

# St. Paul's Letter

## October 2023



*And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth."*

*And it was so.*

Genesis 1:11



# 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.*

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## Hilarity

*...Then there was the guy who drank an invisibility  
potion that made him sick...he's at the hospital now  
waiting to be seen!*



Barb Conforti 6th

Tricia Landis 7th

Marty Kahler 11th

Jim Dommel 12th

Dru Landis 20th

Loren Klingaman 25th

# Focus on Our Family



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

This month's victims, of this highly acclaimed feature, are none other than Sylvia and Greg Lashley. So, lets us travel *may* back in time to a tiny little burg called Conestoga. Sylvia began her education in the Conestoga Valley school district elementary school, then moved and graduated from Manheim Township high school. It is unclear whether the move was voluntary or disciplinary. Being quite the smooth operator, she got a job at Bell Telephone immediately after graduating. (Her Aunt was actually a real operator...must have been in the genes) As much as Sylvia wanted to work up high on the utility poles, wearing the fancy hat and cool tool belt, she worked at the Bell phone store on King street. Sylvia has held thousands of various jobs over the years, and currently works at A.T. Imports which is a wholesale craft warehouse located on Greenfield Road.

Greg was born in Rohrerstown in a one-room log cabin on the far end of town where the Grickle-grass grows, and then moved to the big city, Millersville, for awhile. He moved again and eventually graduated from Hempfield high school. Afterwards, he matriculated at Millersville University and received his Bachelor of Science degree. (which begs the question, what would the degree be if you were already married?) Greg worked 5 years for Pepsi Cola, but upon realizing that Coke, not Pepsi, is actually the "Real Thing", he moved on to Frito-Lay for 23 years. However, having a chip on his shoulder, he moved on to bigger things, giant things in fact. Greg is now the head receiver at the Giant at Stonemill Plaza. Please don't blame him when they run out of an item the first day of the sale. He also works part time at the new Conrad's Deli here in Millersville. No matter how you slice it, he is an industrious guy. (laugh at deli reference of slicing - now)

During the 995th year of the 2nd millennium, fate reared its ugly head and unintentionally did a beautiful thing. While checking out the singles scene at the old Doc Holliday's bar, Greg and Sylvia met. Fortunately they were both still sober enough to remember each other and exchange information. Sylvia says "never say you can't meet a good person at a bar!!" Yet, they met, got engaged, and got married, all within one year!



Greg seen here photobombing  
Sylvia's Selfie.

Sylvia's hobbies include gardening, staying fit, eating healthy, crafting of almost any kind, dog walking, and getting together with friends and family.

Greg's hobbies are watching almost all sports (he used to play them), Corn Hole, and playing Texas Hold 'em poker. They both enjoy hiking the many trails in Lancaster County and almost never get lost.

Unlike most people, they really don't enjoy traveling all that much and Sylvia hates to fly! But, upon Greg's retirement, they plan to get on the "travel bandwagon", drive to Philadelphia international air port, and fly to the Lancaster airport in Lititz. Actually, they are planning on seeing the big USA by car. ROAD TRIP! Maybe there's a Winnebago in their future...who knows?

Sylvia is currently on church council, and the fellowship committee. She helps with altar guild, ushering, and maintaining the flower bed at the back entrance. Greg helps mow the church grounds, is an usher, and a lector. In general, they like to help out wherever they are needed around St. Paul. Their favorite hymns are: Sylvia - Lift High the Cross and Greg - A Mighty Fortress is Our God and Shine Jesus Shine.

Sylvia and Greg arrived at St. Paul during Covid and became official members in April of 2021. They were drawn to St. Paul and Pastor Kopp by a recommendation that came to them by their former Pastor, Rev. Richard Geib. The members of St. Paul won them over with their warm welcome and friendliness...something they are very grateful for and will never forget. (well, yeah, of course, we ain't all that bad)

Sylvia and Greg have a son, Kenny, who is 24. Kenny lives one mile outside of Millersville and they see him often. They also have a spoiled dog, Chloe, who is a rescue Cavalier King Charles Spaniel/Pekingese mix. (Chloe is unaware of the "mix" part, so, keep it under wraps) Chloe may be seen with mom, and sometimes dad, looking for that perfect spot, around 7:30am on East Charlotte street. Chloe feels proud and honored that, after doing her business, mom and dad preserve it and take it home in a bag.

# Our Haiti Mission

Here is an opportunity to support Stevie and Zacharie Estime and the mission in Haiti. As you may recall, New Life Mission—Haiti is the benefactor of our annual flower sale. Please contact the office if you would like a full sized copy of this page.

New Life Mission - Haiti, Inc. invites you to

# Hoedown FOR Haiti

**ONLINE**  
**Silent Auction**

**OCTOBER 15-19, 2023**

Visit [newlifemissionhaiti.com](http://newlifemissionhaiti.com) to participate.

Bid on a great variety of items!

Please Respond by  
**OCTOBER 5, 2023**

Checks can be payable to  
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\*For inquiries, please call (717) 847-5164 or email [newlifemissionhaiti@gmail.com](mailto:newlifemissionhaiti@gmail.com).

Our Annual Fundraiser for  
**NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S HOME**

**Pork BBQ MEAL**

**OCTOBER 21, 2023**

**Dinner & Line Dancing • 6PM**

The Copper Horse  
335 Camp Rodgers Rd  
Ephrata, PA 17522

Adult Tickets \$35  
Child Tickets \$15

\*Child care available from 6-8pm with kid friendly meals provided and activities for ages 3-10. Child must be potty trained.

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION TO:  
New Life Mission - Haiti, Inc., 420 E. Fulton Street, Ephrata, PA 17522

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

**Hoedown FOR Haiti** Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend but please accept donation of \_\_\_\_\_



Update on Haiti and Estimes - I, Stevie, started and stopped writing this paragraph about a dozen times. Each time I write newsletter this happens. Why, you might ask? To put it simply - because the situation in Haiti is not simple. It's incredibly complicated and layered. One day you get a glimpse of encouragement from the news and the next all you hear is more on death and destruction. There continues to be no president and no signs of an election. The

gangs continue to run the country and their crimes have been especially heinous as of late. So, what can we do? There are a few things, but the number one, most important is to PRAY FOR HAITI. Pray for safety and provision for the citizens of Haiti. Pray for a new president and for a government that actually cares for its country to be appointed. Pray for all these attempts of foreign aid to be effective. Pray for PEACE over this beautiful nation. Some people have asked us - is it worth it to continue on? And our answer is always the same - a resounding YES. If we can do anything to help our community in Charrier and lighten the load of these hurting people then YES, we will continue! We continue to be stateside. Zacharie takes trips down to Haiti as safety allows. He hopes to go sometime this fall. We continue to pray and ask God for patience during this unexpected season. We covet your prayers through it all!

**Loaves and Fishes Program** - We were able to do 12 weeks of the Loaves &

Fishes program, and we were absolutely blown away by the Lord's provision. The first week we fed around 450 people from our community. After 8 weeks, we were feeding up to 800 people per week. Without fail - every plate was filled and every person that showed up found a meal. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this happen. So many people from Charrier expressed their gratitude to this program, even calling to the states to say thank you! We would love to be able to continue this program for as long as possible! If you would like to contribute donations can be made online through our website or through the mail (please include a memo stating what the donation is to go towards) Donations may be sent to:



New Life Mission - Haiti, Inc 420 E Fulton Street, Ephrata, PA, 17522

## Council Installation



On September 10th, 2023, the 152nd Church council was installed...some members were re-installed, but we were assured this would not violate their warranty. Many thanks to the members of church council who give their time and talents to maintaining and improving our church “home”.

## New Members and Baptisms



On September 17th we received new members! We formally welcomed into our family Polly Ariano, Louise & Bob Diamond, Linda Geist-Hiney, and Wanda & David Rockstroh. Pastor Kopp invited all the children forward for an up-close and personal view of the baptism ceremony. Tyrany Lehuquet and Bella Lehuquet were baptized by pastor Kopp and their sponsors and the congregation pledged their support.



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## **I Love a Parade!** **Especially on October 14th**

*For anyone new to the Millersville Parade,  
here's a helpful hint: if you can hear the calliope, it's already too late.*

Yes folks, it's that time of the year again when people line up before sunrise to block traffic, wear outfits that would be embarrassing the rest of the year, walk down the middle of the street, and throw candy at children; all to celebrate the holiday...but what holiday? Oh, right, there is none! Be that as it may, we gotta get busy gettin ready. We need help giving out food, donating baked goods, balloon preparation and distribution, yard sale donations, yard sale set up, yard sale cashier, yard sale clean up, and of course, the hot chocolate team hot chocolating. We often have a team of two making the hot chocolate in the kitchen and one or two serving it. And...YOU GUESSED IT, here it comes, hope you're sittin down—there is a signup sheet at SSC.



If you are in church, please proceed in an orderly fashion after the service to get you names on that sheet. No pushing, no shoving...Blue Light specials are a thing of the past now, and we need to be civil.

We are also taking a survey to see how many people would like the calliope to play our service for us the day after the parade. Please email your answer to [nowayinamillionyears@areyounuts.com](mailto:nowayinamillionyears@areyounuts.com).

## Annual Church Picnic

On September 17th, following the baptisms, bringing in new members, and a rousing chorus of “Go My Children, With My Blessing”, we all went to Luther hall for the church picnic. The clouds were very threatening, so we kept it indoors except for a few games for the kids. Many attending the



picnic were disappointed that the scheduled outdoor game of tackle football was canceled.

Some argued that football is played rain or shine, but, apparently, LUTHERAN football has different rules. In fact, it is rarely played at church picnics because of the intricacies of the rules and lack of participation. That being the case,

many cut-throat rounds of Bingo were played with Sylvia Lashley being the Bingo referee. There were several play reviews but none of the winners' claims were overturned.

It was one of the most exciting Bingo tournaments in recent church history. Fortunately, there



were no injuries reported, and penalties were kept to a minimum.

Those who walked away with Bingo trophies were envied by all, but good sportsmanship was in order throughout...there was very little pouting.

In spite of the conspicuous absence of Gingham, the 24 foot long buffet was bountiful! Featuring fried chicken, hot dogs on the roller grill, sauerkraut, beans, salads, chips, cookies, cakes, lots to drink, and more; no one went hungry. A plethora of culinary delights was offered with something to offer everyone (except pescatarians, of which we had none.)



A special shout-out to John Detz's protégé Greg Lashley, who manned the concessions stand hot dog roller. Not a single dog was burnt and no one saw him picking up hotdogs off the ground! GO GREG! Hopefully Greg will be around for parade day...If Chef Detz is manning the grill, Greg can witness (and take extensive notes) the nuances of high volume wiener grilling.

Thanks are in order for all those who worked behind the scenes with set up and clean up. Thank you all who help plan the event. And thanks to all who brought food to the event. It's definitely a lot of work especially when Fellowship Hall Stadium is filled to capacity. There was not a single empty seat! And finally, thank you to church council for providing free parking for the event. Maybe next year we'll get valet parking.

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October Sponsors & Volunteers

October Bulletin Sponsors

Sunday School Teachers

October-1	Mary & Cy Fritz	Linda Hampton
October-8	Sharon & Bill Engle	Karen Napier
October-15	Dolores Garrett	
October-22		Linda Hampton
October-29		Sue Swartz

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October-1	Sue Swartz	Dolores Garrett
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October-15	Betty Bringman	
October-22	Gaynel & Steve Daugherty	Gaynel & Steve Daugherty
October-29	Sandy Miller	Sherry Symonds

October Ushers

October-1	Lori Dierolf	Jim Dierolf	Carol Heintzelman	Lauren Buchmann
October-8	Polly Irwin	Scott Irwin	Lois Detz	John Detz
October-15	Maureen Klingaman	Loren Klingaman	Jo Harris	Dave Harris
October-22	Linda Hampton	Bruce Hampton	Kay Dommel	Jim Dommel
October-29	Cathy Trissel	Anita Roma	Doris Shank	Bill Shank

October

READERS

ASSISTANTS

October-1	Greg Lashley	Ray Sylte
October-8		
October-15	Linda Hiney	
October-22	Linda Hampton	
October-29	Carol Heintzelman	Lauren Buchman

## Picnic cont'd



Conner and Cam were outside playing one of the outdoor games.

Carol checking out the buffet. Bill Kahler was on security duty making sure no one cut in line! His diligence provided a smooth flow of diners with very few physical altercations.



The FBI's "Most Wanted" pictures were posted as a public service. All the suspects were identified

One of our MU College students, Rebecca, was awarded the prize for identifying every one of the mug shots. You all should know her, she sits on the pulpit side in the middle. Want to know her better?...come to the student dinners on Monday nights! She's very nice. (and an Eagles fan)



*Here endeth the picnic report*

# Educational Stuff

## Lets talk about the “Oldies but Goodies”.

Hymns that is, not Bill Haley and His Comets. (sorry, maybe next issue)  
The heartwarming hymns that we Lutherans sometimes consider “oldies but goodies”, you know, the ones that are often missing from our hymnal,



are often - brace yourself - found in the Methodist hymnal. We do have some in our hymnal, and as new versions are published, some of these beloved hymns do “slip in”.

Many of *our* hymns are from the 1200s-1700s making them, chronologically, the actual oldies. Often, newer words are added since it is, for some reason, no longer popular to sing in Latin. However, some of our newer hymns, it seems, are from another planet...we try to avoid these hymns as congregational anger and frustration usually follow, and the organist is asked “who picked *that* one out?” Sometimes, there are pitchforks and torches involved: hymn selection can be a bit delicate. So, the “oldies but goodies” talk begs the question, “what is the oldest hymn?” Funny you should ask...here it is. The Hurrian Hymn was discovered in the 1950s on a clay tablet inscribed with Cuneiform text. It’s the oldest surviving melody and is over 3,400 years

old. It specifies 9 lyre strings and the intervals between those strings, but no composer is listed.



Bill thought it might be fun to sing during communion, but his lyre is in the shop for repairs and making clay copies is really difficult. Besides, Cathy doesn’t want to have to clean up broken clay tablet shards.

**O**ctober, beginning in mid-September, is a month + long celebration of pumpkin spiced everything. From lattes to pancakes to donuts, is it a season to indulge in a flavor profile that is otherwise unavailable the rest of the year. (one would think) In keeping with this tradition, communion will be served with pumpkin spice wine or mulled cider. Communion wafers will be replaced with ginger snaps.



## The Choir

The choir, pictured on the previous page, singing an “oldie but goodie” is called Medieval Choir. From 1479, it is a woodcut from “Der Spiegel des Menschlichen lebens”, Augsburg, Germany, 1479, by Granger which is a bound volume with 57 hand-colored woodcut illustrations on laid paper with decorative borders drawn and illuminated by hand. The translated title literally means: mirror of human life.



### What's My Line?

Polly Irwin wears many hats in this congregation: treasurer, quilter, counter, other behind the scenes hats we don't know about...and now painter. Polly's staff for this event included Denny Herr, who prepped the area by blowing the debris away, and Scott Irwin who was in charge of masking and shaking of cans. When asked about a quick interview, Scott was just too shook up. Polly was happy to be interviewed, but was on a tight schedule and only responded with a bunch of one liners.

A great big “Thank You” to Polly and the One Liners.  
(sounds like a bad band doesn't it).

In Case you've forgotten: What's My Line? was a 1950-1975 guessing game in which four panelists attempted to determine the occupation of a guest. There was a famous mystery guest each week. Blindfolded panelists were required to probe by asking only yes–no questions. This first guest was NY Yankees shortstop Phil Rizzuto.

## *Welcome back Cathy & Thank You Volunteers*

Cathy has returned in full force (9/26) thus relieving many volunteers who graciously covered her extended absence. An enormous thank you to all those volunteers and coordinators. We are glad to have her back.

We are now free to make a mess of things.



Note from management: Please do not make messes.

## Money Money Money Money

Finance Update: August income was \$14,978.06 and expenses were \$22,416.44 leaving a month deficit of \$7,438.27. Year to Date Income: \$149,714.15 and Expenses of \$151,563.49 leaving a year to date deficit of \$1,849.34. We have also received a grant of \$55,236 that was used for the Luther Room renovation. Next up: Renovations for the Narthex and a Capital Campaign to help fund these needed repairs.

**T**he **Adult Forum** has resumed! They are watching and discussing the TV series “The Chosen”. The Chosen is an episodic biblical series based on events surrounding the ministry years of Jesus Christ. It also follows the backstory of a few well-known characters before they first meet Jesus and interact with Him. Beginning Season 1, Episode 1.

Please grab your cookies and coffee and RUN to Luther Hall ASAP so the video can begin.

(or you may walk, its ok)

This Adult Forum series is BYOP.

(Bring Your Own Popcorn)

