

St. Paul's Letter

August 2023

You know we have to leave tomorrow to get back in time for Vacation Bible School

You Bet. I hear they're having **FOOD TRUCKS!** I can't wait to get off this beach to get there.





St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

CHURCH COUNCIL 2023-2024

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-Worship & Holy Communion

A message from our Council: Please remember to silence all cell phones/devices during our worship together.

Staff

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Mark Kopp

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Pastor David Fisher: Pastor Emeritus

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To those who may not have heard, Anna Rannels passed away during her evening prayers earlier this week. She will be missed.

Cards and notes of condolences may be sent to the church address in care of Barbara French, Anna's cousin.

No services will be held



August is just too hot for
chocolate icing!

Roger Webster 11th

Mary Horn 13th

Dee Perry 14th

Shirley Shuffelbottom 18th

Mike Althouse 20th

Frank Witmer 22nd

Ken Hoak 30th

Christine Klingaman 31st

If anyone has an August Birthday not listed, let the office know and it will be added to the list! If you do not have a birthday, let the office know and one will be arranged for you.

Focus on Our Family



A deep dive into the secret lives of those who make us who we are!

This month's victim of "Focus on Our Family" was reluctant to agree as it would take time out of her busy partying schedule. Who is she? She has at least one announcement **every** Sunday and NEVER needs a microphone. She is a celebrated soloists here at the church, and although she prefers duets, she has braved to tonally and emotionally intimidating waters of singing solo. Give up? How about "ultimate party planner"? Get it yet? It is Lori Dierolf! (pause for gasps, cheers, and applause, BTW you **cheated** if you looked at the picture.) Leading our congregation in fun and fellowship, Lori coordinates many events such as Barnstormer Games, Bibles and Brews, Sundae Sundays, Game Night, and more. She is a part of all the fun stuff here at St. Paul. She has a paid support staff of one, namely Jim Dierolf. Lori does not actually pay him cash money, rather she allows him the privilege of supporting her and going to all the fun stuff. Lori has referred to him as her soulmate. (how mushy is that?)

There is a serious side of Lori as well. She Sings with the choir, is a member of the Altar Guild, and she is on the mutual ministry committee. She is also the mother of your secretary's youngest son's fiancée. Small world, huh?

From whence does such an interesting person come? Why, from the tiny little burg (*yes tiny and little*) of Minersville, PA, where anthracite coal is found in abundance. You might say she is a "coal Minersville daughter". (or you might not) She escaped Minersville in 1987 and fled to Millersville (something about her and towns ending in "ville" I guess) where she attended Millersville University. Eventually she was courted by a young squire, master James, who, unfortunately, did not arrive upon a white horse. After some time had passed, the young master popped the question and thereafter they became bound in the holy estate of matrimony. They settled down in a house they built in Millersville. (still "ville") However, after the passage of MANY years, and having tired of the hustle and bustle and bright lights of Millersville, they moved to a lovely little house in Conestogaville. (oh right, no "ville"...wow, just Conestoga) There have been

some unconfirmed reports that Lori has also been known to visit *Margartaville* on occasion.

Some hidden truths:

- She is a Ukrainian-American and was raised in the Ukrainian Catholic Church (even went to a Ukrainian Catholic School until the 7th grade!).
- She has written two books for the long-term care industry - one about Human Resources and Leadership, and the other about Dementia.
- She met her husband Jim Dierolf when interviewing him for a Food Services position in a nursing home. (yes, she hired him)
- Her birthday is on Valentine's Day, and every year - in order to "reclaim the day unto herself," she wears the tiara she wore on her wedding day! (really, you can't make this stuff up)

Lori has other family members you may not know. There is a daughter,

Natalie, a little 11-pound Yorkie rescue who provides emotional support. So, in a sense, the dog has rescued her. She is a grandma to a very special rodent named Mars and a permanently hungry pit bull Nellie (who provides floor cleaning services before, during, and after meals). Lori also associates with her human offspring Jackson, who works as a supervisor in the Dining Services Department at Willow Valley, and her favorite



daughter, Amber, who works as a team leader at Clark Services Group. Both are amazing, funny, and kind-hearted humans like their mother. Lori's family is excited about the aforementioned "merger" with the Napier Family - Amber is marrying Bobby on September 9th!!

Lori has a passion for dementia care and has her own business doing dementia & leadership education (Open Door Training & Development). And, in her spare time, she is the VP of Human Resources for United Church of Christ Homes, which has facilities in Ephrata, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Harrisburg, and Annville.

Important Stuff



World famous juggler Chris Ivey will share his juggling ministry with us on August 17th. I know, you are saying to yourself, “Hmmm, self, why does that date sound so familiar? I think I have somewhere else to be.” And if you were thinking that, you were right. August 17th is FOOD TRUCK NIGHT also. Now you are asking yourself, “Self, I desperately want to go to both events, how can I pull that off?” Well, Chris Ivey is a part of the Vacation Bible School closing gala -extravaganza-hoopla-hootenanny celebration event that *includes* the food trucks. (woo-hoo) We’ve done the work for you, all you need to do is come and enjoy the evening.

(bring money) Chris’ juggling is beyond incredible. His dexterity is amazing considering your organist can barely carry a cup of coffee from one room to the other without a bit of drippage.

Also, if you were indeed asking yourself questions, you might want to look into talking to a specialist of some sort.



Hey! Where Did Everybody Go?

Summer vacations are a great time to go away and visit other churches where, most likely, you will not find bulletins as entertaining or as informative as the ones here at good ol' St. Paul Millersville. It might also be



difficult to find a sermon as well prepared and presented as by “you know who”. Well, while you are away, and we are all wishing you were here, inevitably, life goes on as usual but with many more empty spots in the pews. Did you ever wonder if someone sits in “your spot” on Sundays when you’re not there? The answer is “Yes...yes they do”. (it’s a pew envy thing that afflicts some members) That being said, it is important to remember to continue to support your church while you are off having the time of your life; our expenses do not take a vacation. **DID YOU KNOW** - that when you miss church, there are previous bulletins, lessons, and sermons available in the narthex area when you return? The bulletins are on the welcome table and the lessons and sermons are available on the wall outside the office. **DID YOU KNOW** - that if you want or need a bulletin, sermon, or lessons from even further back in time, all you need to do is ask the guy in the office and they can be printed? **DID YOU KNOW** - that the newsletter is available in print on the welcome table?

St. Paul Lutheran Church Presents

Heroes Of the Bible

Vacation Bible School

Featuring an All Star cast:

David



Joshua

Moses

Jonah

Jesus

Thursday Night Closing Extravaganza Featuring :



CHRIS IVEY
World Class
Juggler



Bring Your Appetites

Bring Your Friends

There are FOOD TRUCKS for Dinner!

St. Paul Lutheran Church 222 North George Street

August 13-17 From 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Ages 4 thru 6th Grade

August Sponsors & Volunteers

August Bulletin Sponsors

August-6	Frank Witmer
August-13	Carol Heintzelman
August-20	Cathy Trissel
August-27	Carol Heintzelman



August Flower Sponsors

August-6	Cathy Trissel	Cathy Trissel
August-13	Suzanne & Denny Herr	Suzanne & Denny Herr
August-20	Dee Perry	Sherry Symonds
August-27	Sue Swartz	

August Ushers

August-6	Tim Brooks	Kathy Trissel	Suzanne Herr	Denny Herr
August-13	Lori Dierolf	Jim Dierolf	Betty Bringman	Gail Miller
August-20	Sylvia Lashley	Greg Lashley	Pat Heffner	Dolores Garrett
August-27	Maureen Klingaman	Loren Klingaman	Holly Freas-Webster	Stephanie Dell'Estate

August

READERS

ASSISTANTS

August-6	Bruce Thens	Michele Carpenter
August-13	Greg Lashley	Lauren Buchmann
August-20	Holly Freas-Webster	Ray Sylte
August-27	Carol Heintzelman	

What is Happening with the Loft?



The loft is more than just food and diapers. Although that seems to be a natural order for things, they also coordinate and distribute donations of clothing and, apparently, Volkswagen Beetles. They set up outside whenever weather permits and create an open air market feel. Folks can go through and get their food and come outside and get clothing.

Below you can see Jenna Graeff, in blue, the Loft Director, helping to ~~test~~ organize the children's toys. Jenna is a very "hands on" "get it done" manager



and that is reflected in the program's success and the awesome group of volunteers who come every week for the arduous task of setting up and tearing down all the components necessary to make their mission successful. They all seem to enjoy the interaction

with the folks utilizing the Loft's services. DID YOU KNOW - Arrangements were made for Loft to receive all the unclaimed "Lost & Found" items from the Penn Manor School District? There's lots of good stuff there in that Lost and Found, and the Loft passes these items on to the children who are part of the program.



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