

St. Paul's Letter

July 2023



God Bless
America



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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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.

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God Will Provide

Genesis 9:3-3 *"Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."*

So, thank God, and celebrate
National Corn Fritters Day!



If anyone has an July Birth-
day not listed, let the office
know and it will be added to
the list! (no candles were
actually harmed in creating
this listing)

Bruce Thens 7th

Mary Ann Oren 9th

JoAnn Harris 10th

Polly Irwin 14th

Suzanne Herr 15th

Mason Kahler 18th

Lois Detz 21st

Sue Ellenberg 22

Bruce Hampton 23rd

Dorothy Green 24

Educational Stuff

And now for something completely different...

Look at the two excerpts below.

Oh, Worship the King

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O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—Psalm 96:9

From Psalm 104

Robert H. Grant, 1779-1838

Adapted from J. Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

1. Oh, wor-ship the King all - glo-rious a - bove, And grate-ful - ly
2. Oh, tell of His might and sing of His grace, Whose robe is the
3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we

O Worship the King

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They are the same hymn but something is just not right about the notes on the first one. Well, it is written in shape notes. This is a system of notating music that utilizes different shapes to indicate what to sing or play. Supposedly invented by Philadelphia shopkeeper John Connelly around 1790, they made their first appearance in *The Easy Instructor* (1801), by William Little and William Smith. This system gained popularity in Appalachia and the south, but lost popularity after a time with only certain communities retaining its use. Folklorists “rediscovered” it in the 1930s but its use changed little. Your organist has a Mennonite friend, Jim, that still uses shape notes in his church. The funny thing is, Bill can read and play shape notes using his otherworldly ability to read standard “round note” notation or dots as Pr. Kopp calls them, but Jim cannot read the round notes! That shows “how locked in” these things get in your brain.

Yes, It's a Long Lesson

Just keep reading

Ok, so how do shape notes work? Well, it comes down to solfeggio. Huh? What's that? Well, remember, in *The Sound of Music*, "Do a deer, a female deer, ray a drop of golden sun". (go ahead and take a minute to finish singing it in your head) Well, that's solfeggio. Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do. Singing and has been taught for centuries using these syllables...even yours truly knows and uses them. Learning them develops a familiarity singing intervals, which is the distance between 2 notes, and helps singing new melodies without a piano handy. (those intervals get locked into your brain) The shape note system utilizes solfeggio and shapes to make singing easier. Each shape represents a different syllable. There are a few shape note system variants, but the idea is the same in all of them. Seen here is an



example of the shapes and the solfeggio syllables represented. Notice I did not say the PITCH is represented. With shape notes, the

symbols represent the scale degrees "Do" to the next "Do". So you can make any pitch "Do" and sing in any key. While this is true with singing round notes too, playing them is another thing altogether. Jim can call any note "Do" and easily look at the shapes and play the tune. This is what we "round note" folks call transposing, or playing something in another key. While some piano and organ players do this with ease, most do not including Bill. So the shape note system has some benefits, but lost out to the round note system which is a few hundred years older. Fortunately, modern technology has simplified transposing to a push of the button. Our organ has this capability. It can transpose with a push of two buttons. The first button turns the transposer ON and then another button determines how many steps away the new key will be. For those who are curious, it can transpose up or down 6 half-steps. Demonstrations are available.



Decorative flair-no extra charge →

Focus on Our Family



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

Our Altar Guild

There are figures scurrying in the shadows, sometimes before the sun beams through the stained glass windows. There is also scurrying immediately after the service. The only ones to see them are the few who arrive very early for church and those at the end of the meet-and-greet-the-pastor-and-get-some-cookies line. Who are they that scurry about? They are the Altar Guild wielding bread, wine, candles, paraments, and the smallest serving cups known to exist. This team currently consists of Michele Carpenter, Marty Kahler, Carol Heintzelman, Sylvia Lashley, Dee Perry, Sandy Miller, Lori Dierolf, Sandy Elliott Kreider, Sue Ellenberg. Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these guilders from the swift completion of their appointed duties. (Sound familiar? Yes, I stole it from the post office)

The Altar Guild of St. Paul Lutheran Church offers a wonderful opportunity for members of our congregation to serve and become involved in our worship preparation by creating a welcoming and pleasant experience for all who gather to worship with us.

Working along with the Worship and Music Committee, the Altar Guild, in teams of two, serves by making sure that the sanctuary is maintained and set up for the times and seasons of the church year. It serves to see to it that the paraments, linens and banners are put out, cleaned, and stored appropriately. The Altar Guild prepares the altar, by setting in order, cleaning, and putting away the sacramental vessels and linens. It serves by caring for the vestments of the congregation and any special events, such as confirmations, baptisms, Advent, Christmas, & Easter. The Altar Guild serves by mak-

ing certain that all the preparations are made for each service and that whatever needs to be done after the service is taken care of. It continues to serve by ordering supplies. The Altar Guild willingly and joyously serves GOD, pastor, and congregation,

Our Altar Guild members have served from 6 months to as much as 15+ years. This group embraces their service to St. Paul by helping each other to learn the specific duties, trading service dates when necessary, and proudly serving to the best of their ability. Congregational members may join at any time!



Formal & Official Notice is Hereby Given:

St. Paul Lutheran Church will hold a special congregational meeting on July 23, 2023 for the purpose of electing new council members. Your vote is important, so please attend.

This meeting will be very brief.

Finance Update

For the month of May, St. Paul had an income of \$22,832.49 with expenses of \$28,678.91 and a month end deficit of \$5,846.42. Our Year-to-Date income is \$152,297.51 (which includes grant money from the county for the Luther Hall renovations) and our Year-to-Date expenses are \$152,607.02 (with a building expense of \$55,488.26 paid by the grant mentioned previously) leaving us with a year to date deficit of \$309.51. In May we had a \$5,000 expense for replacing 3 heating valves, an emergency service call from Frey Lutz for over \$1000, there were 3 payrolls, an electric bill for \$1300 and a payment of \$1475 sent to Synod. Overall, giving has supported our expenses, but as we enter the “leaner” summer months, please remember to continue to support your church as the expenses do not take a vacation.



A Special Thanks To those Who Actually
Like to Get Their Hands Dirty
Or
Faith & Filth



Ah, nothing like being in the dirt, on your hands and knees, sweating, digging weeds, and planting flowers! How many members wish they had that privilege? Well, a few do. A big thanks from all of us (especially from Betty Bringman) to those who helped plant the geraniums from Pentecost. Additional flowers were also provided to beautify our grounds. Sylvia Lashley, Glenda Hurtt, Karen Napier, Polly Irwin, and Bernice Althouse are the caregivers (sorry if I missed anyone) of the church flower beds who apparently suffer from an unnatural relationship with dirt. It is scary to think that these people risk life and limb working in these gardens as there are an estimated 400 million bugs per acre of land! Our sign out front is visible only briefly to the cars zooming by too fast, but there is a significant amount of foot traffic that gets to appreciate this filthy ministry of dirt, caring, and beauty. Here it is: *Special Thanks.*

It Must be a Sign

While the sign may say “Welcome”, the beautifully kept memorial gardens make one *feel* welcome as they enter the church. Seeing the beautifully manicured plot sends the message that



there is caring here. Certainly it could be an area of easy to maintain grass. (the “if its green, mow it” rule of thumb would apply). However, the time and caring to cultivate this area is nothing to ignore. Take some time to “take it all in” on the way into church (don’t you dare be late, you’ll miss the announcements and miss hearing about all the sign up-sheets!) On the way out, check out the inspirational rocks, maybe they’ll help offer some hard life lessons or inspiration.

Inspirational biblical rock quotation: Luke 19:39-41 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Easy Come, Easy Go?



Meet Jodie, a LOFT volunteer affectionately known as the “diaper lady”. She really luv’s her job and is generally pampered by those around her. A local non-profit, Hettie’s Hope Chest, provides the diapers for LOFT to distribute to Penn Manor families who have young ones who have not yet mastered the intricacies of toilet usage. Jodie takes orders for the sizes needed from the various families and distributes them the second week of the month. {Author’s comment-

A GREAT deal of restraint was required developing the headline for this article. While all hilarious, of course, some (most) were a bit too **salty** for a church newsletter.}

Fun fact about the term “salty”: Since sailors (old salts) had a reputation for colorful language, 'salty' came to refer to **crude speech**.

Just imagine what this little guy spews!

Little known historical fact: A supply ship carrying red paint once collided with a ship carrying blue paint....Wait for it..... They were marooned!



July Sponsors & Volunteers

July Bulletin Sponsors

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| July-2 | Sue & Dave Ellenberg |
| July-9 | Dolores Garrett |
| July-16 | The Althouse Family |
| July-23 | Sue & Dave Ellenberg |
| July-30 | |



July Flower Sponsors

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| July-2 | Sandy Miller | Sue & Dave Ellenberg |
| July-9 | Sue & Dave Ellenberg | Dolores Garrett |
| July-16 | Celeste & Tim Brooks | Celeste & Tim Brooks |
| July-23 | Sue & Dave Ellenberg | Sue & Dave Ellenberg |
| July-30 | Sue & Dave Ellenberg | |

July Ushers

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| July-2 | JoAnn Harris | Dave Harris | Sylvia Lashley | Greg Lashley |
| July-9 | Marty Kahler | Bill Kahler | Maureen Klingaman | Loren Klingaman |
| July-16 | Kay Dommel | Jim Dommel | Tim Brooks | Dan Kahler |
| July-23 | Polly Irwin | Scott Irwin | Lori Dierolf | Jim Dierolf |
| July-30 | Sue Ellenberg | Dave Ellenberg | Bill Engle | Evan Schwebel |

July

READERS

ASSISTANTS

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| July-2 | Michele Carpenter | Michele Carpenter |
| July-9 | Bruce Thens | Tim Brooks |
| July-16 | Bruce Thens | Ray Sylte |
| July-23 | Greg Lashley | Lauren Buchmann |
| July-30 | Carol Heintzelman | |
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Yes, It's a food truck!

Vacation Bible School will again commence with food trucks supplying our evening meal Thursday. There will even be dessert. The community is again invited to attend along with the congregation. The kids enjoy this event and it is yet another opportunity for fellowship with our church family members and, hopefully, our community. Invite friends and family to join us. We would like to continue this unique tradition but to do so we need support from the congregation and the community to make it worthwhile for the trucks to come. Hopefully, other churches won't find out about this, get jealous, and steal our idea! LOL.

Plan to be here on August 17th for
food, fun, and fellowship.

In Case you Missed it Last Time



A gentle reminder that the spaces behind Luther Hall are federally required and should be used only by those with either a handicapped hangtag, handicapped license plate, or a disabled veteran plate. There have been people parking there that do not meet these requirements. Church council asks that if you need to park there for loading or unloading please put your 4 way flashers on. Thank you so much for your efforts to utilize these spaces appropriately.