

# St. Paul's Letter



November 2025



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

## CHURCH COUNCIL 2024-2025

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

## Our Staff

Preaching and Presiding Minister: Rev. Mark Kopp  
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Pastor David Fisher: Pastor Emeritus  
Bruce Hampton: Church Council President  
Lucy Esbenshade: Choir Director  
Cathy Regitz: Sexton

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# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Stephanie Dell'Estate 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dick Shipman 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Don Harrold 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Aaron Copland 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Holly Freas-Webster 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Lucy Esbenshade 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Gail Miller 24<sup>th</sup>**



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

# Helping Hands

<b>Novem-ber</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Bulletins</b>	Jody Kunzler	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Linda & Ralph Hiney	The Evanko Family	Celeste & Tim Brooks
<b>Sunday School</b>	Glenda Hurtt	Jody Kunzler	Karen Napier	Sue Swartz	Karen Napier
<b>Flowers Vase 1</b>	Doris & Bill Shank	Sherry Symonds	Cathy Regitz	Evanko Family	Peggy Bruce
<b>Flowers Vase 2</b>	Doris & Bill Shank	Carrie Henry	Cathy Regitz	Evanko Family	Lois & John Detz
<b>Usher 1</b>	Sue Swartz	Denny Herr	Sue Ellenberg	Bruce Thens	Sylvia Lashley
<b>Usher 2</b>	Mark Swartz	Dee Perry	Dave Ellenberg	Linda Hiney	Greg Lashley
<b>Usher 3</b>	Layla Swartz	Maureen Klingaman	Polly Irwin	Mike Althouse	Karen Napier
<b>Usher 4</b>	Brady Swartz	Loren Klingaman	Scott Irwin	Cathy Trissel	Frank Witmer
<b>Altar Guild 1</b>	Sandy Kreider	Sue Ellenberg	Sandy Kreider	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Ellenberg
<b>Altar Guild 2</b>	Sylvia Lashley	Jody Kunzler	Sylvia Lashley	Lori Dierolf	Jody Kunzler
<b>Lector</b>	Frank Witmer	Linda Hiney	Bill Engle	Holly Freas-Webster	Carol Heintzelman
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Holly Freas-Webster	Lauren Buchmann	Jim Bernheisel	Holly Freas-Webster	Jim Dierolf

# Bev's Bakers



## November

2	Sharon Engle
9	Maureen Klingaman
16	No one
23	No one
30	No one



## Finance, Finance, Finance

### September Update:

Giving Income	\$ 13,236
Other Income	\$ 652
Directed Fund Income	\$ 215
Expenses	\$ 18,518
Surplus/deficit	(\$ 4,414)



## November Schedule At A Glance

November 2	All Saints Sunday
November 9	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
November 16	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost
November 23	Christ the King Sunday
November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	Lector: Linda Hiney
	Lay Asst: Barb Sensenig
November 30	First Sunday of Advent

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.

## I Love a Parade! (and yard sale)

The annual Millersville parade was held on October 4th this year. We had at least 20 St. Paul members at the church helping to make our efforts successful. Thank you all so much!

A perennial favorite for so many is the hot dog stand! Here you see Dave handing out a hotdog to one of the parade goers.



John, our Resident Chef du Weiner, is proud of his protégé, Pastor Kopp, who is flying solo in this picture. (We're so proud of him too)

Our ladies of liquid refreshments were doling out coffee, hot chocolate, and sodas to the community. Its amazing, they almost look related.



Gaynel helped the liquid ladies as Dave and Michele in charge of oversight.



Jim was on board to make sure we looked good...and we did, we looked absolutely "Mahvelous" dahling.

Jim helped with everything.

*Photography by Sylvia*

## Parade Day 2025 cont'd



Greg, who was also in charge of procurement, is seen here in one of his other roles...quality assurance. The liquid ladies also handed out the baked goods and treats. In the carafes was coffee, made by yours truly. (Bill)



Also working with our ladies of liquid was Gaynel and Lois. Gaynel was handing out the treats and Lois functioned as our Food Service Treasurer. Sales came in at \$586.

The community enjoyed the yard sale. Here, two women are argue over a left handed turkey baster.



Sharon functioned as Yard Sale Treasurer. Her years in high finance play a crucial role in this capacity. Pat carefully watches from above in case there is an audit. The yard sale grossed and netted \$353.

(Apologies if anyone finds this material offensive)

## More Parade Day!

JoAnne smiling politely as Karen gets in a few thousand words.

Did you know that there is a 75,000 word required daily minimum?



The proceeds from today's events benefit the Blue Rock Fire Rescue company. On Sunday, November 9th we will present the Fire Company with our gift.



(Apologies if anyone finds this material offensive)

# Ingathering Sunday



On October 5th, churches across the Lower Susquehanna Synod celebrated Ingathering Sunday.

Items from our knitters and quilters were on display and members “voted” on their favorite by placing a dollar in an envelope with the quilt

number on it. The funds go to help defray the costs of world-wide shipping.

**Want to be a part of this ministry? Come to room 13 on the first and third Thursday and join the fun! Bring a lunch!**



**Number 10 was the winner!**



# If You Were Born in November...

...you may share the spotlight with these famous folks:

Roy Rogers	Aaron Copland	Leonardo DiCaprio
Joni Mitchel	Benjamin Britten	Demi Moore
B.B. King	Carl Maria von Weber	Calista Flockhart
Grace Kelly	Fanny Mendelssohn	Ann Hathaway
Tina Turner	Scott Joplin	<b>Lou Ferrigno</b>
Kris Kristofferson	Paul Hindemith	Bruce Lee

## Little Known Turkey "Facts"

- ☞ Only the guys gobble
- ☞ Can run up to 25 MPH
- ☞ Can fly up to 55 MPH
- ☞ Are native to North America
- ☞ Were nearly hunted to extinction in the early 1900s.
- ☞ They roost in trees (wild, not domesticated)
- ☞ Have excellent eyesight with 360-degree field of vision
- ☞ The proper internal cooking temperature for a turkey is 165°F in the thickest part of the thigh.

**But I'm  
beautiful on the  
inside**



**SOMETIMES THE HOLIDAYS CAN DRIVE YOU CRAZY.**

- **STAY SAFE, AVOID TURKEY TARTAR**
- **JUST SAY NO, TO INFLATABLE DECORATIONS**
- **STAY IN CHURCH, OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE MISSED**
- **TAKE COMMUNION OFTEN**

(Apologies if anyone finds this material offensive)

## Staff Christmas Gifts

Monetary gifts will no longer be given from the Congregation to the church staff. Mutual Ministry Committee recommended to council that members who wish to give individual staff of St. Paul Lutheran Church monetary Christmas gifts do so on their own.

Confusion as to who is considered “staff” and should be included in the gift distribution comes up every year. We have a few paid staff (Pastor, Office Administrator, Sexton, and Organist), and many volunteer staff (Council members, Treasurer, Secretary, Choir Director, Committee Chairs, etc.) and all those who serve St. Paul Lutheran Church with their time and talents.

There is also confusion regarding how to allocate the donations; should an individual who serves in two paid positions get two portions of the gift? Should gifts be divided based on number of hours worked or full-time versus part-time status, etc. There has been confusion for the members donating as to how and to whom the gift is given.

We encourage individuals and families to give thanks directly to the staff and volunteers that serve St. Paul Lutheran Church in whatever they feel appropriate. Members may choose to give gifts to any staff member or volunteer they choose.

Finally, any funds that come in directed as “staff gifts” will be used to offset the cost of salaries and benefits.

**This was approved by Church Council at their September 2025 meeting.**

**The Finance Committee** has awarded, from our endowment fund, \$2000 to each of the following: Loft, Faith Fellowship, and New Life Mission (Haiti). The awards from the endowment fund only utilize the interest generated on the account; the principal is not affected.

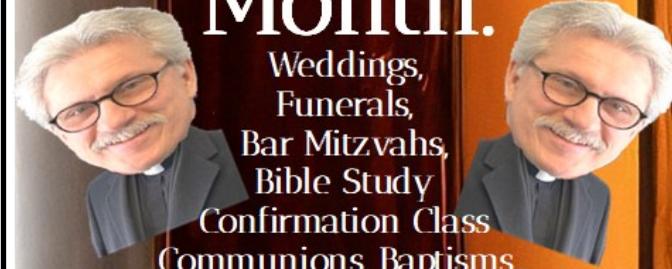
## Food for Thought



The actual first Thanksgiving feast neither had turkey nor pumpkin pie. They had lobster and other shell fish, duck, goose, venison, onions, beans, walnuts, chestnuts, and corn which was provided by the Wampanoag people. The corn was used to make porridge and bread.

(Apologies if anyone finds this material offensive)

# October is: Pastor Appreciation Month.



Weddings,  
Funerals,  
Bar Mitzvahs,  
Bible Study  
Confirmation Class  
Communions, Baptisms...  
he does 'em all!

and we're lucky to have him  
So, grab a Long John and a cup of  
coffee, say thanks to the big guy,  
and help celebrate him  
and his service to us!



On October  
19<sup>th</sup> we  
celebrated  
pastor ap-  
preciation  
month/day  
with Long  
Johns from  
Achenbach's  
bakery.

If you  
couldn't attend  
and are inter-  
ested in lefto-  
vers, there's a  
signup sheet in  
the narthex!

## From the Treasurer

Its tax time. If you have an IRA retirement account, you can make tax free distributions to St Paul. There are some restrictions. The distribution must come directly from your account institution to St Paul. Talk to your financial planner and IRA account institution. Here is information from the IRA web site:



“The Internal Revenue Service reminds individual retirement arrangement (IRA) owners age 70½ and older that they can make up to \$108,000 in tax-free charitable donations during 2025 through qualified charitable distributions. That’s up from \$105,000 in past years.

For those age 73 or older, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) also count toward the year's required minimum distribution (RMD).

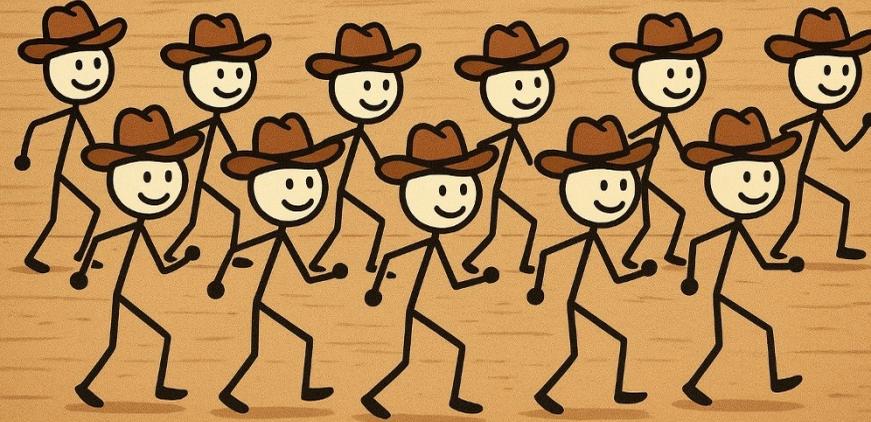
Generally, IRA distributions are taxable, but QCDs remain tax-free if sent directly to a qualified charity by the trustee. To make a QCD for 2025, IRA owners should contact their IRA trustee soon to ensure the transaction completes by year-end.

Each eligible IRA owner can exclude up to \$108,000 in QCDs from taxable income. Married couples, if both meet qualifications and have separate IRAs, can donate up to \$216,000 combined. QCDs do not require itemizing deductions.

For those planning ahead, starting this year, the QCD limit is subject to annual adjustment, based on inflation. For that reason, the annual QCD limit is expected to rise to \$110,000 in 2026.”

You Know You Want To

# HOEDOWN



C'mon on down the church on November 14th from 7-10pm and Beth Defeo will learn y'all some of the basics of country line dancing. Experience song and dance as it never was in the old west but is now! Fun and fellowship expected but not guaranteed.

Now don't you fret your little heart none, not even fer a moment, the secretary has seen to it that there is a sign up sheet for this momentous occasion...and you'll never guess where it is.

**This event is BYOS&CB**  
(Bring your own spittoon & cowboy boots)

## On The Cover



Appropriate words for a king, right? The phrase “and He shall rule forever” comes from several places in the bible. Revelation 11:15, “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of

this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” Luke 1:33, “And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” . Exodus 15:18, “The Lord shall reign forever and ever”. Psalm 45:6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever”. And finally Isaiah 9:7, which as we approach Christmas you may hear from renditions of Handel’s Messiah. Jennens, Handel’s librettist, paraphrases the text: “Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.” and complements that text with the Revelation mentioned above.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Christ The King Sunday and is the last Sunday of our liturgical year as the next week begins Advent. Pope Pius XI established Christ the King Sunday in 1925 to counter what he regarded as the destructive forces of the modern world: secularism in the west, the rise of communism in Russia, fascism in Italy and Spain, and harbingers of Nazism soon to seize Germany. Shortly thereafter, the Anglican Church, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Methodists joined in adding this Feast Day to their lectionary. Christ the King Sunday was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year in 1969/1970 by Pope Paul VI. It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October, but was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (just before Advent) to emphasize its importance.

Ah, oui mon ami, there is nothing like Paris in the Springtime, except for, maybe June?



You may remember Maureen Klingaman from such favorites as the Kyrie, and the Psalmody, and her husband Loren, faithful choir member and farmer; you now have the incredible opportunity to go to Paris with them. Maureen writes: "Loren and I are planning a June ADULT trip to France and Belgium--you may have noticed information on the "sign up table" recently. Copies of the itinerary and pricing documents are in the narthex too. We would love to have some St. Paul friends join us! If you are interested, please let us know this week. We have traveled with Jumpstreet Tours since 2001, including two recent adult trips to France and Spain. They are a wonderful company. Feel free to share this information with friends and family! Of course, let us know if you have any questions.



**BIG News folks! The hassle and confusion associated with signing up for flowers and bulletins has been streamlined and modernized, improved, and made better. No longer do you need to deal with those pesky little dedication forms. Gone are the days wondering, "Do I put this slip in the offering or do I put it in the mail box?". Yes there are truly good times ahead with the new and improved everything-on-one-sheet form. Bulletins are simple with one line per week and the liturgical Sunday is listed on there too. You never know who might just have a fondness for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. BUT WAIT, there's more. The FLOWER signup sheet is now also ALL ON ONE SHEET too and includes the liturgical Sunday. There are two vases for each Sunday — and there are two lines for every week. Don't forget, don't worry, don't cry, there are no flowers on the altar during Lent!**

## Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Gail Gilday  
Marilyn Homsher  
Ann Nagle  
Mary Ann Oren  
Marion Trimble  
Peggy Bruce  
Patty & Barry Leed  
Charles Scharnberger  
Nancy Eberle  
Peg Siglin  
Carol Evanko

Shirley 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.**