

St. Paul's News

June 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR

Be faithful to your church during the summer months. If St. Paul's is "your church," then love and support her with your prayers and with your giving.

People come and go during summer and that's good. God wants us to get the rest and recreation that we need. See new places and meet new people. Or revisit well-loved places and hug much loved people. But don't go on vacation from Jesus and his people.

Worship wherever you are. Keep giving, keep praying, and keep loving. God has amazing things in store for us, if we just keep the faith!

SUMMER WORSHIP

Our summer worship will begin on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Instead of having 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings, we will share a single 9:30 a.m. worship service. Our Saturday worship service will continue at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendar!

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum will not meet in June, July, or August. We will begin meeting again in September. Please watch the August newsletter for our beginning date and topic.

PART-TIME OFFICE POSITION VACANT

A job description for our Office Support Staff position has been posted on our bulletin boards in the narthex and gathering room. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please contact Council President Greg Sklar ASAP.

CRAFTS ON SALE

The Crafters' Guild of St. Paul's will be selling a variety of crafts at the 2nd Annual Strawberry Festival on June 10th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The event is held at 35 West Catawissa St., New Ringgold, PA and includes many other vendors, food trucks, and live animals.

Come and see what the creative minds of the Crafters' Guild have put together and enjoy some strawberry shortcake!

FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Any church committee, family, group, or member(s) can host a summer Fellowship Table beginning Sunday, June 11. Our Fellowship Table has become a very enjoyable part of our summer worship. Good fellowship plus good food is a great way to top off our summer worship. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering room for your convenience.

WALKS WITH STiC

Walks with STiC in June are scheduled as follows:

June 2: Tumbling Run

June 9: Landingville

June 16: Auburn

June 23: Tumbling Run

June 30: Landingville

All begin at 10 a.m., but be aware as the Reier family "kids" are returning from Germany after 3 years' service, Rob and Sue (not TOO excited!) might be helping them get settled and may need to forego some of those walks! However, there is every reason to go on your own and have a blast! All of these walks can be part of your "Walking to Bethlehem" challenge!

Blessings to you, Sue Reier

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS

At the May Worship and Music Committee meeting, we decided to offer two chancel baskets every Sunday. Remember that these requests will only be honored when someone has already ordered altar flowers, so please turn back in the book to make sure that has been done **before** entering your dedication. Chancel flowers are ordered every Tuesday, so please sign up in plenty of time.

Both altar and chancel flowers from Forget-Me-Not Floral remain at \$30; bulletins are \$15. I am updating the green book now and will put the new chancel pages in it in time for June ordering.

As always, if you have **any** questions, just email me at frausrs@yahoo.com or call me at 570-386-2647. We live in a dead zone and my cell phone number just does not work. Thank you for your support of our flower and bulletin program.

Sue Schenck

“GRADUATE RECOGNITION” SUNDAY IS JUNE 4!

Join us for worship and good fellowship on Sunday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. as we recognize and celebrate our newest graduates.

They are:

Danika Lynn Bolinsky will graduate from Blue Mountain High School on June 2. She plans to attend Millersville University and major in Elementary Education. She will also compete on their Women's Track & Field Team.

Emily Harding graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Elizabethtown College with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. She plans to pursue a degree in nursing.

David Krewson received a Master of Science in Business Management from Hobart and William Smith College. He plans to work as a Development Analyst for renewable energy projects with MN8 Energy.

Grace Krewson received a Bachelor of Science with minors in biology and psychology from Ursinus College. She plans to go to Physician Assistant school.

Meredith Krewson received a Master of Education in Child Studies from Vanderbilt University. She plans to work as a Child Life Specialist at Nemours Children's Hospital.

Trisha Nichole Teter will graduate from Minersville High School on June 2. She plans to attend the practical nursing program at the Schuylkill Technology Center and become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Madison Trevor graduated from Penn State College of Medicine with a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. She plans to practice as a PA in the Hershey, PA area.

Following our service, refreshments will be provided in our gathering room by our Evangelism Committee. Please join us!

WELCA

Many thanks to St. Paul's women who donated time and/or food items for the Spring Cluster of the Schuylkill County WELCA held here on April 29th. The event was very successful and enjoyable gathering for 20 of St. Paul's women along with 12 other women from area Lutheran churches. The meeting was called to order by Donna Wallace, Schuylkill Cluster Secretary. Our Pastor Mike Petresky welcomed everyone and led the group in devotions. Our organist, Justin McClure, provided the music.

A program dealing with women's health issues was presented by Jenny Wagner of Diakon. The Rev. Dana Heckman-Beil of Good Shepherd, Ashland did a Bible study about "Crystals and Christianity." The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner, Associate to the Bishop, shared information pertaining to WELCA of the Northeast Pa. Synod.

At this event, it was announced that Friedens, Hegins, will host the Spring event for next year. Our coordinator, Danielle Richards, agreed to co-chair the event with Donna Wallace.

A luncheon with social time was enjoyed by 32 women.

The In-Kind gift of \$205.00 received at this event was delivered to the Orwigsburg Food Pantry. The offering received during the devotions was given to Diakon of Pottsville.

The May 9th meeting featured Nancy Terry as a guest speaker. She shared the history and interesting stories about the historical White Church in the Ringtown valley. All were invited to attend the Ascension Day services on May 18th and the open house on Memorial Day weekend.

The In-Gathering offering received at this meeting was given to Red Creek Wildlife Center. Our September In-Gathering offering has been designated to the Historical Society for their appeal to save the "red barn."

Information was presented regarding the possibility of anyone interested in attending the WELCA Twelfth Triennial Convention to be held in Phoenix AZ, September 21-24, 2023. Details can be found on the bulletin board or at: welcat.org. Robin Zimmerman explained how worthwhile it was for her and Gayle Rarick to attend the Tenth Triennial Convention in Minnesota.

We have offered to host the after-concert reception scheduled for August 6, 2023. This is for the benefit of Red Creek Wildlife Center. (A sign-up sheet for refreshments will be beneath the bulletin board sometime in July).

At this time, we do not have any scheduled meetings, but are trying to arrange a picnic in June. Arrangements will be noted in the bulletins and announced at church services.

Anyone interested in receiving a WELCA Synodical newsletter "The Flame" can contact the editor by e-mail: kat.mat62@rcn.com or mail to 52 Oak Drive, Easton, PA 18042-7014.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.) Two new members have joined the Lay Eucharistic Ministry Committee.
- 2.) The Growing Tree Daycare expressed a need for additional signage designating the upper parking lot for day care use only during normal business hours. People visiting the Magistrate's Office frequently use the lot, taking up parking spaces needed for parents and creating an unsafe environment for the children.

GIVE TO OUR FOOD PANTRY

We encourage everyone to continue to support our Community Food Pantry over the summer months. A box for non-perishable food items is in the narthex. Let's continue help feed our hungry neighbors!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for another wonderful year of Sunday School!! Regularly scheduled classes will take a summer break for June, July, and August, and will resume in September. However, please keep an eye out for summer activities that are happening!

**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR SNACKS AND GAMES
FOLLOWING OUR WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH!**

Our first summer activity will take place on Sunday, June 25th, during the fellowship time, following the church service. (Don't forget that we will have one service held at 9:30 during the summer months.) Children and adults are invited to play board games while they snack! You can play a game that is provided or bring one of your own to share. Sunday School will be provided during the church service for any children that attend. We can't wait to see you there!

Sarah Eger
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A THANK YOU!

Service Ministry would like to thank all of you who donated books to our Book Drive benefiting the families that utilize the Orwigsburg Food pantry. Too many times we take for granted what we have. The people who visit the Pantry do not. They always appreciate what our congregation does for them. The children, especially, light up when they get 'A Special Treat' in the form of a book. They also benefit with the extra reading during the summer months.

Books are special. They bring families together!

SCHUYLKILL MISSION DISTRICT ASSEMBLY MEETING

Pastor Mike and Barbara Lafko attended this Schuylkill Mission District meeting on Sunday, April 30, 2023. Attorney David Rossi was the guest speaker. He spoke about the liabilities facing churches. Churches come under the same liabilities as any other "non-profit". We should be checking our policies so that we have proper coverage for our premises, volunteers, and non-member volunteers. He addressed "cyber liability" which covers e-mail and websites: a new liability.

We approved reports of the secretary, treasurer, and committees. Pr. Kathy Ash-Flasher, Associate to the Bishop, gave her report including information about pastoral vacancies in our district.

During the meeting, we elected a new Dean – Brian Beissel and re-elected the Secretary and Treasurer for our mission district.

If anyone would like to read the reports, they are posted on the bulletin board.

TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Our 2023 Time and Talent Survey is included in this month's newsletter.

Please complete a survey for each member in your household aged 16 and above. The information you provide will not only assist us now but will be helpful as we move forward in faith.

Place completed surveys in the offering plate, drop them off at the church office, or mail them to us

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Attn: T&T Survey

as soon as you have completed them. Thank you!

WALKING TO BETHLEHEM

Out in our community!!! Whether on your own, or joining with friends, or participating in any of three specially planned events, simply logging your active time outdoors can help us achieve the equivalent number of miles as if we walked right across the ocean to Bethlehem!

“Walking Diaries” will be available for you to pick up in the Gathering Room at our small display soon. St. John’s, Salem, and St. Paul’s are joining forces to make this happen this summer.

Twenty minutes of activity = 1 mile, so...having done a little math, each church would need 19 people (children, athletes, adults, swimmers, any and all comers) to walk (swim, garden, run errands, kayak, you get the picture) one mile (20 minutes) a day. Just write it down! That’s all! We start May 29 and go to Heritage Day, September 9. On that day diaries will be turned in and tabulated.

To make it even better, we are hosting three special outings for families (parents must accompany children) and anyone who wants to join. These activities will yield DOUBLE POINTS (miles).

All events are “rain or shine” and scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday, June 17 in Landingville

SRG trail maps

Plant identification (leaves)

Saturday, July 15 in Auburn

Scavenger hunt

We ask for donations of egg cartons.

Saturday, August 12 in Frog Hollow

Sensory activities for adults and children (ALL the senses!)

We ask for an expert birder to help us know what we hear

Come on out, everyone!

Your coordinator, Sue Reier

GWOH 2023

This year’s “God’s Work. Our Hands.” project will support “Servants to All – My Father’s house” located in Pottsville, PA. which was were incorporated in 2012.

“Servants to All” is a faith-based program and homeless services provider that offers emergency shelter, homeless prevention, street outreach, case management, and supportive services to those in need in Schuylkill and the surrounding counties. They provide necessities such as food, clothing, and hygiene products to any community members in need, and there are no fees for any services provided.

“Servants to All” assists vulnerable groups such as veterans, persons with disabilities, re-entry population from incarceration, families, and youth. They also support the needs of the elderly in collaboration with local Senior Services and Adult Protective Services.

Donations requested by “Servants to All” include:

Hygiene Items - tampons/feminine pads, toothbrushes and toothpastes, deodorant, soap, wet wipes, disposable razors, lotions, and bath towels and washcloths (new or almost new).

Bedding - Bed linens (twin or full-sized sheet sets), blankets, pillows, and pillowcases (new or almost new).

Cleaning Items - All-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, disinfectants, hand sanitizers, mops, brooms, and buckets.

A box will be placed in the narthex for your donations.

We will begin collecting items on July 1 and continue through August 31. “God’s Work. Our Hands,” Sunday is set for September 10, 2023.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lori Elser, W. David Lafko,
Mary Muntone, Kevin Blair
 - 2 Krista Harding
 - 3 Austin Heydt
 - 5 Cindy Henry, David Witman, Sr.
 - 6 Marisa Horbal, Doug Travor, Connie Teter
 - 7 Julianna Witman
 - 8 Madelyn Krause, John Sassaman
 - 9 Jonathan Phillips, Melanie Rarick, Susan
Williams
 - 10 Shelby Zehner
 - 11 Kathy Huntzinger
 - 12 Braiden Fessler
 - 13 Jimmy Withers, Scott Ludwig
 - 14 Lynn Kramer, Mary Timpany
 - 15 Bob Sattizahn
 - 18 Colton Baer
 - 19 Katie Williams
 - 20 Leon Long, Jr, Christopher Miller
 - 21 Debbie Bolinsky, Robert Frampton
 - 22 Joel Ritschel
 - 24 Barb Lafko, Morgan Hannaway
 - 25 Ralph Martin, Connie Aregood, Andrea Kline
 - 29 Tina Butler, Nan Eisenhuth
 - 30 Matt Olmes
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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Wayne & Ruth Ann Withers,
Brent & Katie Stramara
- 7 Jeff & Gail Rarick
- 9 Al & Krista Callaghan
- 10 Rick & Cindy Muntone
- 12 Dan & Tammy Mosher
- 14 Joe & Vicki Cable
Stan & Deb Bolinsky
- 19 Doug & Melissa Wilson
- 21 Scott & Sandy Ludwig
- 25 Scott & Trisha Bachman
- 26 Harry & Lorie Myers
- 27 George & Cindy Henry
- 28 Charles & Deb Trubilla
Jim & Joanne Emerich

JUNE FLOWER SPONSORS

JUNE 4

Altar: In loving memory of Herbert Steinert by
Mary Steinert and family.

Chancel: OPEN

JUNE 11

Altar: In honor of James P. Withers by Wayne
& Ruth Ann.

Chancel: In memory of Larry O'Rourke by the
Stern Family.

JUNE 18

Altar: In memory of Dale J. Strouse by
Kathleen Miller and family.

Chancel: OPEN

JUNE 25

Altar: In honor of Isabella and Xavier by their
grandmother.

Chancel: In honor of our 20th wedding
anniversary (on June 28th) by Jim and
Joanne Emerich

JUNE BULLETIN SPONSORS

JUNE 4

In honor of grandchildren, Mark, Maddie,
Emily, Mason, Jared, Lauren, Riley, and
Hadley by Barb Sterner.

JUNE 11

In memory of Ann and Lamar Butler by Tina &
Scott Butler.

JUNE 18

In honor of Joel Ritschel's birthday by his
parents, Jeff & Cindy.

JUNE 26

In loving memory of Russell Zehner by Sonny
& Connie Teter.

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>SUNDAY – 9:30 AM</u>	<u>JUNE 4</u>	<u>JUNE 11</u>	<u>JUNE 18</u>	<u>JUNE 25</u>
GREETER	Sarah Eger	Sarah Eger	Sarah Eger	Sarah Eger
USHER	Chris Long	Carl Heintzelman	Carl Heintzelman	Gloria Dierwechter
LECTOR	Gwen Wehr	Deb Bolinsky	Kay Weidensaul	Tina Butler
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Chris Long	Sue Reier	Bill Smoot	Connie Teter
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Lafko Beth Post Amy Dewald	Barbara Lafko Beth Post Amy Dewald	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht	Hope Clarke Madelyn Knecht
COUNTERS	Gwen Wehr Tom Wehr Glenda Bright	Rosalie Wingle Diane Brobst Marlene Eidam	Joyce O'Rourke Gloria Dierwechter Pat Davis	Connie Teter Joanne Emerich Barb Sterner

“JUMP FOR JOY” BENEFIT CONCERT

“Jump for Joy” is the theme of the benefit concert scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 6 to support the Red Creek Wildlife Center.

Area musicians: vocalists, instrumentalists, and musical groups are invited to share their joy of caring for God’s good creation (and especially its wild animals) during this concert. Light refreshments will be shared after the concert.

Please call Sue Reier at 570-617-3741 (or send her an email at kidsingaround@gmail.com) to volunteer or for more information.

A FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience.

Support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

A FATHER’S DAY THOUGHT

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 18, 2023. Let us give thanks to God for all the good things that we have received from our fathers -- and from everyone who was like a good father to us!

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
AT ALBRIGHT’S WOODS
PAVILION
FOLLOWING OUR
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 10:00 a.m. STiC SRT Walk Tumbling Run	3 5:30 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
4 HOLY TRINITY & GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion	5	6	7	8	9 10:00 a.m. STiC SRT Walk Landingville	10 5:30 p.m. Worship
11 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion	12	13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16 10:00 a.m. STiC SRT Walk Auburn	17 10:00 a.m. Walking to Bethlehem Event at Landingville 5:30 p.m. Worship
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion	19 7:00 p.m. Council	20	21 SUMMER BEGINS!	22	23 10:00 a.m. STiC SRT Walk Tumbling Run	24 5:30 p.m. Worship
25 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion SNACKS & GAMES following our worship	26	27	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. STiC SRT Walk Landingville	

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Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

2023 TIME AND TALENT SURVEY

Please complete a survey for each member in your household aged 16 and above.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (1 Peter 4:10)

Make additional copies as needed. Place completed surveys in the offering plate, drop them off in the church office, or mail them to the church -- as soon as you have completed them. Thank you!

Full Name _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Instructions: Please mark an "A" next to those things you already do for the church.
Please mark an "L" next to new things you would like to do for the church.

ADMINISTRATION/COMMUNICATION

____ Advertising/Publicity ____ Computer Skills ____ Fund-raiser ____ Graphics/Artwork
____ Legal Advisor ____ Edit/Oversee Newsletter ____ Office Volunteer ____ Office Manager
____ Photographer ____ Security Advisor ____ Social Media Advisor ____ Sound Systems Specialist
____ Website Design/Maintenance ____ Video Editor

EDUCATION

____ Adult Teacher/Substitute ____ Advocate for People at the Margins ____ Library Support
____ Mission Advocate ____ Review Christian Ed Materials ____ Youth Helper
____ Youth Teacher/Substitute ____ Youth Mentor ____ Nursery Attendant
____ Youth Activities Organizer ____ Youth Advisor ____ Youth Advocate

FINANCE

____ Bookkeeping/Accounting ____ Counters (Mon. AM) ____ Provide Insurance Information
____ Provide Information and/or Monitor Investments

HEALTH

____ Health Advocate ____ Medical Information Provider ____ Parish Nurse
____ Exercise/Aerobics/Yoga Participant ____ Exercise/Aerobics/Yoga Instructor

HOSPITALITY

____ Activities/Events Organizer ____ Community Activities/Events Organizer
____ Create Visitor/New Member Materials ____ Hospitality Leader ____ Make Hobby/Craft Items
____ Invite people to activities/events ____ Hobbies/Craft Organizer

MUSIC

____ Hand Bell Choir ____ Assist Music Director ____ Instrumentalist ____ Vocal Choir
____ Pianist/Organist ____ Vocal Soloist ____ Youth Bell Choir ____ Youth Vocal Choir

PROPERTY

☐ Electrical ☐ Floor Work/Carpentry ☐ General Clean Up ☐ General Repair
☐ Gardening ☐ Heating/Air Conditioning ☐ Lawn & Garden Care
☐ Organize & Oversee Volunteers ☐ Oversee Maintenance Programs ☐ Painting
☐ Plaster/Dry Wall ☐ Plumbing ☐ Roofing ☐ Snow Shoveling/Removal

OUTREACH

☐ Cooks & Bakers ☐ Eucharistic Minister ☐ Meals on Wheels ☐ Pray for Those in Need
☐ Provide Transportation ☐ Soup Maker ☐ Team Orwigsburg Member ☐ Run Errands
☐ Perform Yard/Maintenance Work ☐ Set Up/Take Down Bazaar ☐ Work at Food Pantry

WORSHIP

☐ Acolyte ☐ Artist ☐ Communion Assistant ☐ Crucifer ☐ Greeter
☐ Lay Worship Leader ☐ Lectors ☐ Organize and Oversee Volunteers
☐ Prepare Altar and Worship Space ☐ Ushers

COMMITTEES/GROUPS

Instructions: Please mark an "A" next to those church committees/groups you already belong.
Please mark an "L" next to new church committee/groups you would like to join.

<input type="checkbox"/> Audit Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Forum	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild
<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Chancel Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Craft Guild	<input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Bell Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Library Ladies
<input type="checkbox"/> Men of St. Paul's	<input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Ministry Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Property Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Ministry Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff Support Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship in Creation (STiC)	<input type="checkbox"/> Women of the ELCA
<input type="checkbox"/> Worship & Music Committee		

I am also willing to help the church in the following areas:

Things I would like to happen in the church.

Things I hope will change in the church.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 4 – Holy Trinity & Graduate Recognition Sunday!

Sunday, June 18 – Father's Day!

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