

# St. Paul's Letter

November 2023

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**

Give  
Thanks  
to the  
Lord,  
who is good,  
whose  
mercy  
endures  
forever.

Psalm 106:1





# 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.*

## Staff

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## Hilarity

*...Then there was the guy who was so proud of himself for  
finishing his jigsaw puzzle in only 18 months...  
the box said 3 to 5 years!*

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

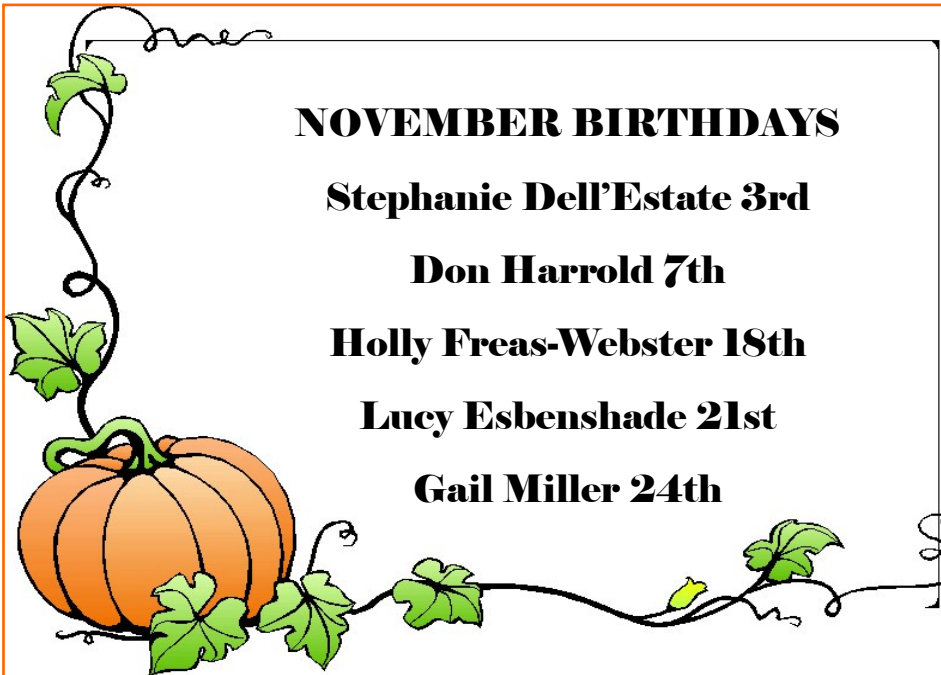
**Stephanie Dell'Estate 3rd**

**Don Harrold 7th**

**Holly Freas-Webster 18th**

**Lucy Esbenshade 21st**

**Gail Miller 24th**



If you have a NOVEMBER birthday and are not listed, contact the office to correct our records. Also, if you do not have a birthday, inform the office.

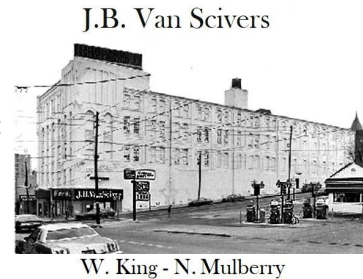
# Focus on Our Family

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



This month's victims are relatively new to St. Paul— Sue and Mark Swartz. Sue and Mark met at Dunkin Donuts... Sue really loves donuts, and Mark was eating a chocolate glazed, so it was love at first sight. Dozens of donuts and almost a dozen months later (11 months), they were hitched! Two weeks after the holy hitching, Mark left for Viet Nam. (Thank you for your service Mark!) He was stationed at Fort Knox, after that where they lived for one year. After a whole year there, there were no gold souvenirs. When they returned to Lancaster, Mark got a job at Armstrong World Industries. He got in on the ground level. (flooring—get it? did he work his way up to ceilings? Ask him to find out.) He worked there for 32 years and when early retirement was offered, he took it.

Mark grew up on Cabbage Hill. Here is a picture of the old neighborhood! (note that it is actually on a hill!) He went to St. Joseph and graduated from Catholic High-school. Mark is a homebody and loves music and movies and has a large collection of each.



Sue hails from the Hamilton Park area where she went to Buchanan Elementary, then Lanc. Township Jr. High, and finally graduated from J. P. McCaskey. You cannot get more local than that! She works for Yoder's catering and enjoys travelling with a group of girlfriends. They have visited Cuba and are planning a cruise next year.

They have a daughter and two sons, Amanda, Joe and Nick. When their youngest started school, Sue began working at Fulton Bank and enjoyed going to work every day for 30 years. They have three granddaughters and one grandson. Sue is also a new member of church council! Give her an earful and ask her about how exciting the meetings are.

In February they celebrated their 53rd anniversary!



NOW, According to Hallmark, the 53rd anniversary is **Plastic**.

They suggest:

**For spouses**

On A Budget:

Nothing screams plastic like a credit card. You know, that one store they're always talking about? Give them a gift card for that store. (Cracker Barrel?)

Splurge:

Get them a great pair of designer sunglasses. Be sure to write something in the card about how they light up your life. (I'm gagging here a little bit)

**For another couple**

Give matching pairs of flip-flops. Throw in a couple of acrylic tumblers for cool drinks. Give a gift card to a special restaurant. From serving bowls made from old record albums to messenger bags made from plastic bottles, you can find a variety of gifts online made from recycled plastic.

There is nothing more gen-u-ine or deeply moving for a couple that has weathered 53 years together- than receiving, hopefully, recycled plastic. (There's a tear in my eye right now.) Is it me or does that Hallmark stuff seem beyond LAME? Three years ago it was GOLD, now its "Happy 53rd, enjoy your flip flops!" Hallmark doesn't even sell flipflops! You could give an Amazon gift card, also plastic, so they can pick out their own flip flops. Amazon Old Navy flip flops are only \$9.92 a pair, So \$20 gift card will set them both up with new flip flops for their 53rd anniversary. Maybe throw in some nice red plastic Solo cups for those cool drinks. Wow-talk about dreams coming true. So, what do they have to look forward to? 54 years is glass (fake jewelry maybe? A new eye for Sandy Duncan?) The 55th year jumps to emerald. (Shamrock shakes do not apply) So, I guess that gives them a reason to hang in there for two more years at least. Emeralds are nice.

## Money, Money, Money, Money\*

**SEPTEMBER Finance Update:** Our expenses were \$14,446.62 plus a grant expense of \$16,355.03, leaving a surplus of \$6,187.31 and a year to date surplus of \$4,337.97. (\*money)

## More Money, Money, Money

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

What are Thrivent Choice Dollars? When you are a Thrivent client, you can make a personal donation to your favorite enrolled organization, including your church. Thrivent even pays the processing fee. This is a way for you to influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These funds do not come from your investment but from the Thrivent Organization as part of their annual benevolence.

How do I do this? Log on to your Thrivent account. In the Account Overview you will see how many Thrivent Choice Dollars are available. Tap the “Direct Choice Dollars” bar. Follow the prompts. You may select an organization from the list which includes St Paul Lutheran Church. Tap “Direct Now.” [If St Paul Lutheran Church, Millersville, is not on the list, you may add it by following the prompts in the Search tab]. Or you may direct to a new organization with the “Search” tab. Check that the address is correct for the organization you have selected. Select how many dollars of the available you want to send. Tap “Direct Now.” Complete the submission.

When should I do this? This can be done anytime through the year so check your account at least quarterly to see how many dollars you have available.

We, St Paul Church, have received several hundred dollars this year from Thrivent. Please consider adding your Choice Dollars.



## Grant Me This

### **\$250 THRIVENT GRANTS for Projects**

Have you ever wondered how we get those wonderful Grants from Thrivent for our projects like the Parade and the Flower Sale to Benefit New Life Mission in Haiti? Well, it's not hard.

1. You need to be a Thrivent member. You probably know you are if you get mail from them.
2. Go to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com)
3. Put in your log-in information.
4. Your account will show. You can see what products you have from Thrivent.
5. At the bottom of the page is: [Take Action](#). Click the [Thrivent Action Teams](#)
6. You may have to log in again.
7. Tap [Apply Now](#)
8. You are eligible for two grants per year!!! Think of all the things you can do!!
9. Tap [Begin Project Application](#)
10. Fill in the application.

You/the church will receive a \$250 Debit Card from Thrivent for your project. You will use this card to purchase your supplies for your project. You do need to keep track of expenses and who volunteers for your project. You also need to write a brief summary of your project's success.

Help is available – contact Karen Napier with any questions about either Choice Dollars or Grants.

### Things Never Heard in a Lutheran Church

Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.  
I love it when we sing hymns we've never heard before!  
I hope there are MORE signup sheets this week.  
I wish the sermons were longer.

## Frozen Meals Available



**Did you know that free, frozen meals are available for seniors in need? The only requirement is that you be a senior in need, no income questions are asked. So if you know a senior in need, or if you are a senior in need, contact the Millersville Senior Center:  
Starr Brubaker 717-871-9600**

## Am I Falling Back or What?!

Despite many Americans' aversion to having to “spring forward” and “fall back” each year, all signs point to continued twice-yearly clock changes. No major legislative changes to daylight saving time (DST) have been enacted yet in 2023, so clocks will fall back on Sunday, Nov.5th.



WASHINGTON, March 15 (Reuters) - The U.S. Senate on Tuesday passed legislation that would make daylight saving time permanent starting in 2023, ending the twice-annual changing of clocks in a move promoted by supporters advocating brighter afternoons and more economic activity. The Senate approved the measure, called the Sunshine Protection Act, unanimously by voice vote. The House of Representatives, which has held a committee hearing on the matter, must still pass the bill before it can go to the President to sign.

**Turn your clocks back when you go to bed Saturday, November 4th so you don't get to church an hour early.**



# Thank You for Serving



World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour

of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...” An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor Veterans of World War I, In 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the Veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

June 28th, 1968, The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for

Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates. The first Veterans Day under the new "Monday" law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls: a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

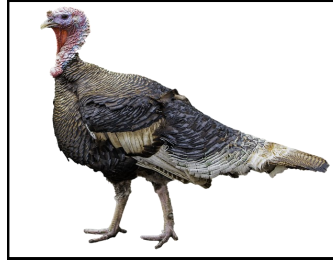
*Thank you, again, to all those who have served.*



I know that the Space Force has not fought any space battles...YET. Give them time. PLUS, their insignia is the same as Star Fleet, and being a Trekkie, I couldn't pass up the opportunity to have it included. Live long and Prosper.

# Vital Thanksgiving Facts In Context

The annual pilgrimage\* to the main event unfolds thusly:



BEFORE

This guy has been dreaming of this event for the last 14-22 weeks. Nightmares ARE dreams after all. **Fact:** only male turkeys make the well-known "gobble" sound that has come to be associated with the holiday. Females make other noises such as purring and cackling. Are the females happy when the Toms cease their endless gobbling? Someone should ask.

(\*intentional pilgrim reference, laugh now)



DAYS OF PREPARATION

The cooking, baking, dicing, slicing, peeling, boiling, and marinating begins several days before the event. Sometimes, "friends" are thoughtful enough to make that fresh cranberry relish for you. You know, the one that qualifies as the bitterest, crunchiest substance on the planet. You start now building the strength to somehow smile without tears while eating it. **Fact:** no one really likes it.



DURING

Thursday, everyone squeezes around the table: the kids and the annoying aunt and/or uncle sit at a different table, Thanksgiving prayers that don't rhyme are offered, and everyone consumes an over abundance of calories. Somehow, this still leaves enough leftovers to pack the fridge solid providing dinners, soup for friends and family, sandwiches, and croquettes until you are completely sick of turkey especially since the gravy ran out long ago and the Heinz "gravy" is just not cutting it. **Fact:** Cooked turkey and other leftovers can be kept in the fridge safely for about three to four days says the CDC. (LOL)

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November Sponsors & Volunteers

November Bulletin Sponsors

Sunday School Teachers

November-5		Michele Carpenter
November-12	Sue Swartz	Linda Hampton
November-19	Kay & Jim Dommel	Sue Swartz
November-26	Dee Perry	Sue Swartz

November Flower Sponsors

November-5	Marty & Bill Kahler	Lois & John Detz
November-12	Dee Perry	Jan & Ray Sylte
November-19	Mary & Cy Fritz	Boots & Don Horn
November-22	Celeste & Tim Brooks	Celeste & Tim Brooks
November 26	Peggy & Carl Bruce	Karen & Bill Napier

November Ushers

November-5	Jan Sylte	Ray Sylte	Lori Dierolf	Jim Dierolf
November-12	Suzanne Herr	Denny Herr	Sue Ellenberg	Dave Ellenberg
November-19	Mary Fritz	Cy Fritz	Bill Engle	Evan Schwebel
November-26	Sylvia Lashley	Greg Lashley	Holly Freas-Webster	Frank Witmer

November

READERS

ASSISTANTS

November-5	Lori Dierolf	
November-12	Linda Hampton	Lauren Buchmann
November-19	Greg Lashley	Ray Sylte
November-22		Sue Ellenberg
November 26	Carol Heintzelman	Sue Ellenberg

# Thanksgiving Facts cont'd



AFTER

Afterwards, we tune into watch some of the 17+ hours of football: pre-game, during, and post-game shows. We quickly drift off wondering why we ate so much, we assure ourselves that next year will be different. Just for a fleeting moment, you wonder to yourself, "did I remember to put in my Thanksgiving offering envelope?". *ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ*

**Fact:** Its not the tryptophan making you sleep – it’s the carbs!

Meanwhile, back in the kitchen...  
...distant sounds of snoring and overly excited, retired football stars filter in. The kitchen looks like an "after" photo of an F-5 tornado. The comment, "clean-up is best left to the experts" echoes (and burns) in your ears as you pack the dishwasher beyond capacity just so there is room to clean the pots and pans. **Fact:** there is a special place in heaven for those who help with the cleanup. (Those who do not help - may God have mercy on their souls.†)



A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR THE COOK



Finally,  
the  
Ending



Time to wake up for the dessert, which has been an important part of Thanksgiving meals since the 1700s. However, according to the American Pie Council's research, apple pie, not pumpkin, is America's favourite. Pumpkin comes in second. Thankfully, Mrs. Smith makes plenty of both. (wink, wink) But why is no one asking the more important question: "How does one get on this American Pie Council and what does it pay?" Sounds like great work if you can get it. **Fact:** The first apple pie recipe was printed over 630 years ago in England in 1381.

## Loft Volunteers Needed



Our partnership with the Loft has been and is an enormous success. The need for their services within Penn Manor School District continues to be evident as the thousands of people file through the narthex. The next two months are expected to be very busy and volunteers are needed. Please, consider helping. Call or text Jenna, Executive Director, at 717-723-8180.

## Loft Donations Needed



Some of the essential items Loft is requesting are:

- Laundry detergent
- Dishwashing liquid
- Rolls of paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Tall kitchen trash bags
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Shampoo
- Diapers

Loft is currently serving an average of 270 families weekly, which translates to well over 1000 individuals

with at least 370 Penn Manor children under the age of 17. These local families and individuals are eligible to receive food every week and toiletries once per month. Thank you for considering our request. A drop off point of these items will be available within the church narthex.

Please feel free to contact [theloftcp@gmail.com](mailto:theloftcp@gmail.com)  
or call or text 717-723-8180  
with questions or to volunteer.

## Tremendous Opportunity



*...Lord, We  
ask you to  
bless our  
Holy  
Communion*

Holy Communion is the pinnacle of our Sunday Worship. We have heard the Word, Pastor Kopp has taught us, we have confessed, we made our offerings, and we prayed, we heard the words of institution, all leading up to the celebration of communion. We have a few dedicated members who assist Pastor Kopp reach this point by reading the lessons and then helping to serve communion. We would like to expand our pool of persons willing to help with these tasks. To that end, Pastor Kopp will be leading a refresher/training session for lay readers and lay assistants. This will take place Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00pm. PLEASE consider contributing your time...it will be greatly appreciated.

## Harvest Home

November 12th is Harvest Home Sunday. We will collect cash or checks. (no food stamps please) Donations will support our Loft ministry as they will be giving away turkeys again this year to their clientele. Your support is greatly appreciated. ALSO, there will be a signup sheet (YAY) to help decorate the church windows for the fall season.

**Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember,  
Moses started out as a basket case.**

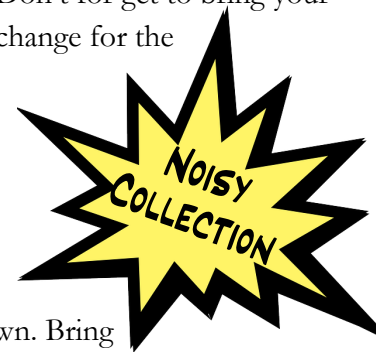
## Another Tremendous Opportunity

Some of you may have noticed when entering the church building the morning of October 22nd...there was something in the air: New Church Smell! Then, looking down, you noticed the awesome new flooring in the Narthex. You may have, out of habit, even stepped over one of the areas where one of the many lumps used to be. But no more! They're all gone. Of course, the smell and flatness comes with a price...but you knew that. What you might not know is that the Fellowship committee has planned several Fun(d)raisers® to meet that financial need. November 18th there will be a SOUP SALE and December 17th will be an APPLE DUMP-LING SALE. And, if things couldn't get any better, there are signup/order forms in the narthex. Please visit SSC to sign up for soup, dumplings, or to help in some way. Questions? Contact Lori Dierolf.

## Lose Weight Easily



Don't forget to bring your change for the



Don't let that spare change weigh you down. Bring it on Sunday and instantly lose weight with little or no effort, all while helping to fund the capital campaign and bringing joy to the children collecting it... *We are currently up to \$15,108 towards the goal of \$25,000 ! (10/27/2023)*

### Little Known Facts

For many of the 40 years that Moses wandered the wilderness, Mrs. Moses and several of his female kin begged him to stop and ask for directions.



## Yet Another Tree-mendous Opportunity



Every year we have a beautiful, enormous Christmas tree in the sanctuary that mysteriously appears a couple weeks just before Christmas. Obviously there are more “behind the scenes” hands at work making this happen...but who PAYS for that enormous tree.? The answer is the Metzler Tree Farm. They have been donating our tree for years. So please keep them in mind when you are looking for a tree this year. The farm is large and well laid out. The folks there will point you in the right direction based on the size and type of tree you are looking for. You may tag a tree for later retrieval or take it home the same day. Once you have picked one out they will cut it down for you, transport it down to the office, drill it, net it, and load it on or into your vehicle. Their prices are reasonable

too! Metzler Tree Farm is located at 49 Drytown Road, Holtwood, PA, 17532. PH: 717-284-2448 Hours M-Sat 9-9 Sun 11-6. Only a few minutes from Denny and Suzane Herr’s house, so stop by on your way for some hot chocolate and Christmas carols. (you better call first though! Hot chocolate not included and you supply the carols)

## Indoor Yard Sale



The indoor yard sale raised money for the Blue Rock Fire Department. This year we raised a total of \$716.

The sale was on parade day...it was not moist. (read on, you’ll get it)

Karen Napier showing off the goods. It was always one of her dreams to be a showcase girl on The Price is Right. This is probably as close as she’ll get.

# Get Wet Much?

The annual Millersville Parade was quite moist this year, but that did not hold back St. Paul members.



Chef Detz and Sous Chef Lois were met by Pastor Kopp who functioned as quality control inspector. (note the canopy...some were not as wet)

Moist marchers paraded by the moist and semi-moist audience.



Tim and Mike lightening the mood with helium balloons. Several young children were confused seeing that these balloons fall up when released.

## Wetness (cont'd)



St. Paul's L.A.H.C.& S. T.F. provided their services as usual. Many Thanks to them for their diligence and year long preparations.

(Lady's Auxiliary Hot Chocolate and Sweets Task Force)

The executive Committee overseeing operations.



The (unofficial) Grand Stand.

(Note how the canopy *almost* kept Bill's knees dry.)

## What's on the Horizon?

December 3 First Sunday in Advent  
December 10 Cheer Basket Assembly after church  
Hanging of the Greens 3pm  
Chili Pot Luck after Hanging of the Greens

**December 10th will also be a brief congregational meeting to approve 2024 budget.**

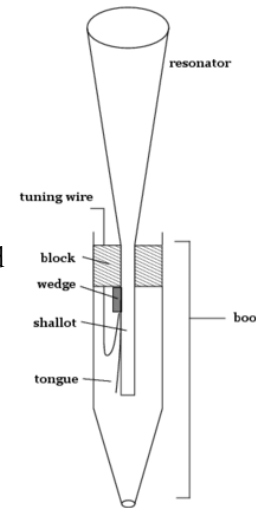
December 17 Apple Dumpling Fun(d)Raiser®

## Educational Stuff

Ever wonder how our organ makes so many different sounds? Different types of pipes are used to generate different types of sounds. In our organ, the most powerful pipes are called reeds. Just like a clarinet, it has a vibrating tongue, except it is metal and no spit is involved (hopefully). Our longest, and therefore lowest pitch, reed pipe is equivalent to about 16 feet long. As that group of pipes, called a



rank, goes higher in pitch the pipes get smaller. We have 2 ranks of reeds, a Trumpet and an Oboe. Reed pipes can be mitered like an orchestral trumpet. To the left you can see the bottoms of some reed pipes that are mitered. This technique also reduces ceiling height requirements. Reed pipe resonators are typically made of a tin & lead alloy, zinc, or even wood. There are MANY variations in size and shape.



String pipes - typically have a keener, crisper sound and can often be the source of the very warm sound of an organ. These pipes are typically narrow. For example, look at a pipe that is 8 foot long and 6" in diameter and a pipe that is 8 foot long and only 3" in diameter. They both would produce the same pitch, but the timbres (sound characteristics) would be vastly dif-

## Educational Stuff cont'd



ferent. A rank of string pipes may often have a partner rank that is intentionally made out of tune! The result is an even warmer, more lush sound. Pictured here are many ranks of strings. This is PART of the string division of the Wanamaker organ. This organ has 28,750 pipes. It is large, but not the largest that would be the Atlantic City organ with 32,967. On our organ, the

large pipes in the façade are string pipes from a rank called a 16' Violone.

Flutes are another tonal family of organ pipes. These are often pipes that have a complete or partial lid on the top. Flutes are often made of wood, but also the tin & lead alloy and zinc. Shown here is part of a rank of pipes with a complete lids on them. These are called stopped pipes...the lids are called stoppers. The highest pitches revert to metal pipes.



To the left are flute pipes with partial lids. (shown packed for storage) This type of pipe is called a Rorhflute and sometimes called a Chimney Flute. The "lid" is called a cap. We have a rank of these in our organ.

There is record of a primitive organ with pipes that dates to the 3rd century BC, and the oldest playable organ was built in 1435 and still has 12 original pipes. So there are millennia of organ pipe making history and therefore hundreds of types of pipes.

More pipes next month...if you're lucky!

## Unable to Attend

Here is a list of our members and associates who are unable to attend for any of a number of different reasons. PLEASE contact the office if there is someone else who should be included. People on this list receive Calendars, Newsletters, Sermons, Bulletins, and Weekly lessons either by email or USPS. Please keep them in your prayers.

Dorothy Bender

Gail Gilday

Ann Nagle

Mary Ann Oren

Marion Trimble

Carl & Peggy Bruce

Bruce & Kay Cherry

Nancy Eberle

Dave and Jan Fisher

Marilyn Homsher

Barry & Patty Leed

Karl & Eleanor Ottolini

Charles Scharnberger

Howard & Shirley  
Shuffelbottom

Jim & Peg Siglin

Erna Goelz-Rueck

Kathyrn Milbee



## Something New

A new feature at church is activity clipboards for children worshipping with us. As stated before, you can never have enough clipboards, right? There are a two sided activity pages that are pertinent to the service lessons or gospel for the day. Colored pencils are also provided. One or two activities is coloring, and for older children there may be a pertinent word search, maze, or crossword. So if you are considering bring children or grand children to church, there will be something for them to do. Some of the children get very excited about taping their artwork on pastor Kopp's office door....its very cute. Here is a recent example:

