# St. Paul's Letter July 2023

# God Bless America

## St. Paul Lutheran Church



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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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# Heppy Birthcley July

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

#### 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!

Bruce Thens 7th

Mary Ann Oren 9th

JoAnn Harris 10th

Polly Irwin 14th

Suzanne Herr 15th

Mason Kahler 18th

Lois Detz 21st

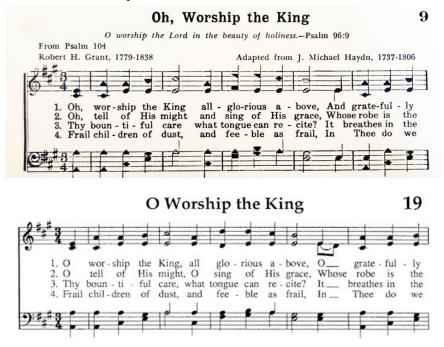
Sue Ellenberg 22

Bruce Hampton 23rd Dorothy Green 24

## Educational Stuff

#### And now for something completely different...

Look at the two excerpts below.



They are the same hymn but something is just not right about the notes on the first one. Well, it is written is 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!

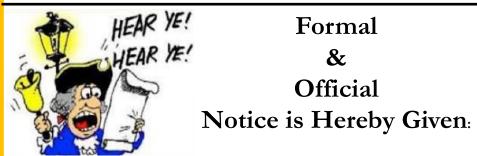
#### Our Altar Guild

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 meetand-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 making 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!



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 Yearto-Date expenses are \$152,607.02 (with a building ex-



pense 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 <u>Special Thanks</u> To those Who Actually Like to Get Their Hands Dirty

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

hile the sign man 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 luvs 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! <u>Little known historical fact</u>: 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

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



#### July Flower Sponsors

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

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

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		



## 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 worth while 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.