The deadline for items for the March newsletter is **February 15.**



The weekends of January 6 and 7 and February 3 and 4, there will be a spoken service on Saturday at 5 pm and services with communion on Sunday at 8 and 10:30 am. All other Sundays will be only the 10:30 am service. Sunday school for all ages will be held every week on Sunday at 9:15 am.



Ash Wednesday
Services with imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
Time will be posted in bulletins.



The Mitten Tree will be in the narthex throughout the weeks before Christmas to accept donations of mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. After the Christmas season, these items will be donated to Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All.

THANK YOU

The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Angel Tree project. We received 35 names from Schuylkill Children and Youth, and thankfully all names were chosen and gifts purchased for the children. Thank you for your continuing support.

THANK YOU

Hello St. Paul's Congregation,

Thank you for thinking of me and the other college students in this congregation, and getting us goodies to help us finish out our semesters. I love being able to come here when I am in the area, and I appreciate how friendly you are towards me as a visitor. I also like being a part of the activities you host, such as birthday parties, movie nights, and when there was a Thanksgiving dinner. Have a safe and healthy holiday season! Remember the reason for the season!

Sincerely,

Emily Schwenk

Happy January Birthday To:

1/1 Tyler Donatti, Jr., Cody Reber,
1/2 Trent Schantzenbach
1/3 Karen Curtis; Eva Waldman
1/5 Sydney Hill
1/7 Leslie Fessler
1/10 Carol Boyer
1/11 Delaney Hill; Trevor Reber, Kingsly Donatti
1/13 Leah Bowman
1/14 Richard Paxson
1/19 Earl Epting; Donald Mairose
1/21 Tyler Heist; George Skripko, IV
1/24 Donald Boyer
1/26 Rebecca Reber
1/30 Connie Harig
1/31 Gary Brown; Helen Miller



Happy February Birthday To:

2/2 Debbie Lord
2/3 Sandy Wentz
2/4 Brenda Phillips; Angie Saylor
2/6 Alan Romberger
2/8 Reba Llewellyn, Noah Brensinger
2/11 Emily Brown, Matthew Krammes, Jr.
2/14 Myles Honicker; Jacob Woll
2/16 Jessica Rollman
2/17 Karen Tokarick
2/18 Eric Thomas
2/22 Carl Schwenk; John Strauch, Jr.
2/23 Francis Frankenstein; Mary Jo Moss
2/25 Jennifer Minrod; Cynthia Reidler
2/26 Richelle Carroll; Brandon Felty; Mason Reber
2/28 Lisa Lehman

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31 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service	1 10am Prayer Shawl	2	3 7pm Council Meeting	4 6pm Bell Choir	5	6 5pm Worship Service
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				1 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Proverbs 12:10-21 Galatians 5:2-15	2 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Job 36:1-23 1 Corinthians 9:1-16	3 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Isaiah 46:1-13 Matthew 12:9-14
4 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	5 Psalm 45:6-17 Hosea 3:1-5 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:11	6 Psalm 45:6-17 Hosea 14:1-9 2 Corinthians 11:1-15	7 Psalm 45:6-17 Isaiah 62:1-5 John 3:22-36	8 Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 11:26-40 2 Corinthians 2:12-17	9 Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 14:1-18 1 Timothy 1:12-20	10 Psalm 50:1-6 1 Kings 16:1-7 Luke 19:41-44
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord	12 Psalm 110:1-4 Exodus 19:7-25 Hebrews 2:1-4	13 Psalm 110:1-4 Job 19:23-27 1 Timothy 3:14-16	14 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	15 Psalm 25:1-10 Daniel 9:1-14 1 John 1:3-10	16 Psalm 25:1-10 Daniel 9:15-25a 2 Timothy 4:1-5	17 Psalm 25:1-10 Psalm 32 Matthew 9:2-13
18 First Sunday of Lent	19 Psalm 77 Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10	20 Psalm 77 Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a	21 Psalm 77 Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11	22 Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31	23 Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12	24 Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30
25 Second Sunday of Lent	26 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 21:1-7 Hebrews 1:8-12	27 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Genesis 22:1-19 Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19	28 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Jeremiah 30:12-22 John 12:36-43	29 Psalm 19 Exodus 19:1-9a 1 Peter 2:4-10		

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7 Baptism of Our Lord	8 Psalm 110 Exodus 2:11-25 Hebrews 11:27-28	9 Psalm 110 Exodus 3:7-15 John 8:39-59	10 Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Isaiah 41:14-20 John 1:29-34	11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:6-15 2 Corinthians 10:1-11	12 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:16-23 Acts 13:16-25	13 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 2:21-25 Matthew 25:1-13
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A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History
By Harry Schwenk

In continuing from last month's newsletter, here are more letters that were sent to our church from our members who were serving our country during World War II

From:

Pfc. George Fessler, France-I have been through a lot of towns, but didn't see any as badly demolished as St. Lo. I don't believe there is one home standing in the whole town. It is flattened to the ground. The French people are friendly, but I feel lost as I can't understand their language. Once in a while we meet one that can speak English. I enjoy receiving the Messenger from the church.

Sgt. Lamar Heim, Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Virginia-I am sure glad to be back in the States. I had many experiences that I will never forget. I am getting along nicely. (Lamar was wounded in the left arm, and at this writing is at home on a furlough.)

Pfc. Warren Heim, France-My mail has been delayed; however, I received the Messenger and was certainly glad to receive it. Newspapers are very scarce and we get very little news except the highlights that our officers give us.

Pvt. Carl Haller, New Guinea-We get very good food here, and I like the place. We are kept very busy.

Robert Morbauch, S1/c, South Pacific-We are kept on the move continually. Received the Christmas box from the church, and I want to thank the members of St. Paul's for their thoughtfulness in sending us these boxes. Also, for the Assistant Pastor and the Messenger. Thanks a lot.

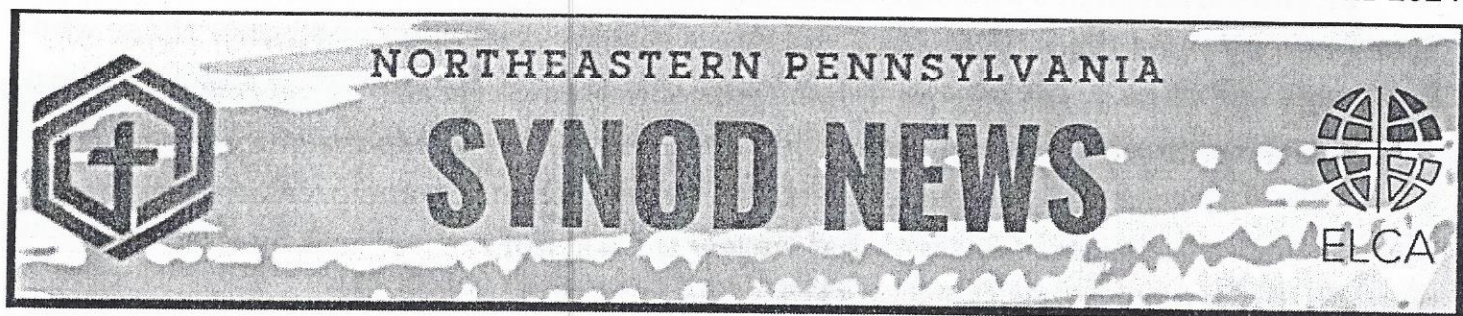
Pfc. Eugene Moyer, England-The churches and homes in this locality are all built of stone or brick and make a good appearance. I attend church services over here. The church services are well attended by the soldiers.

Pvt. Earl Moyer, Blytheville, Arkansas-Most of my work is on B-25s and get many plane rides. We just came back from a hop to Turner Field, GA. Our shifts are 12 hours, and for the past few weeks, I worked as high as 18 hours a day.

Pfc. Carl Moyer, New Guinea-It is very hot here and there aren't many places to go. We spend most of our time off at the Red Cross, listening to the radio and playing the phonograph. We also do most of our letter writing there.

Pvt. Marlin Moyer, Italy-I am always glad to hear from you and to receive the Assistant Pastor and monthly Messenger. I have seen action, plenty, and a fellow sure does a lot of praying when he is in the front lines. When you see your buddies fall, a person doesn't feel as good.





Worship in Collaboration with Oglala Sioux Nation

On November 12, 2023, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Birdsboro, PA, held their annual Native American worship service in honor of November being Native American Heritage Month. I attended the worship service and wanted to share my experience with you.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church has a partnership with the Oglala Sioux Nation of Native Americans in Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, one of the poorest communities in the United States, and has been supporting them in many ways with their giving and their prayers.

In the worship service, the English translations used for the liturgy were:

Creator as the name used for God

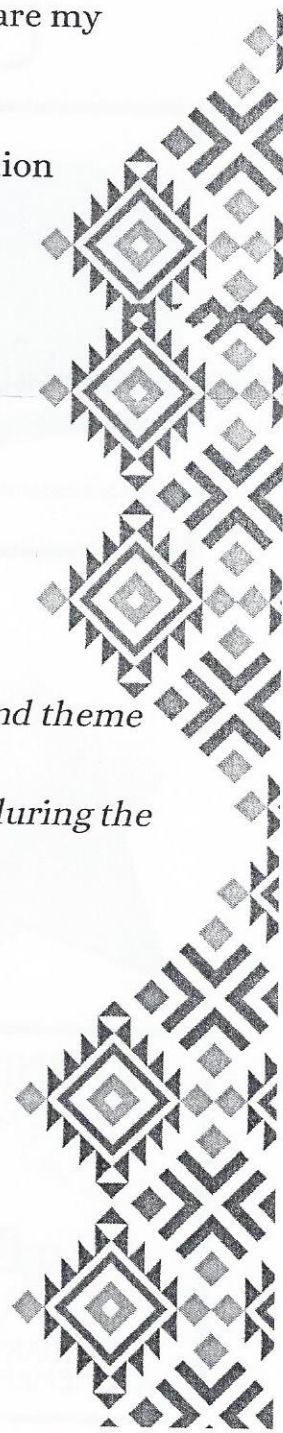
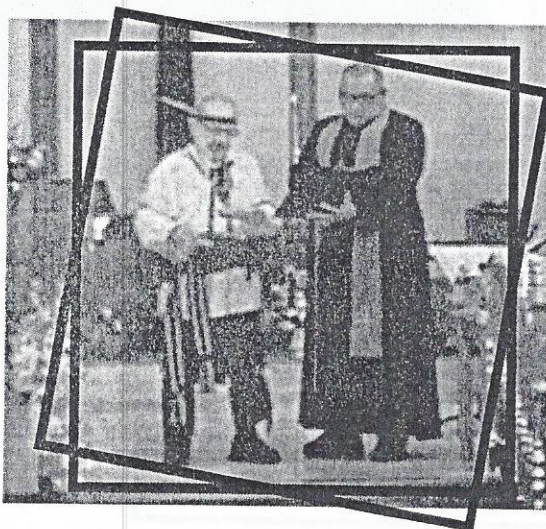
Creator-Sets-Free as the name used for Jesus

The Chosen One as the name used for Christ

The Great Spirit as the name used for the Holy Spirit

The music for the worship service had a Native American vibe, words, and theme involving the sacredness of nature and life.

Copal incense from Central and Southwestern North America was used during the service as Native Americans used for sacred services.



Pr. Jim Farnsworth's message was dedicated to Native Americans and how the new immigrants treated them to America. He asked that we remember and honor those who have gone before us -- the original inhabitants of this land. He also asked that we have a right relationship with God and each other and that we have a responsibility to repair relations. We reconcile by learning the truth, loving each other, and breaking down barriers with others. He suggested that we learn the history of our area by looking through the eyes of our neighbors and that we are called to be good neighbors.

- Charlotte Gross, Co-Coordinator,
Mission Interpretation Ministry

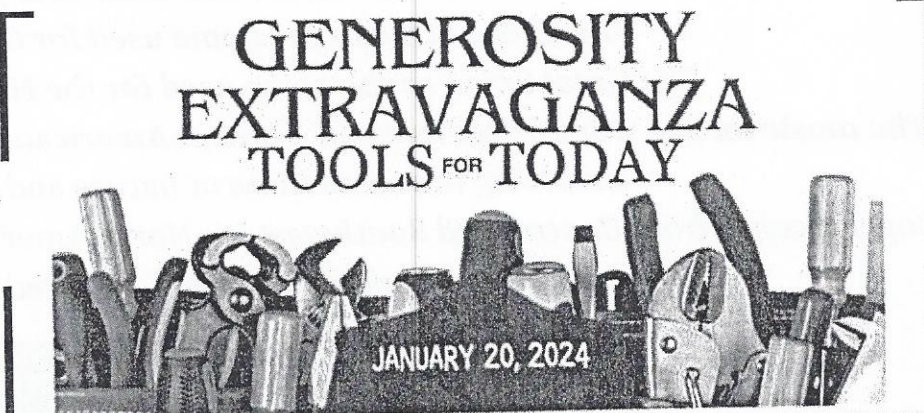
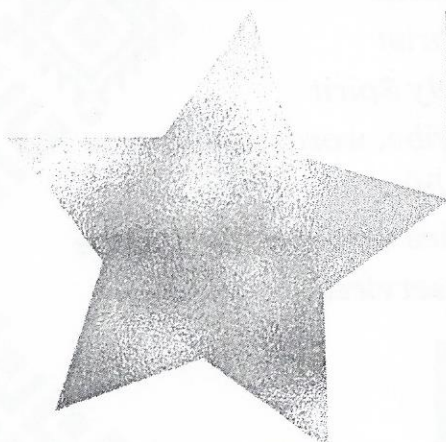
UPCOMING *events*



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IN HUNGERING TIMES
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FEBRUARY 6-7, 2024**

PRESENTED BY:
NEPA SYNOD

*FOR ALL ROSTERED LEADERS AND SYNOD AUTHORIZED LAY MINISTERS




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JANUARY 20, 2024



LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY 2024

Trusting God. 

Doing a New Thing

JANUARY 27, 2024 (SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 3)
ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH, WYOMISSING, PA

this year