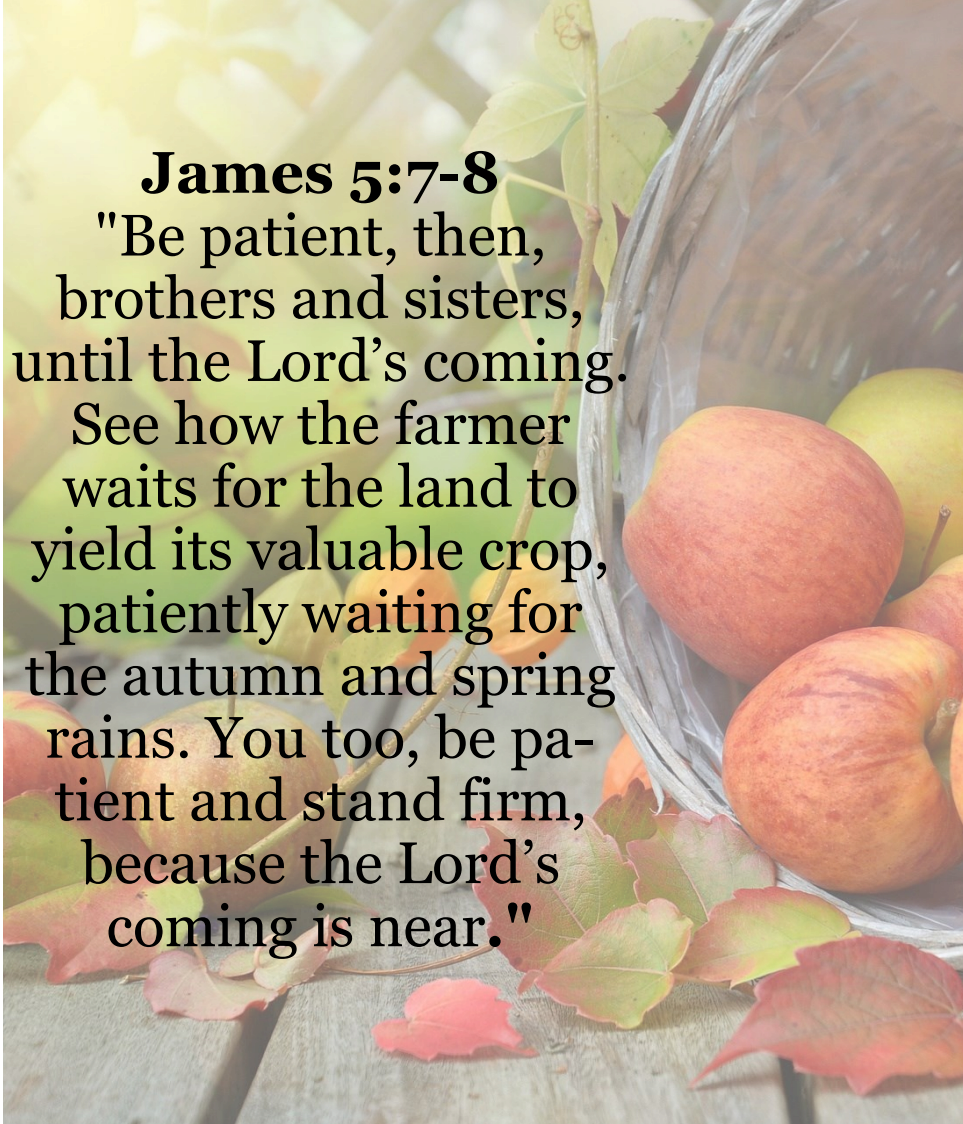


# St. Paul's Letter

## September 2023



**James 5:7-8**  
"Be patient, then,  
brothers and sisters,  
until the Lord's coming.  
See how the farmer  
waits for the land to  
yield its valuable crop,  
patiently waiting for  
the autumn and spring  
rains. You too, be pa-  
tient and stand firm,  
because the Lord's  
coming is near."



# 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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## Hilarity

**"Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."**



If you have a SEPTEMBER birthday and are not listed, add your name to the list and the office will record the information. Also, if you do not have a birthday, inform the office.

Sylvia Lashley 7th

Ruth Derby 7th

Ken Buchmann 21st

Angie Esbenshade 23rd

Carol Heintzelman 24th

# Focus on Our Family

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



This month's Focus victims are the Van Aulens. They currently live in Millersville, and as a family, have only lived in Millersville. Shane has lived in the Lancaster area for his whole life. Both are graduates from Millersville University, although they were not there at the same time! Ria was born in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. (it's a shame that there is a limited number of town names available so somehow they had to use "Jersey Shore" when Pennsylvania named this town...they could have at least spelled it more creatively like Jerzy Sure). Anyway, Ria then moved to Mechanicsburg. After graduating from Millersville University, Ria moved back here permanently. With a Bachelor's degree in Biology, she landed a job working as a veterinary assistant. "How does this play into the Van Aulen family story?" you may ask. (please ask since the next sentence answers that question.) One fine day, Shane brought his dogs to the veterinarian's office, fortunately it was the office where Ria was working. They fell madly in love and the rest is history. Obviously animal lovers, the Van Aulen's have Ace, a German Shepard/Lab puppy who came to the VBS closing event and is even pictured in that article. They also have River, a 12 year old retriever/hound mix; Heidi, a 7 year old, Australian Shep/Rottweiler mix. They also harbor (have) 2 cats; a 16 year old three-legged shorthair, and Frankie, also a shorthair who's 12. The two smaller Van Aulens, Con-



Connor Shane Elaina Ria

ner and Elaina, are also an important part of St. Paul. They can be seen every Sunday in the narthex waiting for Sunday school class to begin and just having fun! They were a part of our VBS this year again! Connor loves building things especially with Logos, and Elaina wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

## Money Money Money Money

Finance Update: We are coming to the end of summer and here is a brief update of our current finances. As of the end of July our total income was \$134,736.09 plus a building grant received for \$55,236 for a total income of 189,972.09. Our expenses were \$129,147 plus building expenses of \$55,236 for total expenses of \$184,383. This leaves us with a surplus of \$5,588.93. We are expecting some larger property bills for the month of August but at least we were able to stay cool throughout the most of the summer.

Submitted by Karen Napier

## Sunday School



The fall season is upon us which means things are ramping up at church. Childrens' ministry has agreed that Sunday school will again be held on Sundays this fall...Monday school just didn't sound right. The first day of Sunday school is September 10th. We will be learning about the miracles of Jesus for

the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Reformation Sunday we'll take a break from miracles and visit Martin Luther. We will also be preparing our Christmas program to present in during worship. There is, of course, a

### **SIGNUP SHEET**

at SSC for volunteers. We need help teaching our younger members and volunteers are needed to do this. The Lessons are all listed so pick your favorite miracle and sign up.

## Confirmation

Classes will resume on September 24 and continue On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Be Sure to have your protractors, graphing calculators, and mechanical pencils ready!



# ADVENTURES IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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**WHERE  
BE THAT  
WHALE?**



**THE WALLS OF JERICO BUILT  
BEFORE YOUR EYES!**



**DIGGING UP DINOSAURS**



**ARTISTIC  
RENDERINGS  
OF  
JONAH'S  
WHALE**



**BUT WAIT...  
THERE'S MORE**



**FUN SNACKS**



**CRAFTS**

**GAMES**



**EXCITEMENT**





**AWESOME WOOD FIRED PIZZA**



**AMAZING "WOODER"ICE  
(IT'S A PHILLY THING)**



**CHEF DETZ  
PREPARING HIS  
SPECIALTY**

**ANGUS  
WAS  
THERE...  
AN  
ACTUAL  
HOT  
DOG!**



**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP**



**MEET "ACE" VAN AULEN**

## VBS Kudos

A note from your VBS coordinator, Karen Napier. Our Vacation Bible School was a success again this year. We had 16 different children attending throughout the week. They learned about Joshua and the wall of Jericho, Moses parting the sea, David and Goliath, Jonah and the whale, and Jesus turning water into wine. Pastor and Kathryn lead them in songs and stories which were followed by a craft. The children then



went outside get rid of some pent up energy with games and activities led by Kate & Josh. After wearing them out, (the kids or Kate & Josh? Maybe both) the kids were filled up with fun snacks from Sharon and Bill Engel. A thank you to Marty Kahler for all the great decorations. Sandy Kreider was the group leader who made sure we didn't lose any kids along the way. We are happy to report there were no escapees this year. Thank you to all who helped with registration including Polly A, Lois D, and Lauren B. We had a great turn out for our food-truck-end-of-VBS-gala-hootenanny celebration. One food truck cancelled that afternoon and we were rescued with a last minute hotdog substitution. Thanks to chef John Detz for his culinary skills manning the hotdog roller...not a single wiener was lost. A huge thank you to Jim Dierolf and Polly Irwin for doing the set up, all



who assisted with the tear down, and to Mike Althouse for blowing up the balloons. Looking back and trying to remember everyone is a bit of a blur, so thank you to anyone else who lent a helping hand. The food-truck-end-of -VBS- Gaga-hootenanny celebration was topped with the talents and ministry of Chris Ivey. Although he did not actually juggle any children, he did incorporate them into his presentation. (picture...Karen is reconsidering the use of sequins in the crafts next year.)

(this pic included because it had to be seen to be believed!)

## VBS Kudos cont'd

Here the children are seen spinning plates on a stick. They did VERY well; not a single plate was dropped. They were, unfortunately, admonished NOT to try this at home. (wouldn't that be fun) Oh well.. Over 80 people attended Chris Ivey's juggling show and everyone seemed to have a good time. As you can see, it takes a lot of people to make this VBS event successful. A final thank you to each and everyone of you who came out to support this program.



## LOFT

Jodie, our beloved diaper lady, keeper of all things absorbent, is seen here at a Backpack Event sponsored by the Loft. They gave away backpacks to Penn Manor students in need. The Loft collected around 240 backpacks and will be distributing almost all of them by August 26th. They also gave out hundreds of folders, pencils, erasers, and binders. A large amount, hundreds of pounds, of clothing was distributed as well. Contributors to the purchase of all these supplies were Carmax, Frogtown foundation, Alkegen, Verizon, Penn Manor Family Fund, Loft, and volunteers. Great Work Lofties!



**September Sponsors & Volunteers**

**September Bulletin Sponsors**

September-3	Peanut Lambert (Mary)
September-10	Peanut Lambert (Mary)
September-17	Peanut Lambert (Mary)
September-24	Dee Perry



**September Flower Sponsors**

September-3	Sharon & Bill Engle	Karen & Bill Napier
September-10	Kay & Jim Dommel	Kay & Jim Dommel
September-17	Frank Witmer	
September-24	Carol Heintzelman	Carol Heintzelman

**September Ushers**

September-3	Sylvia Lashley	Greg Lashley	Betty Bringman	
September-10	Dick Shipman	Mary Fritz	Cy Fritz	Frank Witmer
September-17	Carol Heintzelman	Dolores Garrett	Betty Bringman	Tim Brooks
September-24	Bill Engle	Evan Schwebel	Glenda Hurtt	Mike Althouse

**September**

**READERS**

**ASSISTANTS**

September-3	Holly Freas-Webster	Tim Brooks
September-10	Suzanne Herr	Sue Ellenberg
September-17	Greg Lashley	
September-24	Carol Heintzelman	Lauren Buchmann

## Historical Stuff

Labor Day has been a national holiday since 1894, when President Grover Cleveland signed the law that Congress passed designating the first Monday in September a holiday for workers.



According to legend, Peter McGuire stood before the New York Central Labor Union on May 12, 1882, to suggest the idea of setting aside one day a year to honor labor. McGuire believed that Labor Day should "be celebrated by a street parade which would publicly show the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations."

Peter McGuire was a young, though well-respected, union leader. A child of immigrants, he quit school at an early age to go to work. In 1881, he founded the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, which would become the largest trade union of the time. Later, McGuire would join with his friend, Samuel Gompers, to found the American Federation of Labor (AFL). Through the AFL and the Carpenters, McGuire led the great strikes of 1886 and 1890, which would eventually result in the adoption of the eight-hour workday on the nation's agenda.

Recently, however, evidence uncovered at the New Jersey Historical Society reveals that another respected union figure of the day, Matthew Maguire, may quite possibly be the man behind the creation of Labor Day.

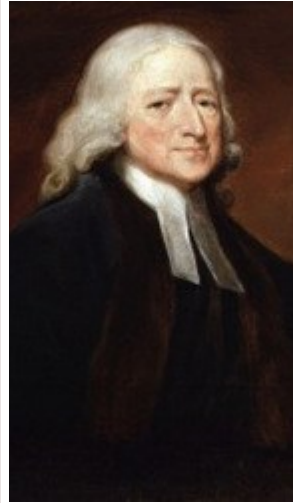
In the 1870s, Matthew Maguire led several strikes, most of which were intended to force the plight of manufacturing workers and their long hours into the public consciousness. By 1882, Maguire had become the secretary of and a leading figure in the Central Labor Union of New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed into law the creation of a national Labor Day, The Paterson (N.J.) Morning Call published an opinion piece entitled, "Honor to Whom Honor is Due," which stated that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." This editorial also referred to Maguire as the "Father of the Labor Day holiday." (source dol.gov)

## Educational Stuff

What would you think if St. Paul Lutheran Church provided guidelines for singing the hymns? Well, that's exactly what John Wesley, of Methodist fame, provided in his hymnal.

In *Select Hymns: with Tunes Annexed* (1761), John Wesley included a short guide to singing this collection of Methodist hymns. Titled "Directions for Singing," Wesley lays out seven principles when it comes to hymns.



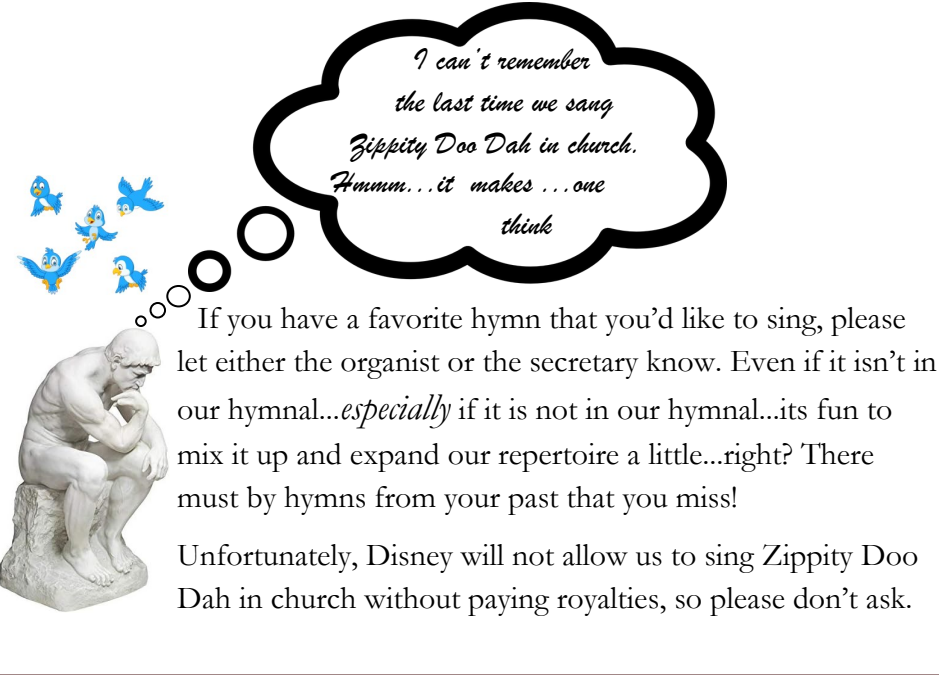
1. Learn these tunes before you learn any others, afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
3. Sing All – see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
4. Sing Lustily – and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.
5. Sing Modestly – do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one melodious sound.
6. Sing in time – whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can and take care not to sing too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.

7. Sing spiritually – have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Who are those Methodists?

The United Methodist Church (UMC) is a worldwide mainline Protestant denomination based in the United States, and a major part of Methodism. In the 19th century, its main predecessor, the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a leader in evangelicalism. The present denomination was founded in 1968 in Dallas, Texas, by union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The UMC traces its roots back to the revival movement of John and Charles Wesley in England, as well as the Great Awakening in the United States. As such, the church's theological orientation is decidedly Wesleyan. It embraces liturgical worship, holiness, and evangelical elements. (Source Wikipedia)

Of course, as everyone knows, they are big fans of grape juice.  
(Source Bill Napier)



*I can't remember  
the last time we sang  
Zippity Doo Dah in church.  
Humm...it makes...one  
think*

If you have a favorite hymn that you'd like to sing, please let either the organist or the secretary know. Even if it isn't in our hymnal...*especially* if it is not in our hymnal...its fun to mix it up and expand our repertoire a little...right? There must by hymns from your past that you miss!

Unfortunately, Disney will not allow us to sing Zippity Doo Dah in church without paying royalties, so please don't ask.

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC-  
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH ON  
SEPTEMBER 17TH  
ATTENDANCE IS MANDTORY\***

**FEATURING:**

**GAMES**



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**DAZZLING  
ENTERTAINMENT**

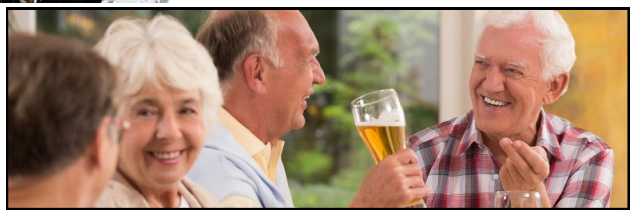


The Church Council Celebrity Chorus may perform!

**FOOD**



**MERRIMENT**



B.Y.O.B.

**All That's Missing...is YOU!**

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