

St. Paul's Letter



October 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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

Our Staff

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Barb Conforti 6th

Dru Landis 20th

Tricia Landis 7th

Loren Klingaman 25th

David Rockstroh 9th

Jim Bernheisel 25th

Marty Kahler 11th

Brady Swartz 27th

Jim Dommel 12th

Gene Miller 30th

Ralph Vaughn Williams 12th

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

October	5	12	19	26	
Bulletins	NONE	Dee Perry	NONE	Sandy Miller	
Sunday School	Karen Napier	NO ONE	NO ONE	NO ONE	
Flowers Vase 1	Marty & Bill Kahler	Suzanne & Denny Herr	Gaynel Daugherty	Sandy Miller	
Flowers Vase 2	Linda & Bruce Hampton	Suzanne & Denny Herr	Sherry Symonds	Wanda & Dave Rockstroh	
Usher 1	Sylvia Lashley	Linda Hampton	Carol Heintzelman	Sherry Symonds	
Usher 2	Greg Lashley	Bruce Hampton	Jim Dierolf	Lauren Buchmann	
Usher 3	Joanne Harris	Sandy Elliot Kreider	Tim Brooks	Dick Shipman	
Usher 4	Dave Harris	Dolores Garrett	Anita Roma	Holly Freas Webster	
Altar Guild 1	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	
Altar Guild 2	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	
Lector	Frank Witmer	Linda Hiney	Jim Bernheisel	Carol Heintzelman	
Lay Assistant	Jim Dierolf	Jim Bernheisel	Greg Lashley		

Bev's Bakers



October

5 Ria Van Aulen
12 Beth Defeo
19
26



Finance, Finance, Finance

August Update:

Giving Income	\$ 16,801
Other Income	\$ 1,250
Directed Fund Income	\$ -0-
Expenses	\$ 17,193
Surplus/deficit	\$ 857



October Schedule At A Glance

October 4 PARADE DAY!
October 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 7 SUB pick up day
October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 26 16th Reformation Sunday

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.

The oldest pipe organ in the Christian world sounds after 800 years of silence

JERUSALEM (AP) — After 800 years of silence, a pipe organ that researchers say is the oldest in the Christian world roared back to life Tuesday, its ancient sound echoing through a monastery in Jerusalem's Old City.

Composed of original pipes from the 11th century, the instrument emitted a full, hearty sound as musician David Catalunya played a liturgical



chant called *Benedicamus Domino Flos Filius*. The swell of music inside Saint Saviour's Monastery mingled with church bells tolling in the distance.

Before unveiling the instrument Monday, Catalunya told a news conference that attendees were witnessing a grand development in the history of music.

“This organ was buried with the

hope that one day it would play again,” he said. “And the day has arrived, nearly eight centuries later.”

From now on, the organ will be housed at the Terra Sancta museum in Jerusalem's Old City — just kilometers from the Bethlehem church where it originally sounded.

Researchers believe the Crusaders brought the organ to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, in the 11th century during their period of rule over Jerusalem. After a century of use, the Crusaders buried it to protect it from invading Muslim armies.

There it stayed until 1906, when workers building a Franciscan hospice for pilgrims in Bethlehem discovered it in an ancient cemetery.

Once full excavations were conducted, archaeologists had uncovered 222 bronze pipes, a set of bells and other objects hidden by the Crusaders. “It was extremely moving to hear how some of these pipes came to life again after about 700 years under the earth and 800 years of silence,” said Koos van de Linde, organ expert who participated in the restoration.

“The hope of the Crusaders who buried them — that the moment would come when they would sound again — was not in vain.”

A team of four researchers, directed by Catalunya, set out in 2019 to create a replica of the organ. But along the way, said Catalunya, they discovered that some of the pipes still function as they did hundreds of years ago.

Organ builder Winold van der Putten placed those original pipes alongside replicas he created based on ancient organ-making methods, some of which were illuminated by close study of the original pipes. The originals, making up about half of the organ, still bear guiding lines made by the original Ottoman craftsmen and engraved scrawls indicating musical notes. Alvaro Torrente, director of the Instituto Complutense De Ciencias Musicales in Madrid — where Catalunya undertook the project — compared the discovery to “finding a living dinosaur, something that we never imagined we could encounter, suddenly made real before our eyes and ears.”

Researchers hope to finish restoring the entire organ and then create copies to be placed in churches across Europe and the world so its music is accessible to all.

“This is an amazing set of information that allows us to reconstruct the manufacturing process so that we can build pipes exactly as they were made,” about a thousand years ago, said Catalunya.

Source The Seattle Times September 9, 2025 by Julia Frankel



October Events:

- ✠ 4th Millersville Parade Day
 - ✠ 11th Observatory at Muddy Run - rain or shine—7:15pm
 - ✠ 18th Truth & Treason movie at Manor Regal 3:10pm
 - ✠ 18th After movie dinner at Hong Kong Garden
 - ✠ 23rd Dinner at Bier Hall Brewing company 5:30pm
 - ✠ 26th Fall Foliage day at Kirchenwald
 - ✠ 26th MU Concert Band / Wind Ensemble 2:30pm
- More information and sign up sheets will be in the narthex.

Quilt & Craft Auction

You can participate in this year's annual Quilt & Craft Auction, November 2 at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the Camping Corporation's Endowment Fund, which helps financially sustain our fine ministry activities. Online bidding will be open October 25-30. High bids will become the starting bids on November 2.



Rachel Shaffer Update

Good news! Adam posted an update on September 15th that Rachel should be going home on the 16th. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as she continues to recuperate at home.

New Life Mission in Haiti

As you may know Zacharie and I serve as directors of New Life Mission – Haiti, Inc. We were living in Haiti doing ministry full time until the fall of 2021 when we came back on furlough and could not return due to safety reasons. Unfortunately, the situation in Haiti has not improved and things continue to deteriorate.

We have been running a children's home since 2019 in the town of Charrier where we were living and where our ministry focuses their efforts. This past summer gangs took over the town of Charrier and we had to evacuate the children from the home, our staff, and family members from the area. After they left, the gangs entered our properties with dump trucks and have taken everything. They even killed our 4 dogs. This was 11+ years of fundraising to build the children's home up and provide the kids with their daily needs ... gone in one day. Needless to say, we are heartbroken.

One praise in the midst of the heartache is that the kids, our staff, and family were able to get to safety. They have been living in Montrious on a compound with several different

groups/families since leaving Charrier. Unfortunately this living arrangement is no longer working out and additionally, there are rumors of Montrious becoming unsafe again (it has been very volatile).

We have made the decision to move the children's home, the staff, and the immediate family of the staff to Cap-Haitien. This area has remained safe over the past few years and we feel like it is the best move for us to make to create stability for the kids. This was not an easy decision as it comes with big costs. We will now have to pay rent on a property and purchase all the necessary household items, including appliances.

Please pray for us. We are frustrated and discouraged, to say the least. But we know that God's hand is on the mission and we need to trust that he will provide. This year's Hoedown will be very important in helping us meet the needs of the children's home. **Want to help? See the Flyer in the narthex!**

Pictorial Directory

The goal is to put the directory out in October. Karen has been making calls to try to get members in during the week to have their picture taken, but again, the success rate is poor. Stop in during the week to have your picture taken! (call first so Bill can set up)

Party With A Purpose

On Saturday, **September 27**, at 4:00 PM, come to **Party with a Purpose** which is an annual Oktoberfest-style fundraiser at Kirchenwald in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. This lively evening brings together friends, family, and supporters for great food, music, and community — all while helping sustain and grow our camping ministry. This year's proceeds will fund lake aeration and fish restocking at Kirchenwald.



There has been a signup sheet out for weeks if you are interested.

Annual Church Picnic Sept. 7

The annual church picnic was a huge success. However, there were no leftovers for Bill when he returned from vacation!



Lots of great food!



Some serious Competition



Some questionable activities



Games of chance led by
Master bingoist and sub-seller
Sylvia

Volunteers lending more
than a hand...four in fact



Picnic compliance officers

Photography by Sylvia



Wardrobe police

Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Gail Gilday
Marilyn Homsher
Ann Nagle
Mary Ann Oren
Marion Trimble
Peggy Bruce
Patty & Barry Leed
Eleanor Ottolini
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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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.**