



St. Paul's Letter
April 2024

50 Days of Eastertide



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.

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Hilariocity

Guy: "Doctor, I have a problem. Put your ear next to my left thigh & listen."
Doctor does this & hears a tiny voice: "Lend me \$20 please? I'll pay it back next week."
Doctor: "How strange."
Guy: "That's nothing. Put your ear next to my left knee."
The doctor obeys & hears a tiny voice: "Lend me \$10 please? I'll pay it back next week."
Doctor: "Well that's just weird!"
Guy: "Now listen to my left ankle."
The doctor obeys again & hears the tiny voice: "Lend me \$5 please? I'll pay it back next week, honest I will."
The doctor is totally shocked & says he'll consult his colleagues & medical journals.

An hour later, he returns & says: "We've assessed the situation, but all we can determine is that your leg is BROKE IN THREE PLACES" *Bill* 😂



Bruce Thens 7th Bernice Althouse 17th
Sue Martin 15th Lauren Buchman 24th
Eleanor Ottolini 16th

If you have a April birthday and are not listed, let the office know.
If you feel you have been born in April by mistake, we will assign a different month. Unfortunately, birth YEARS cannot be reassigned.

Focus on Our Family

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



The unfortunate victim for April's newsletter required no convincing or arm twisting to agree to this media exposure...perhaps all the fame and fortune of previous victims lured her in. Dee Ann Kohlhaas (two 2 A's are better than one right?) was born on a dark and windy night on August 18th to Midge and Dick Kohlhaas (although Midge did most of the work). They were living in Highland Park, PA at that time. Dee's Parents were founding members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in that area. (Camp Hill)

She graduated from Cedar Cliff high school in 1962 and was voted the "coolest West Shore Girl 5 years in a row". Dee's house always had pets: dogs, a canary, hamsters, turtles, a ring snake...(yeah, and cats too 😞) She was lucky enough to spend her summers at a lakeside resort her father built by Lake Laurel. It was very exclusive. So exclusive, in fact, that only the Kohlhaas family was able to use the property. It was a log cabin; it may have looked like this:



The lake was very popular and people came from miles around. Here you can see people in their innertubes enjoying the cool water. Later in life, Dee and her husband spent their summers there with their children, Jessica &

Seth, and their pets. The canary and the snake were not impressed.

Dee graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a BS Home Economics. This was a wise choice since there was no Pennsylvania University of Indiana. After graduating she met and married Bruce Perry. They

moved to Lancaster and both became teachers. Though Dee and Bruce did not travel extensively, they did go on a Viking Riverboat Cruise. It was not what they thought it would be...didn't even have WiFi available!



(the beverage package was awesome)

Dee seen here.

Dee enjoys quilting and cardmaking, and of course, she is a member of our quilting ministry here at St. Paul. After taking a quilting class, in Soho, New York, in 1979, she has been quilting ever since.

Activities here at St. Paul have included teaching Sunday school, ushering, working on the funeral luncheon team, and serving as Altar guild chairperson. She has very much enjoyed working with friends here at church.

One interesting thing many might not know, is that, for years, she went to the Finger Lakes in New York with her quilting group. After hauling sewing machines, an arsenal of scissors, and tons of fabric to New York, their emphasis was to avoid cooking and concentrate on quilting. Take out anyone?

She and Bruce have 6 grandchildren ages 15-23. She tells us there are 3 girls and 3 boys, and that are delightful. She is probably biased, so we will need a third disinterested party to confirm "delightful". Seth and Tiffanie have 4 children and Jessica and Jim have 2.

A most unusual thing about Dee was her first summer job after graduating. She was a tour guide for the state capitol. She took tourists into the senate and house of representatives. If the group was interested enough, she took them to the supreme court. Fun and educational.

Glad your with us Dee!



Finance, Finance, Finance

February Finance Update:

Giving Income	\$17,856.00
Other Income	\$ 0.00
February Expenses	\$18,042.00
February Net Income	\$- 186.00



Musical Humour

A young child says to his mother, "Mom, when I grow up, I'd like to be a musician." She replies, "Well honey, you know you can't do both."

Q: What's the difference between terrorists and accordion players?

A: Terrorists have sympathizers.

Q: How can you tell if a violist is playing out of tune?

A: You can see the bow moving.

Q: Why are violist's fingers like lightning?

A: They rarely strike the same place twice

Bill 😂

Beimesderfer Scholarship Fund

Income generated in 2023 from the Beimesderfer Scholarship Fund amounted to \$2,780.46. This is available to individuals pursuing a course of study leading to a full time church vocation within the ELCA. Income generated in 2023 from the endowment fund amounted to \$3,348.95. It will be distributed in the following areas:

- Church leadership training
- Community or regional outreach programs
- Churchwide efforts

For more information, contact Carol Heintzeman.

What Goes Up.....

Had to come down...our trellis that is. Most of it was eaten by ungrateful, hungry, anti-social, nasty carpenter bees with violent tendencies. Much of it was rotted as well. Property committee was concerned that it could collapse at some point and possibly hurt someone...which would be a real downer. Shown here is Mike Mull (baseball cap) and company conversing on the



finer points of gravity, rot, fishing lures, and bees.



(above) A short word of prayer seemed only appropriate before installing this piece of "1 by" material.

(left) Clearly looking "naked" but much more "open". We will all miss the bees! (not)

Thank you to Property Committee!

A Tasty Fellowship Meeting

An outing to El Serrano was held and well attended. Here are two poor photographs (I need to figure out my settings, there are a hundred options, and I know 2 of them!) This was the serious end of the table where



everyone was on their best behavior (even Greg) since they were sitting with the pastor. No one wanted to get in trouble and get called into his office later in the week. Keri, however, has immunity.



Here is the party end of the table. Karen is seen here giving “the look” at Dave Ellenberg for having too much fun. Will he ever behave? Dave says “no... probably not”.

Missing in the pictures are the Dierolfs, who were next to and across from Bill, therefore too close to fit in the pictures, and the Syltes who came late and the later picture did not turn out well at all. Bill will work on the photography end of things to get better.

Mais attends, il y a plus.

Thank you Google for that wonderful translation. Although there is really no way to translate this back to English, from French, it roughly translates to “But Wait, There’s More”. Why French? Fellowship Folks descended upon Lancaster’s Bistro Barberet and Bakery (very French) for a Prix Fixe meal (also French) during Lancaster’s restaurant week. (not French)



Here is the executive table with the Syltes lightening the mood. Ken regaled the ladies with stories of the 937 restaurants he visited while abroad. I don’t think he had time to finish.
Next, the fun table:



Denny, caught off-guard trying to muster a smile, Karen happy because she had a gift card, Loren talking about his garden, and Maureen translating everything into French.



And finally the pastor’s table (kind of like the Captain’s table on Love Boat) Give Denny dessert and he smiles.

Flowers



Get ready for Spring: Mud, Mothers' Day, and our great, spectacular, annual FLOWER SALE. This year, pick up will be on Friday, May, 10th. Stock up for Mothers' Day! Start planning your gardens today! As always, the benefits from this will go to support our ministry to the Haitian orphanage.

A Loft Event for All

SAVE THE DATE!

A Garden Luncheon Fundraiser
Benefiting the Loft Community Partnership

Saturday, May 18th

11:00 - 1:00

Premiere farm-to-table fare (al fresco!)

live music, online auction,

impact stories, vision casting, and

many more surprises!

Tickets available soon.

Lutheranism

You Know You're a Lutheran If:

- a midlife crisis means switching from an old hymnbook to the new one.
- in response to a visitor jumping up and shouting "Praise the Lord!", you politely remind him or her that we don't do that around here
- you think a meeting isn't legitimate unless it's at least three hours long.
- you hear something really funny in church and smile as loud as you can.
- it takes 10 minutes to say good-bye to the pastor after the service
- your church library has at least three Jell-O cookbooks

*A History lesson: Adam blamed Eve.
Eve Blamed the snake.
The snake didn't have a leg to stand on!*

Ha, ha,
very funny



Fellowship Event Cancelled

There were plans of going to the new restaurant on the moon. The food is out of this world.....but unfortunately, it has no atmosphere

Bill 😂

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus said: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." (John 3:14-15)

From the Greek, we are to understand, "lifted up" to mean both elevated and exalted. We are then to understand that this passage does not just speak of Jesus being elevated on a cross. John is indicating that this "lifting up" is an exultation that includes the resurrection and the ascension of our Lord. Jesus is not just "exulted" on the cross but that Jesus us also "lifted up" or exalted in the resurrection and ascension. This
(more on pg. 14)



APRIL FOOLS!

Certainly we Americans think we're "all that" when it comes to partying and celebrations, especially if there's beer, even if it's green, but we must realize that others may use April 1st for purposes other than pranking the ones you love. What else is celebrated on April 1st? Here ya go:

- Assyrian New Year-Hallmark does NOT have a card for this. (I checked)
- Dyngus Day April 1, 2024 (The Monday After Easter) Historically a Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the often restrictive observance of lent and the joy of Easter. Over the decades, Dyngus Day has become a wonderful holiday to celebrate Polish-American culture, heritage, and traditions. (ask for a Golumpki recipe)



Dyngus Day parade in Buffalo, NY

- International Fun at Work Day - April 1, 2024 (April 1st, unless it falls on weekend, then the first Thursday in April)
- National Jump in Muddy Puddles Day
- National Love For Our Children Day
- National Sourdough Bread Day
- National Trombone Players Day
- Tater Day (Sweet Potatoes)
- National One Cent Day-celebrates the penny! It has been around a long time and it's used in several countries. It's typically the smallest form of currency. The origins are from the Carolingian (the first of three medieval renaissances) denarius. The word "penny" first appeared up in 1394 Scots text.

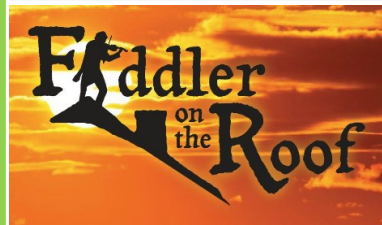


$$70.5y^{(RMD)} \xrightarrow{QCD} \text{St. Paul} = \text{IRS}$$

Don't you just love the new math? This expression can be easily explained in just a few hours...but here's the short version.

- 70.5y= an age of 70½ years
 - RMD = Required Minimum Distribution
 - QCD= Qualified Charitable Distribution
 - St. Paul = St. Paul
 - And the most beautiful symbol ~~IRS~~=NO Internal Revenue Service
- A benefit to being turning than 70½ is that you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to a qualified nonprofit organization, such as your church. (St. Paul) The QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution but it is not taxable. ~~IRS~~ Inform your financial advisor or the institution which usually sends you your RMD check that you would like to send the money directly to your church or other charity. (St. Paul) Your advisor will send the check payable to the church/charity. If you need information from the church, please call the office. You may count this donation toward your annual pledge; it doesn't matter what time of the year it is sent. Sending it this way means that you will not pay tax on the money you usually receive in your RMD check – that's a WIN!

Fellowship Indoor Outing Slated



- Put this date in your phone: June 2
- Add daily reminders until then.
- Where: Lancaster Bible College
901 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA, 17601
- When: 2-430pm
- Why: Because it's fun.
- How: Do you even need to ask, there'll be a sign up sheet. Woo Hoo!
- How Much \$\$\$ - Pay as you may, no set fee
- Parking? - Plenty in a big lot
- Rides available? - Of course
- Handicapped accessible? - You bet.
- Should I come early? Yes, 30 minutes.
- Questions? - Call or see Bill 717-872-7392

From the Pastor's Desk cont'd

is what makes Easter more than just a “long” worship service on an appointed Sunday morning or a season that lasts for seven Sundays after glorious Day of our Lord's Resurrection. The greatest and oldest of the feast days, within the Holy Christian Church, is the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ or Easter Sunday as it is most commonly known. And we prepare for this Eastertide with our fasting, devotions, and alms giving during the season of Lent along with the special ceremonies of the Paschaltide we know as Holy Week that leads up to the glorious Easter morning.

This one event that is celebrated on Easter Sunday morning, Jesus exulted in his death, resurrection, and later, his ascension, will be celebrated for fifty days. This is the central event of our Christian faith. It is the core of the preaching within the Christian church and it is the central reason for the church's liturgy. It is the heart of our Holy Eucharist along with our prayers and our prayer offices morning and evening. It is also what we are Baptized into. Simply put, it is why we gather as the church, it is why we pray, and it defines us as Christians. In our worship during these fifty days of the Eastertide, Jesus Christ is lifted or exulted on the cross, in the resurrection, and at the ascension making it one celebrated event we know as the Eastertide and each exultation is incomplete without the other.

The term Eastertide is another term used that simply refers to the Easter season that lasts for fifty days. Why fifty days? After the exultation of the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he was exalted again, or ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.

The fifty days of the Eastertide is also the time we greet one another with a salutation, “Christ is risen!” and our response is, “He is risen, indeed!” Within this salutation we recall, we celebrate, and we proclaim the very essence of our faith as well as the very reason we are the church... Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



April Sponsors & Volunteers

April	Bulletin Sponsors	Sunday School Teach-
April-7	Lori & Jim Dierolf	Pr. Kopp & Sue Swartz
April-14	None	Sue Swartz
April-21	None	Sue Swartz
April 28	None	Sue Swartz

April Flowers	Vase 1	Vase 2
April-7	Dolores Garrett	X
April-14	X	X
April-21	Dee Perry	Sherry Symonds
April 28	Bev Arnold	X
	(Note: April flowers bring Mayflowers)	

April Ushers	1	2	3	4
April-7	Lori Dierolf	Jim Dierolf	Doris Shank	Bill Shank
April-14	Gail Miller	Lauren Buchmann	Bill Engle	Evan Schwebel
April-21	Jo Harris	Dave Harris	Lois Detz	John Detz
April 28	Anita Roma	Karen Napier	Pat Heffner	Denny Herr

April	Lay Reader	Assistant
April-7	Linda Hampton	Sue Ellenberg
April-14	Greg Lashley	
April-21	Suzanne Herr	Lauren Buchmann
April 28	Carol Heintzelman	

LOFT Event



As Loft continues to grow, they are sponsoring gardening classes to their clients who have expressed an interest. Penn State Extension Master Gardner Christa Shoreman will be assisting Loft clients as they reach for the knowledge to grow their own fresh food garden. Loft

needs some volunteers to assist behind the scenes to make this class accessible and enjoyable. There is more information and a signup sheet (of course) in the narthex. (SSC)

On a Related Note



Under the fearless direction of Starr Brubaker, our senior center seniors will be planting a garden here on the church grounds. There will be special adaptations to make it easily accessible so they won't have to crawl around on the ground. (LITTLE KNOWN FACT: SENIORS LOVE TO DIG IN DIRT, BUT FEW ENJOY CRAWLING AROUND ON THE GROUND)

Our senior center is a very active place with lots of fun, food, games, and activities. But there's more. 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

One more for the Road?

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street, but cannot reach it. So, the pastor walks across and rings the doorbell for him. Then, the pastor smiles and asks, "And what now?" The boy replies, "Run!" (too close to home?)