

St. Paul's Letter

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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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If anyone has an June Birthday not listed, let the office know and it will be added to the list!

- Patty Leed 1st**
- Doris Shank 5th**
- Elise Klingaman 10th**
- Carl Bruce June 21st**
- Sherry Symonds 24th**

We need to recruit more members with June Birthdays.
That is your assignment.

GO!



Educational Stuff

Ever wonder what's all that other stuff on there?

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). Above the treble staff, chord notations are placed: Bm, G, D, Em, B, Em^{sus 4}, and Em. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y! Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y! Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!". The bass staff contains a simple harmonic accompaniment with block chords and some moving lines.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Tune: English ballad, 16th cent.

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Well, you should already know from other highly successful publications (the bulletins) what the stuff on the bottom left is and the ALL CAPS tune name on the right. (obviously he *Tune* on the left is who, when, and sometimes where the tune came from) But what are those numbers 87 87 68 67? Those numbers represent the number of syllables in each paired line of the text. Who cares, right? Well if you look in the back of the hymnal there is a metrical index (pg 1199). (No, the lyrics were not converted from English to metric.) If you look up 87 87 68 67, you will see there are two listed: hymns 487 and 296. They have the same music but different words. You may also see other hymns listed that have the same metrical pattern but different music. This means you can usually take the words from one hymn and sing it to the tune of a different hymn. A poor example of this concept is using the text of Amazing Grace and the tune from the Gilligan's Island theme song. (I know you're singing it in your head right now. Go ahead, you know you want to.)

OK, so what's the Bm G D above the words? They are the chords. The (usually) four notes above and beneath the words harmonically form a chord. Those chord notations are very useful for guitarists. Sometimes, organists may want to play an alternate accompaniment, which is something a little different that what is written. The cord symbols provide an harmonic framework for the organist to work within. A **free accompaniment**, often on the last verse, will use different harmonies all together.



State of St. Paul Address

Luke 6:37 (Jesus said) "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

There are roughly 2,350 verses concerning money in the Bible and nearly 15% of everything Jesus spoke about related to money and possessions. While the church does not like to hear about money it is what keeps the "corporate" aspect of the church running. We have a glorious facility in which to worship, and unfortunately the utilities do not run on the Holy Spirit...if we turn the lights on the electric company has to be paid and we have an obligation as stewards of the church to see that the bills are paid.

The good news is that at the end of April we had revenue over expenses of \$6,443.93. We have some larger bills coming up including 3 heat valve replacements, a circulator pump repair or replacement, and a chiller compressor replacement. Not being in a deficit at this point in time is encouraging. Polly has moved accounting "in-house" saving the fee of \$275 a month we were paying to Parish Resource Center. We have received 18 new members and baptized 9 persons in the past 18 months.

The Luther Room renovations have been completed with the county paying the \$55,000 cost for the upgrades to the Senior Center. A rubber roof has been repaired and roof leaks have been fixed allowing for

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ceiling tiles to be replaced, drainage, drainage has been repaired, walls raised and flooring jacked up. Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted with the various projects around the church.

The Fellowship Committee has organized a game night, Easter and Mother's Day brunches and other various upcoming activities. Our church is an integral part of the community with many groups using our facility including the Loft, Senior Center, NA, AA, Millersville Women's Club, the Girl Scouts, SWAP, and 2 dancing groups. We have many internal activities including Tuesday afternoon Bible study, Adult Forum, evening Bibles and Brew studies with the Pastor, Sunday School, and the quilters group. Our flower sale raised \$2365 to support our Haiti Missionaries which includes funds from our Pentecost Geraniums.

Please prayerfully consider your gifts and support of St Paul as we go into the summer months to sustain our ministry and outreach. Save the date for VBS closing with Chris Ivey (world champion juggler and performer) and food trucks on closing night, Thursday, August 17th.

A Long time ago, in an insignificant state far, far away...



Luke, we need
to talk.

July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the men who had died in explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah. In 1909, a Spokane, Washington, woman, Sonora Smart Dodd, raised by a widower, tried to establish an official holiday equivalent to Mother's Day for fathers. She was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Lawmakers were going to make it an national holiday, but kept putting it off saying "yeah, yeah, we'll get to it later...stop nagging". (seems right...right?) Finally, in 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, Richard Nixon signed the law making Father's Day an official Holiday.



Daddy?

Focus on Our Family

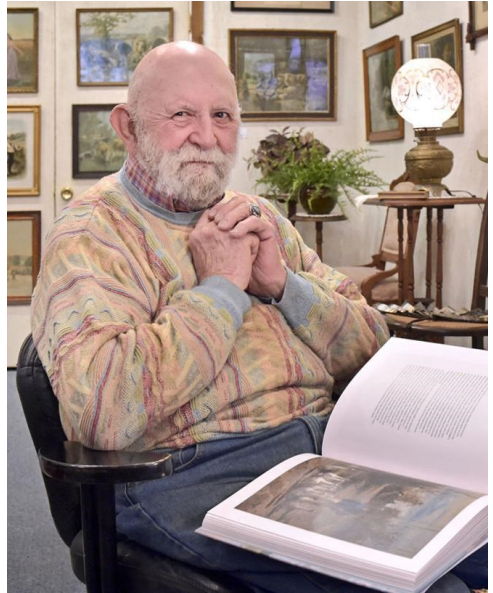
A deep dive into the secret lives of those who work behind the scenes!



Name: Ken Hoak

Ken's German Ancestors came to Conestoga in 1737 and he is the third generation to live on his property. While he attended college, he lived in the Kutztown area while at Kutztown U. getting his bachelor's degree, and in New York City while getting his Master's degree from Columbia University. He found himself in Kentucky for a year while he served in the military at Fort Knox. Other than those exceptions, he is still living in the Hoak homestead.

Ken has gifted the church a large collection of framed prints of fine art paintings; the originals are in museums throughout the world. Ken offers us a ministry and education with that art. In the narthex, you will find displayed a print that (usually) correlates to the gospel lesson for that day. Artists throughout history have been inspired by the gospels and strove to capture important moments. Ken shares that with us.



Ken is descended from the Hohenzollerns, the Prussian-German royal family. Although a very minor branch he could legally be Ken von Hoak. *Given this lineage, "Sir Ken" will also work* (editor's comment). The family name was originally "Hoch" which in German means "high". He has two cats; "Holstie" who is black and white like a Holstein cow, and "Helie"

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Now That's a Lot of Popes!



Look carefully, 3 guys forgot their Uniforms!

Look more carefully and you'll see some lady popes. Wait...what? Actually, this is a promotional photo from the Synod promoting a Leadership Training Camp, July 23-29, 2023, at camp Nawakwa's Upper Camp.

“Are you, or do you know, an involved, talented young leader who is looking to grow in their leadership and strengthen their gifts? Then you should consider Lower Susquehanna Synod Leadership Training Camp this summer! Leadership Training Camp, also known as LT Camp, takes place every summer at Camp Nawakwa. Participants will experience a variety of interactive learning opportunities designed to help them celebrate and enhance their leadership gifts in service to their families, congregations, communities, and the world.” Visit <https://tinyurl.com/kc879p2f> for information.

To my church family (there is no other), For each of the many cards, messages, and gestures that arrived at 186 Blue Rock is regarded as a special gift.

Thank you for remembering.

Ann Rannels



August 13—17 we will hold our annual Vacation Bible School...don't you dare miss it or go to the shore that week. After all, the ocean has been there for millions of years (mountains too). Bible School is not even a week long.

Focus on Our Family

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who is orange, named after Helios, the Greek sun god. *(the cats refused an interview citing their napping and hair-ball deposit schedule as problematic)*

In 1968 Ken took a sabbatical from teaching to take a 3½ month trip around the world which included 36 countries. He's been to Russia 5 times and Europe 7 times.

Back in the states, he was employed in the art department of the Solanco School District for 37 years, 27 of which were as department chair. He was also an adjunct professor at both Millersville State University and Elizabethtown College. Ken is a member of the Echo Valley Art Group which is a professional artist organization of Lancaster County where membership is by invitation only.

Professionally, Ken has created abstract welded metal sculptures which are in private and institutional collections here and in Europe.

Ken is curator/president emeritus of the Conestoga Area Historical Society whose interest is in preserving the history of the Penn Manor area, Con-

estoga, Martic, and Pequea townships, and Millersville.

Shown here is an example of Ken's abstract art. This piece is called "Iron Maize" and is made from discarded scythe blades. Created in 1960, this item may be found at the Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshall College. His creation evokes both a maze and corn (maize) stalks through its



intersecting horizontal and vertical lines.

STATUE LOOKS THE OTHER WAY



As busy volunteers, Mike and Bernice Althouse, Karen Napier, and Polly Irwin, sort plant orders, St. Paul appears to be looking the other way. Camera shy? It's ironic that these volunteers all shop at the same place and get the same t-shirts...isn't it? Well, no, it's not. Thrivent provides grants for many things and seed money for this fund raiser came from Thrivent, *AND* they sent us these awesome free t-shirts when our grant was approved! (not available in stores)

This year's sale was a blooming success. (blooming, get it? You may LOL now...no groaning!) A total of \$2,365 will go to the Haiti children's home. St. Paul partners with New Life Fellowship Church, Ephrata with this flower sale. New Life Mission Haiti began as an outreach of New Life Fellowship. In 2015 it became its own 501c3 organization. In addition to all the flowers sold and distributed here at St. Paul, another, simultaneous flower sale takes place at New Life, church, and this year another church, Faith Family Fellowship, Nazareth, PA, also supported the cause adding 99 units to the order. Additionally, the Pentecost geraniums we order here at St. Paul also include support money for the Haiti Mission. (Which is included in the total above)

(What about Haiti? See the next page)

Our Extended Family



From Stevie Estime: “We are praising Jesus that our town (Charrier, Haiti) remains a safe area and our kids at the children's home are healthy and doing well. Renelson and Claudelson are now 16, Pedeline is 11, and Asmalie is 10 years old. The kids are doing well in school and scored highly on their recent exams which are known to be very difficult. We all miss each other dearly but we have been able to talk to them on the phone weekly. We thank each of you for the ways you support our kids in Haiti – either through prayer, financial support, or just asking how they are doing. It means so much to us and them!”

Due to safety issues and political unrest, Stevie has not been able to be in Haiti for some time but her husband Zacharie (pictured in the center) returns there regularly. We should keep the Children’s Home, Stevie, Zacharie, and the people of Haiti in our prayers.

The vision of New Life Mission Haiti is to positively impact the spiritual, economic, and educational development of rural Hatian communities through the Gospel of Christ by providing committed competent services that meet the temporal needs of the Haitian people while maintaining the integrity of the Haitian cultural.

From Pastor Kopp

Do we shape the culture or does the culture shape us? We complain about the culture and the state of the world, but who are the ones shaping the world we know today? Oh, we can point our fingers at all those “crazies” out there who we say are destroying the moral and ethical fiber of our culture. This finger-pointing only proves the point I am attempting to make...we have become a self-centered culture because it seems to be “the-other-guy’s” fault, or it’s somebody else’s problem and not mine. Moreover, we are quick to say that the culture is killing the church, but what have we done to or for our neighbors other than blame them. We seem to have the understanding that freedom in this country allows me to do whatever I please...it’s my right...you must respect my freedom! Our freedoms come with responsibilities and our freedoms are honored and lived out with respect toward others and the respect we feel we are owed is only earned. Respect is not a gimme.

Saint Paul reminds us in his letter to the Church in Rome:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

Is it possible today, in our culture as it is, to see or believe in something greater than ourselves? Most Christians would quickly say yes to this and might even feel insulted for even asking. But is the God we believe in confined to what “I” believe, what “I” think, and what “I” feel? Does God work according to “my” understandings, “my” likes and dislikes? I have a very dear friend who asks me when we see one another, “How is your Spirit?” And while I understand fully that I am preaching to the choir, however, as Christians and as members of St. Paul Lutheran Church I am asking you all, how is your spirit? Are you at all concerned about the condition of your human spirit or your human soul or have you not even

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June Sponsors & Volunteers

June Bulletin Sponsors

June 4	Lori & Jim Dierolf
June-11	Gail Miller
June-18	Carol Heintzelman
June-25	Dee Perry



June Flower Sponsors

June 4	Gaynel and Steve Daugherty	Betty Bringman
June-11	Gail Miller	Sylvia & Greg Lashley
June-18	Linda and Bruce Hampton	Linda and Bruce Hampton
June-25	Karen & Bill Napier	

June Ushers

June 4	Lois Detz	John Detz	Jan Sylte	Ray Sylte
June-11	Lois Detz	John Detz	Doris Shank	Bill Shank
June-18	Dolores Garrett	Dick Shipman	Gail Miller	Carol Heintzelman
June-25	Pat Heffner	Dick Shipman		

June

READERS

ASSISTANTS

June 4	Suzanne Herr	Sue Ellenberg
June-11	Suzanne Herr	Jim Dierolf
June-18	Linda Hampton	Lauren Buchmann
June-25	Carol Heintzelman	Michele Carpenter

Pentecost Geraniums Given by:

Beverly Arnold
to thank Lori & Jim Dierolf for all the things
they do

Betty Bringman
In honor of Polly & Scott Irwin

Celeste & Tim Brooks
To the Glory of God

Lois & John Detz
To the Glory of God

Lori & Jim Dierolf
In memory of Mary & Anna Mae Lazarchick
In memory of Peggy Turner
In honor of Ann Rannels
In honor of the Dierolf Family

Carol Heintzelman
In memory of loved ones

Karen & Bill Napier
To the Glory of God

Sherry Symonds
In memory of Grandparents

Sue Swartz
To the Glory of God

Frank Witmer
In memory of Mildred Witmer

Pentecost

Etymology & History



Pentecost

Yes, there might be a test! So “pent” prefix usually means something based on five. The Greek word “pentekoste” means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name. (wow, it all makes sense now!) In Leviticus 23:15, 16, the Feast was celebrated for seven consecutive weeks. It began “the morning following the Sabbath day” of Passover. Thus comes its title, the “Feast of Weeks.” Later in the Old Testament, this feast became known as “Pentecost” (“fiftieth”). This is because the celebration was on the fiftieth day after Passover. The Jewish Feast of Pentecost was fulfilled as described in Acts 2. On this Day of Pentecost came the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ,

as Christ Himself had promised (John 14:16, 17). Since the date of Pentecost depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a moveable feast, the date is not fixed. (like Christmas) It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks. This important event in the Christian faith is described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31).

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Easter is the first Sunday after the full Moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox. If the full Moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday. Easter is based on the lunar cycles of the Jewish calendar which are shorter than the cycles of the sun. That's why it changes from year to year. Christmas is fixed to a solar calendar and falls near the winter solstice, a fixed date on the calendar.

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considered it? I would like us this summer to think about our “spirit” or our spirituality and shift our focus away from the world and all that dissuades our spirituality and embrace the importance of who we are as Baptized spiritual beings.

Spirituality involves the recognition of a feeling or sense or belief that there is something more to being human, something more than just “me” “myself,” and “I.” Spirituality recognizes that there is something within us that turns our hearts and our minds from ourselves and all that the world is currently offering. Our spirituality reveals for us a recognition that offers something more than just sensory experience, and directs our hearts and our minds to see the greater whole, of which we are part, and that greater whole is cosmic or divine in nature.

On Saturday, July 22, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, The Rev. Richard E. T. Jorgensen Jr. Director for Evangelical Mission along with Deacon Marsha Roscoe, Assistant to the Bishop, both of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, will host a Spiritual Retreat with the church’s council along with any member who would like to attend. We will be focusing on our spiritual wholeness among our leaders and members. I pray that we will find this opportunity helpful as well as spiritually uplifting. Maybe we can’t shape the culture as it is, but the culture ought not shape our very souls and maybe, just maybe we can renew our hearts and our thinking about the world and gladly serve our neighbors rather than blame them.



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.