

St. Paul's Letter

June 2025



**Beginning the
Season of Pentecost**



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025

Committee Liaison

Rev. Mark Kopp, Pastor

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Dave Ellenberg, Pres.

Mutual Ministry

Sylvia Lashley

Fellowship

David Sykes

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Tim Brooks

???

Dee Perry

Worship & Music

Michele Carpenter*

???

Bruce Hampton

Property

Sue Swartz

Children's Ministry

Linda Hiney

Finance

Mike Althouse,
(non-voting)

Finance

Treasurer

*Recording Secretary

Other Contacts

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m.-Worship & Holy Communion

Our Staff

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Mark Kopp
pastorkopp@stpaulmillersville.org

Pastor David Fisher: Pastor Emeritus

Dave Ellenberg: Church Council President

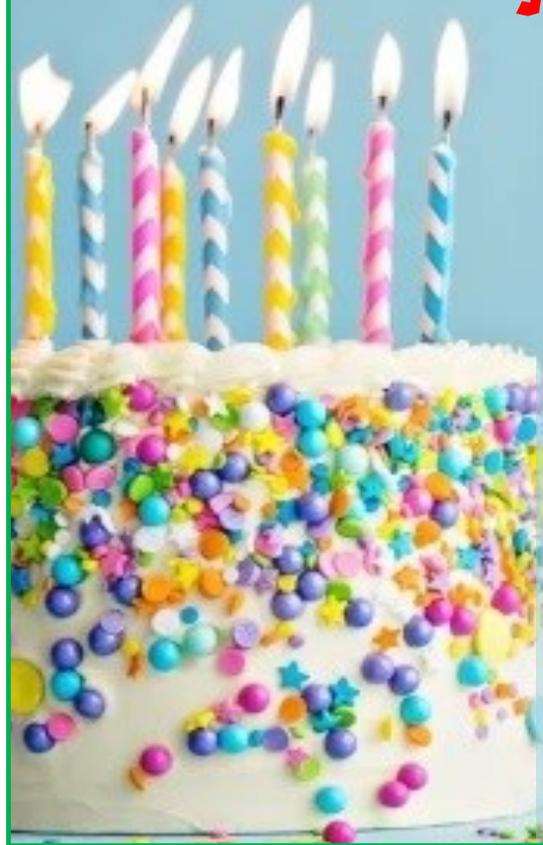
Lucy Esbenshade: Choir Director

Cathy Regitz: Sexton

Church Office Hours: M-F 8:00 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

Email: office@stpaulmillersville.org

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Patty Leed 1st

Doris Shank 5th

Denny Herr 8th

Elise Klingaman 10th

Charles Scharnberger 14th

Robert Wismer 18th

Dave Harris 21st

Bruce Hampton 21st

Sherry Symonds 24th

Patricia Hess 28th

In a continuing effort of have our church database as accurate as possible, birthday data is being addressed. PLEASE, if your June birthday is missing from this list, let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Helping Hands

June	1	8	15	22	29
Bulletins	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	Carol Heintzelman
Sunday School	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Flowers Vase 1	Beth Defeo ↓ and ↓ David Sykes	Gail Miller	Mary & Cy Fritz	Cathy Trissel	Carol Heintzelman
Flowers Vase 2		Sherry Symonds	Mary & Cy Fritz	Cathy Trissel	Sherry Symonds
Usher 1	Lois Detz	Dick Shipman	Karen Napier	Dick Shipman	Lois Detz
Usher 2	John Detz	Anita Roma	Dee Perry	Pat Heffner	John Detz
Usher 3	Doris Shank	Joanne Harris	Holly Freas-Webster	Janis Sylte	Sylvia Lashley
Usher 4	Bill Shank	Dave Harris	Denny Herr	Ray Sylte	Greg Lashley
Altar Guild 1	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler
Altar Guild 2	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Ellenberg
Lector	???	Bruce Thens	Frank Witmer	Greg Lashley	Linda Hiney
Lay Assistant	Jim Dierolf	Jim Bernheisel	Lauren Buchmann	Jim Dierolf	Holly Freas-Webster

Bev's Bakers



June

- 1 Wanda Rockstroh
- 8 Denny Herr
- 15
- 22 Linda Hiney
- 29



Finance, Finance, Finance

April Update:

Giving Income	\$ 17,397
Other Income	\$ 1,474
Expenses	\$ 18,757
Surplus	\$ 114



June Worship Schedule

- 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter
- 8 Pentecost Sunday
- 15 Trinity Sunday
- 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost
- 29 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—Healing service

If you would like something included in the newsletter, please let the office know. There is almost always room to squeeze something in. If there is something you are curious about and believe the congregation might be interested...please let the office know...the search for content is continuous.

A Concert Awaits



On June 29th, at 2:30pm we will be hosting the Lancaster AARP chorus! This choir has been singing for seniors and nursing homes since 1983! They will present a varied program including patriotic works and Irving Berlin. The artistic director and accompanist is Phyllis Strittmater, and the co-conductors are **LUCY ESBENSHADE** and Phyllis Miller. Everyone is invited, so, sadly, there will be no signup sheet. A free will offering will be taken.

So, Irving Berlin

While we are on the topic of music and Irving Berlin, here is some more information about him.

Irving Berlin was born Israel Baline in the town of Tyumen in Siberia, Russia. (go to Екатеринбург and hang a left) The Baline family fled anti-Jewish mobs that had destroyed their home and emigrated to USA settling in the Lower East Side of NYC. His father died when he was eight, and “Izzy” went to work selling newspapers to help support his family. As a young teen, he began singing in saloons and taught himself piano. He developed an incredible instinct for creating popular tunes that people loved to sing. A printing error on sheet music left him with the name Irving Berlin. In 1911, he wrote his first huge dance hit, “Alexander’s Ragtime Band.” He wrote stage musicals and film scores, and produced hit after hit.



In 1938, Kate Smith, “The First Lady of Radio”, asked Berlin for a new song to mark the 20th anniversary of the end of WWI. Berlin had composer’s block. Then he remembered a song he had drafted 20 years earlier as a draftee-sergeant in the army. He pulled out an old trunk and dusted off the 20-year-old manuscript: God Bless America. Kate’s performance of God Bless America ele-

vated Irving's career to superstar status. Years later, racial and political tensions abounded and the Vietnam war raged on with protests occurring daily. These tensions found their way into sporting events as playing the national anthem was controversial. In 1969 The Philadelphia Flyers Hockey team vice-president wanted to address this. Eventually, finding an old recording of Kate's God Bless America, he played it before a game. The fans loved it and it ended a Flyers losing streak...and started a winning streak...so the recording continued as a tradition. In 1973 Kate appeared in person to sing. This was first of 4 times she personally sang for the Flyers.

Many of Berlin's songs are still sung today, including: "White Christmas," "Blue Skies," "Always," "There's No Business Like Show Business," and, of course, "God Bless America."

Regarding Fellowship Events



Events requiring tickets, such as movies, shows, or museums, must be paid in advance. We have had a problem with tickets being purchased, using the church VISA card, and funds collected for the event being less than the VISA bill. This means that the church is spending money it shouldn't be spending. That being said, Bill will be responsible for making sure that the funds for the event turned in to the treasurer equal the amount charged on the VISA. It is essential that the provided payment envelope, or some other non-offering envelope, be used to pay for events and that the payments go to the OFFICE, not the collection. This ensures the best accuracy. Bill will collect the funds and keep them secure until the deadline for the event, at which time the funds will be given to the counters and deposited. If you have signed up for an event and have not yet paid, you really have not signed up completely. IF you would like to go to an event and cannot afford it, please talk to Bill or Lori as there are avenues to ameliorate that situation. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. The Fellowship committee welcomes everyone to join in the fun. Come to the meetings and events, you might not regret it!

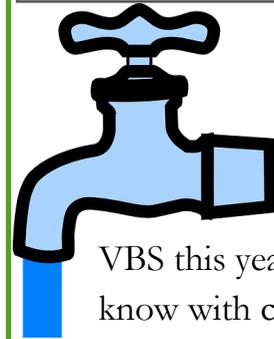


Come to the meetings, stay for the fun!

Please check the
narthex for signup sheets for
fellowship events. There are
often many opportunities awaiting... Like the Fa-
thers' Day Picnic.

Sign up soon.

2025 VBS



**WATER
WATER,
EVERYWHERE!**

VBS this year will be June 22-26. Please tell everyone you know with children that they are welcome to join us!

As is our tradition, there will be a closing night celebration picnic on Thursday night. The congregation is invited. Our VBS program is one of our outreach events. Please, come out and be a part of it. And, not to disappoint anyone, yes, there will be a signup sheet for the picnic...look for it.



Thank You

Dear St Paul family,

Pastor Kopp visited with me today which is always a real blessing. Today he brought a wonderful prayer shawl for me. I have never had one before and I am looking forward to using it. I wish I had adequate words to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the kindness and love extended to me every day. I am truly blessed and grateful to be a member of this family.

Sincerely,

Gail Gilday



Thank You

The word “thank” stems from the Latin word *tongere*. The root *tong-* means “think.” Loosely translated, the expression might read “I will remember what you have done for me.” English is not the only language where “thank you” derives from Latin roots.

Photo Directory

As you may have heard, we are restarting the effort to create a photo directory. Pictures will be taken before and after church.

We are hoping that there will be much more cooperation this time around without the need to hound people to have their picture taken. The photos will be taken in the Sunday School room that is in the hall by the elevator. At the time your



picture is taken, we will also be validating individual member information so the database is as accurate as possible. With that in mind, when you come, please have the following information available if possible. We realize that some of the information is ancient history and that exact dates are difficult to divine. In these cases, close enough is good enough. Here are the information fields we are looking to fill: (assuming we have your name)

Address

Birth Date

Home Phone

Baptism Date

Cell Phone

Marriage Date

Email address

Many have opted to remove their land-line. There are still many land-lines in the database. Many more than probably exist. So we will be looking at removing land-line numbers where appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Summer's Almost Here

While the choir is on hiatus for the summer, worship continues. That means giving back to God our Time, Talent, and Treasures. Musically, we are looking for time and talent. We need folks to volunteer to offer a song in worship. It is not difficult. You sing every Sunday in the pews, what would be so different singing from the balcony? It's a piece of cake and your fellow members rarely throw tomatoes.



You CAN sing. Please talk to Lucy or Bill if you would like offer something this summer.

Even if it is just a hymn, something new or an oldie but goodie. Stepping out of your comfort zone actually E X P A N D S your comfort zone.

A Note About Singing

Singing has numerous interesting and beneficial facts, including improved mood, enhanced memory, and increased lung capacity. It also stimulates the brain, reduces stress, and can even aid in sleep. Singing strengthens vocal muscles, helps with breathing, and boosts confidence.

Music engagement, whether through listening, learning to play an instrument, or singing, significantly impacts brain development by enhancing cognitive abilities and overall well-being. It stimulates various brain regions, creating a "cognitive symphony" of neural connections. Music training, particularly in early childhood, can accelerate brain development, especially in areas related to language, sound processing, and reading.

Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Gail Gilday
Marilyn Homsher
Ann Nagle
Mary Ann Oren
Marion Trimble
Peggy Bruce
Kay Cherry
Patty & Barry Leed
Eleanor Ottolini
Charles Scharnberger
Nancy Eberle
Peg Siglin

Shirley & Howard Shuffelbottom
Ruth Derby
Louise & Bob Diamond



*Please contact the
office if you would
like to add some-
one to this list.*

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The Rev. Mark S. Kopp, Pastor

Our mission statement:

**Called through the gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Paul Lutheran
Church seeks to hear and heed Christ's call to discipleship
through worship, learning, and serving the Millersville
Community with the love of God.**