

St. Paul's Letter

May 2024

*Thank you God...for Moms and those
who give motherly care.*



St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Did you notice a new feature in the newsletter that started last month? Hidden in every excitement packed edition is our old friend Waldo. Can you find him?



May

Joan Harrold 2nd

Shelia Kahler 3rd

Donald Horn 4th

Kate Harrold 5th

Barry Leed 6th

Sharon Engle 7th

Dan Kahler 12th

Cy Fritz 15th

Bill Kahler 15th

Bill Engle 19th

John Evanko 24th

Celeste Brooks 29th

Katie Martin 29th



If anyone has an May Birthday that is not listed, let the office know and it will be added to the list! If you feel you have been born in May by mistake, we MAY 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!



Some people shake their heads and wonder how these two people ever became a couple; Sue and Dave Ellenberg. Let's look a bit further!

David B. Ellenberg was married to Susan K. Salsbury on the afternoon of November 8, 1986. This was a second marriage blessed by their pastor for, as he put it...this second marriage may last about five years.

Their reception was held at the historic Rockford Plantation Barn in Lancaster County Central Park on a cold rainy evening. It was lovely inside, but the caterer was stuck in the mud, Sue's car, driven by her niece had dropped a clutch, and her brother was called away for a business problem, and his family also had to leave before the festivities! Oh, and the reservations and Colonial Williamsburg honeymoon papers were left in Sue's car at Rockford Plantation in Lancaster! So, you see, we started off well!

Through the 38 years of marriage, the family of Dave's three daughters and Sue's daughter and son have blended as a unique family. Not that it has been easy, but we agreed to agree about the "kids". When problems arose, communication and trust were the key tools with the "kids" and their other sets of parents. There never was a dull moment in the family, even to the present day!

Sue is a farm girl from Wyoming County, PA. She is an introvert and detail oriented to a very cautious degree. She is quiet most of the time until her dander really gets up! Then, as the "kids" say, "Stay out of her way!" Sue is a teacher and a researcher who digs for details, loves to read books, and do various outdoor needlework projects. She finds great satisfaction weeding flower beds, because that is where she figures out a problem, finds solace, and renews her spirit.

Dave is the extrovert, born in Phila. and raised in Lancaster City. He talks to

everyone in the grocery store, on the street, and anywhere he meets people. He loves to entertain and is usually an easy-going, and happy person. He is a forward thinker and a generalist, who expects others to help fill in the appropriate details. He has a “sink or swim” method to his madness. He makes a fine mentor! He is not a fussy person providing things get done in a timely manner and appropriately.

Occasionally, these two people of opposite personalities, the generalist and the detail-oriented individual will butt heads. Ellenberg’s best tool to use is communication! It is not easy, but we both have opinions, and they will clash at times.

But these two opposites attract because they are bonded by trust, love of family, respect for education, and joined by God! Both have graduated from college with degrees in education; he graduated from Salem College in West Virginia, and she graduated from Millersville University. Both taught in classrooms, he in High School English and she taught in elementary and middle school. Sue played trumpet and French horn in concert band and Dave managed a band in college.

Both worked for Phila. Electric Company, PECO, where we met. Dave was the Director of Recreation at Muddy Run Recreation park and 15 recreation facilities on the Susquehanna River. Sue was a member of the education team teaching environmental and energy education for all the school field trippers in the Park. That education team won “Take Pride In PA” and “Take Pride in America” Awards for PECO. Dave was presented the awards, by our Governor at the Capitol and the President in the White House Rose Garden. PECO had the honor to be the first Public Utility to receive state funding for Project ENTICE, a Title 501- C- 3 grant, written by Sue, concerning teaching beyond the classroom. Teachers developed outdoor lesson plans and the PECO staff facilitated teaching during the class field trips.

Traveling to view other cultures has been on our bucket lists. Sue began traveling with a trip to Moscow, Russia. A fascinating adventure! Sue helped to take 1 and a half tons of medical equipment and medicine to the Moscow Children’s Hospital! Then, on to England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland! There’s a story about the Blarney Stone! Dave loves our trips to Aruba, various islands, Disney World and “Chill Weekends” with friends and family.

Truly, God has brought this “opposites attract” couple together! We cherish our times together with our children, 8 grandchildren, friends, and serving with our St. Paul Congregation. We enjoy being involved, making new friends, and serving our God. We are blessed!!

By: Sue Ellenberg

Finance, Finance, Finance

March Finance Update:

Giving Income	\$15,815.00
Other Income	\$ 8,257.50
March Expenses	\$21,425.95
March Net Income	\$ 2,646.55



Hilariocity

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill." *Bill* 😂

Oh, Mother!

Proverbs 139:13-16 tells us that while God created us, he did so in our mother's womb. Mothers are special. They create life and make sacrifices for their children every day.

A mother's love for her own children is unconditional and never-ending.



We will be celebrating Mother's Day on Mother's Day with a Mother's Day Brunch. To that end, we have set in motion the requisite requests, approvals, and a design team to provide for all, A SIGN UP SHEET!
Look for it in a narthex near you.

Eggzactly Right!

The young 'uns enjoyed the annual Easter morning egg hunt in the beautiful weather we had. Pictured here is Elaina with a big smile. However, there is more here than meets the eye in this picture. Elaina and her brother, Conner, both came prepared with large baskets in which to make their haul! Below is one of the youngest with grandpa keeping watch. Can



you identify him? Here's a hint: he was the only one there who was sun burned. (note Brady in the background with 2 full bags of eggs/candy. Some kids

(right) were organized enough to have arranged for transportation of the loot. Parents are seen here receiving their payloads to carry.



The sun-burned man fleeing the scene is non other than Roger Webster! He was stopped for a comment regarding the egg hunt but couldn't talk with his mouth full. Yes, that's right, his precious granddaughter is missing some candy. She is obviously upset about it. Shame Roger, Shame. (apologies for the lack of pictures, by the time I came down from the balcony the egg hunt was all but over! B)

An Amazing Transformation

On Maundy Thursday, the altar and chancel area was stripped of all adornment. Candles were removed, offering plates, everything was removed leaving the area looking quite somber and bare.

Pastor Kopp completed chanting Psalm 22 with a beautiful but haunting psalm tone. We left the darkened sanctuary in reverent silence.

On Easter morning, we were greeted with the amazing, refreshing aroma of hyacinths, the bright white paraments, the beautiful lilies and other flowers, and even blessed with a sunbeam shining through the stained glass window. (Bottom right of the altar) Thank you to the Altar Guild, Linda Hampton, Pr. Kopp, fellow-



ship Committee, and everyone else behind the scenes who worked and contributed to make this Easter an amazing celebration.

*He is
Risen
Indeed*

Post Halleluia Pig Out

Following our traditional singing of the Halleluia chorus, we descended to Fellowship Hall and enjoyed fellowship and brunch, but not in that order. (yes, that's right, the Halleluia chorus is NOT a Christmas piece, it is an

Easter piece. I'm sure George was happy). A good time was had by all, and for those who had the champagne punch, perhaps a slightly better time was had.



The buffet line. Although everyone was asked to look up for the picture, deserts are hard to look away from.

Below: The Detzes, Kahlers...



and Frank, enjoying a quick nap.



(more on pg. 12)

Flowers



The Annual Flower sale is upon us. If you haven't already placed your order, you have until May 5th to get it in! This year, pick up will be on Friday, May, 10th and Sunday, May 12th. Proceeds benefit the Haitian Orphanage/school we help support. (info on the Welcome Table)

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 are \$30 each.
The deadline is May 5th

Navigate to:

www.loftcommunitypartnership.org/

Lutheranism

A question that has been plaguing congregations for centuries needs to be answered as honestly and accurately as possible; how many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? Here are the requirements:



- A committee to discuss and draft a recommendation to council- **4**
- Church Council to receive and vote on the recommendation - **12**
- Church Secretary to make signup sheet for volunteers to change the bulb. - **1**
- Someone to procure the bulb -**1**
- Pastor needed for the blessing of the ladder & the new bulb -**1**
- Property committee, using the buddy system for safety, to oversee the volunteers installing the bulb - **2**
- Someone to document the event on paper - **1**
- Someone to take pictures - **1**
- Someone to catalog and label the old bulb so that it is properly cross referenced to the documentation - **1**
- Someone to preserve the physical remains of the old bulb for the historical record - **1**
- Someone to create a blurb about it for the Annual Report. - **1**

In summary, it seems there is a minimum of **26** people involved. As congregations differ, this number may need adjustment. Three variables not included in this extensive research include:

1. The possibility of the Fellowship Committee planning a covered dish reception celebrating the retirement of the old bulb and the installation of the new bulb. (Lori?)
2. A Lighting Policy Committee to investigate and satisfy the illumination requirements established by the founders 172 years ago.
3. A parallel universe where someone from property committee gets a bulb and sticks it in, then throws the old one away - therefore requiring only 1 person...like that would ever happen.

Musical Humour

Q: Why do some people have an instant aversion to banjo players?

A: It saves time in the long run.

Q: What's the definition of a minor second interval?

A: Two Sax players reading off the same part.

Saxophone Player: "Did you hear my last recital?"

Friend: "Boy, I hope so."

Easter Brunch (cont'd)



The Dierrolfs showing great restraint, Pr. Kopp, not so much. His unspiked punch in the translucent cup was probably a ruse and filled (and refilled, and refilled) with the champagne punch. Gotta love him!



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smiling

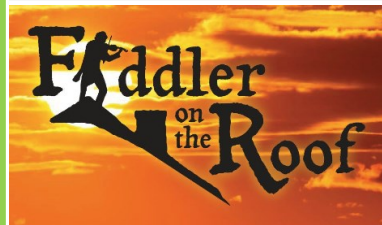
Make a Joyful Noise!

Choir members seen assembling for a pre-service rehearsal. The choir has been practicing tirelessly for months preparing for Holy Week. Ok, re-rehearsing for weeks. The choir is dedicated and, with limited numbers, provides their musical offerings to enhance our worship, and this past Holy Week was no exception. Thank you Lucy for your work selecting



and rehearsing music. In the foreground, mothers-in-law, Lori and Karen, ready to take on the world, but more importantly, sing those high notes!

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

A Simple “Thank You” Falls Short

As we recognize Memorial Day this May 27th, we might take a moment to reflect on how lucky we are to have women and men who put themselves in harm’s way to protect and serve our country and who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Moreover, we may also recognize the sacrifice their parents have made that will last their lifetime.

Identifying the remains of Pearl Harbor, and other casualties continues as technology improves. Recently, remains have been identified as belonging to David Walker, a 19-year-old mess attendant third class from Norfolk, Va. He was serving on the U.S.S. California. Ms. Cheryle Stone, 70, was identified as Mr. Walker’s next of kin. Ms. Stone, who lives in **Pennsylvania**, said that Mr. Walker was a

cousin who died long before she was born. She immediately thought about his mother, she said in an interview, and how hard it must have been for her to not know what had happened to her son for all those years. A marker signifying that he has been accounted was placed next to his name on the Walls of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. (pictured right) In some other cases, identified remains are laid to rest in Arlington cemetery with full honors.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an historic monument dedicated to U.S. service members whose remains have not yet been identified.



May Sponsors & Volunteers

May	Bulletin Sponsors	Sunday School Teach-
May-5	Frank Witmer	Linda Hampton
May-12	Doris & Bill Shank	(Brunch)
May-19		Linda Hampton
May 26	Dee Perry	Pr. Kopp

May Flowers	Vase 1	Vase 2
May-5	Carol Heintzelman	Carol Heintzelman
May-12	Doris & Bill Shank	Doris & Bill Shank
May-19	Lois & John Detz	Sue & Dave Ellenberg
May 26	David Sykes	David Sykes

May Ushers	1	2	3	4
May-5	Sue Ellenberg	Dave Ellenberg	Holly Freas-Webster	Betty Bringman
May-12	Jan Sylte	Ray Sylte	Tom Brooks	Dee Perry
May-19	Suzanne Herr	Denny Herr	Sue Ellenberg	Dave Ellenberg
May 26	Sylvia Lashley	Greg Lashley	Dick Shipman	Frank Witmer

May	Lay Reader	Assistant
May-5	Linda Hampton	
May-12	Frank Witmer	Lauren Buchmann
May-19	Bill Engle	
May 26	Carol Heintzelman	

The date for Vacation Bible School has been set in stone, and I can hardly contain myself. The excitement is overwhelming. I am hoping that my exuberance is contagious and you all get excited about VBS as well. I would not even consider scheduling my vacation during that time since the fun and games here will certainly surpass whatever it is you would have planned. Save the date!
Sigh



August 11 thru 15
An Awesome PIZZA truck
Hot Dogs
& maybe even
entertainment!

Time for a Tune-Up

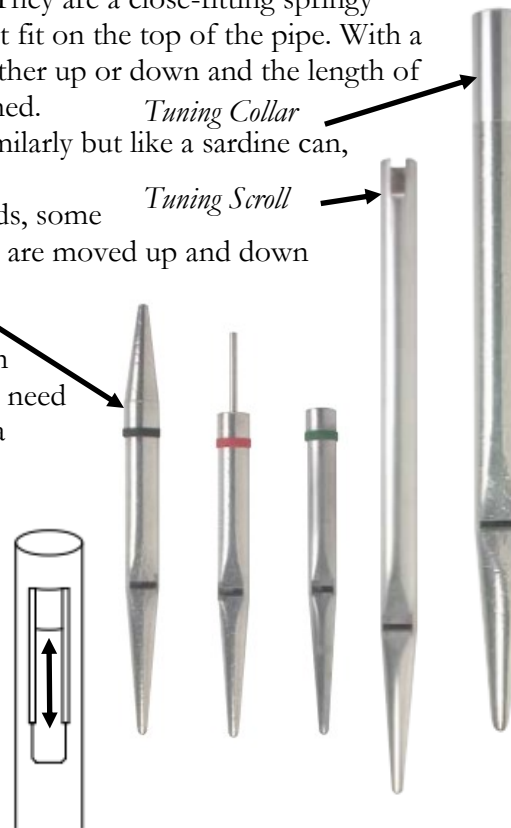
Think back to last October. A chill in the air and a homecoming parade passing by you. The star of the show is still a few blocks away, but you can hear it coming. The out-of-tuneness makes you cross-eyed for a while and you might even develop a tic as the calliope approaches, passes, and disappears out of sight. These are some of the side effects of listening to an out-of-tune organ...that is why we tune our organ at least once a year. Tuning an organ is nothing like tuning a piano, it can be equally art and science...but I will only address the mechanics of tuning the pipes here. Mechanically, it is all a matter of making the pipe or the vibrating tongue longer or shorter. Making it longer causes the pitch go down, or lower, or flatter...they all mean the same thing. Making it shorter causes the pitch to go up, or higher, or sharper. Depending on how the pipe is made, various techniques are used to tune the pipe. The simplest method is something called, ironically, tuning collars. They are a close-fitting springy

coke-tin or aluminum collars that fit on the top of the pipe. With a special tool you tap that collar either up or down and the length of the pipe is lengthened or shortened.

A tuning scroll is also utilized similarly but like a sardine can, you roll the scroll up or down. Some pipes have slightly open lids, some have closed lids, either way, they are moved up and down. These are often called caps.

They have a layer of felt on them to help hold them tightly in place as they are a bit heavy, and need more friction. Some pipes have a Tuning slide built into them that is actually a little sliding door that is mounted over a slot that enables the functional length of the pipe to be made longer or shorter.

Tuning Slide



We will continue with more fascinating tuning information in July.

(unless there is a bunch of threats and stuff, then I'll stop)

The Power of Prayer

This story comes from a Christian social media platform from 6 years ago. It was difficult finding an example of the power of prayer in a short form.

“My nephew was born with no heartbeat. The doctors had no idea what happened; everything had been going normally. But once they cut the cord, he took a major dive.

He was dead for 29 minutes before they finally got a heartbeat. They told us that he was unlikely to survive after so long with no oxygen to the brain. Even if he did, he probably couldn't survive away from the ventilator. Even if he did, he'd have major issues and probably never walk or talk.

My family prayed harder than ever. Just threw ourselves before God, knowing we were unworthy to ask anything of Him but knowing that this baby is innocent.

Long story short, he opened his eyes and responded to his mother's voice the next day. All tests are coming back normal. He is now, 12 days later, a completely normal and healthy child. The doctors are totally baffled. They literally have no idea how he is alive. All I can say is that God is good. I never doubted for one second He could heal that baby. I'm so grateful!”

Hopefully the story is inspirational. Somehow, somewhere along the line, our prayer list disappeared from the newsletter. We are happy to say, it is back.

Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Mary “Peanut” Lambert
Bruce Thens
Gail Gilday
Marilyn Homsher
Dorothy Bender
Ann Nagle
Mary Ann Oren
Marion Trimble
Carl & Peggy Bruce
Bruce & Kay Cherry
Patty & Barry Leed
Eleanor Ottolini
Charles Scharnberger

Nancy Eberly
Peg Silin
Shirley & Howard
Shufflebottom

*Please contact
the office if you
would like to
add someone to
this list.*



A One, and a Two, and a Three.



May 26th we celebrate the Holy Trinity on Trinity Sunday. Around 829 AD Pope Gregory IX introduced Trinity Sunday as a Christian Festival that honored the Biblical belief of one God in three distinctive persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the early church was plagued by contrary views of what the Holy Trinity was, the

Holy Trinity was finally affirmed by Pope John XXII in 1334 as a Festival of the church year and as a doctrine of the church. Historically it was Tertullian, a writer and theologian from Carthage who was the first to use the word TRINITY, or trinitas (Latin – meaning three) or Trius (Greek – number of three) to describe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were ONE in essence. One hundred years later, the First Council of Nicea (325 AD) established the doctrine of the Trinity for the church as orthodox. Our Nicene Creed also originated and was adopted from this council and remains a part of our worship today. Our belief that we worship a TRIUNE God (literally “three as one”) is fundamental to the Christian faith because it helps our understanding as to what God is like, how he relates to us, and how we should relate to him. We relate to the trinity in names like “The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” or sometimes as the “Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.” In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commissions us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” And in his letter to the Corinthian church, the Apostle Paul offers them his benediction “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Even though the word “Trinity” does not appear in scripture, The Trinity is the doctrine that states there is one God in three Persons.

Kids, Kids, More Kids, and Also Children

Easter Morning we were blessed with many young folks attending worship. On the left of the picture you can see, next to McKenzie, Brady peeking out from behind the pulpit. Unfortunately, out of frame to the right, are acolytes Samatha and Connor. (Blame the photographer sitting at the organ console...he's working on it.)



Pr. Kopp giving the children's sermon.

Children are the future of our church, keep 'em coming!
Bring them whenever you can.

One more for the Road?

A pastor went to visit an elderly member in the hospital. As he was sitting there talking with her, he noticed a bowl of peanuts. He began to eat them. Soon it was time for the pastor to leave. When he got up he realized he had eaten all of her peanuts. He apologized for eating all of her peanuts. She replied "That's okay pastor, I already sucked all of the chocolate off of them." *Bill* 😂