

St. Paul's Letter



February 2026



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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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Scott Irwin 1st

Elaina Van Aulen 2nd

Jim Dierolf Feb 8th

Judy Kirchner 6th

Lori Dierolf Feb 14th

Marcia Bernheisel 14th

Steve Daugherty 15th

Dolores Garret 16th

Deb Carello 22nd

Linda Hampton 23rd

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

February	1	8	15	22	
Bulletins	Sue Swartz	NONE	NONE	NONE	
Sunday School	Holly Freas Wester	Sue Swartz	NONE	NONE	
Flowers Vase 1	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
Flowers Vase 2	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
Usher 1	Jan Sylte	Suzanne Herr	Dee Perry	Gail Miller	
Usher 2	Ray Sylte	Denny Herr	Trish Bernheisel	Sylvia Lashley	
Usher 3	Karen Napier	Jody Kunzler	Jim Bernheisel	Greg Lashley	
Usher 4	Marty Kahler	Carol Heintzelman	NEED	Pat Heffner	
Altar Guild 1	Jody Kunzler	Sandy Kreider	Carol Heintzelman	Carol Heintzelman	
Altar Guild 2	Sue Ellenberg	Sylvia Lashley	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler	
Lector	Linda Hampton	Frank Witmer	Bruce Thens	Suzanne Herr	
Lay Assistant	Jim Bernheisel	Greg Lashley	Lauren Buchmann	Jim Dierolf	

Bev's Bakers



February

1	Sue Swartz
8	None
15	None
22	None



Finance, Finance, Finance

December Update:

Giving Income	\$ 21,427
Other Income	\$ 6,412
Directed Fund Income	\$ 251
Fund Income	\$ 2,260
Expenses	\$ 29,055
Surplus/deficit	\$ 1,295



February Schedule At A Glance

February 1	4th Sun. after the Epiphany
February 8	5th Sun. after the Epiphany
February 15	Transfiguration Sunday
February 22	First Sunday in Lent

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. Send an office to the office if you have read this.

hi-YAH

FREE SENIORS' SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP



February 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Millersville Senior Center

Instructor Vic Lauer

RSVP vrlauer@yahoo.com

or call the Center at

717-871-9600.

Tell Me More...

- February is the only month that can pass without a full moon and is named after the Latin word for "purification," stemming from an ancient Roman cleansing ritual, making it a month of cleansing and new beginnings.
- February is often the snowiest month in the Northern Hemisphere.
- It is also known for quirky traditions like Groundhog Day
- The unique phenomenon of leap days (Feb. 29).
- February is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language. Who's idea was it to include an extra "R" just for fun? Actually, the "R" comes from "Februa" was an early Roman festival and cleansing ritual held on Feb. 15. I bet they pronounced the "R"!
- It's estimated that Americans spend more than \$18 billion on gifts, chocolate and more for Valentine's Day.
- Almost 9 million people in the U.S. buy their dogs gifts or cards for Valentine's Day.
- February is National Snack Food Month as well. Ironic, given all the candy involved in February, maybe a salty snacks are needed to offset the sweetness.

Girl Scouts...

...more than just Girl Scout Sunday! Here is an event in Fellowship Hall where the girls did lots of crafts and cookie centered activities. Karen & Bill were running a sign-making activity where the girls created informational signs that they will take with them when they sell cookies. Bill was in charge of helping the girls laminate the signs and was sure to ask every one of them what their favorite flavor Girl Scout cookie flavor was. (Yes, there were samples) MOST of the girls thought this year's new flavor, "Exploremores", which is a rocky road ice cream-inspired sandwich cookie with chocolate, marshmallow, and almond-flavored crème, was the best.



I know you are all wondering "how can I get hold of 10-15 boxes of these new cookies PLUS my usual order of 12 boxes of Thin Mints and other flavors?" You are in luck, the Girl Scouts will be here on March 8th for Girl Scout Sunday. Woo Hoo!

Service With A Smile

Your smile, that is, after feeling the satisfaction of serving your church, God, Jesus, and the whole bunch by helping with the service and/or educating our younger ones. PLEASE sign up to teach Sunday School, sponsor flowers or bulletins, read lessons, or be an assistant minister. All these spots need to be filled for 2026 and we need more people participating. ALSO, please note that, beginning January 18th, confirmation will be every-other-week rather than the 2nd and 4th Sundays.



FREE MEMORY SCREENING

Millersville Community Center

Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health Neuropsychology Department invites you to a cognitive screening event focused on memory and brain health. Attendees will receive a brief cognitive screener which takes about 10 minutes. Screening results are informational only and not diagnostic. Space is limited for the screeners and advance sign-up is required. There will be a group Q&A session to ask questions about memory changes, aging, and dementia. The group Q&A is open to all attendees, including those not completing a screener.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Screening: 9:00 - 10:00 Screening will occur in 10 minute slots Group Q&A: 10:00 - 10:30



Come to the meetings, stay for the fun!

Upcoming Events:

- † January 23rd: Game Night at St. Paul's beginning at 5:30pm. We will have pizza available, as well as a whole host of games for young, old, and everyone in between! Feel free to bring snacks, dessert, and the drink(s) of your choice.
- † Great Grub Fellowship Club: Tuesday, January 27th at El Serrano's at 6:00pm.
- † February Birthday Cake Celebration (In Honor of Ann Rannels): Sunday, 2/01
- † Country Line Dancing Lessons: Friday, February 13th at 7pm-9:30pm here at St. Paul's (led by Beth again!).
- † Meet & Greet with Bishop Herr: Sunday, February 15th after the service; light refreshments and a Q & A session.
- † Great Grub Fellowship Club: Thursday, February 19th at Reflections at 5:30pm.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE TO COME! EVERY SUNDAY CHECK ALL SIGNUP

***SHEETS IN A NARTHEX NEAR YOU FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND FEL-***

LOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

DON'T MISS OUT!



Who's dis?



A very popular group, that is part of Fellowship, is the GGFC™ - Great Grub Fellowship Club. Introducing our porcine pal - Gourdy McSwine. Look for him to find dining opportunities with the Fellowship committee. As all Lutherans know, any event is better with food...so, many of our events include a restaurant...many of our events ARE restaurants! (yum)

Many have asked about GGFC membership fees, dues, applications, application fees, screening interviews, waivers, and the entire vetting process. There is currently a special being offered where all that stuff is waived! Just sign up and show up...it's that easy.



But you never do stuff I want to do.

This problem is easily solved. Come to a planning meeting and share your idea for an event. It's that easy.

Fellowship committee would love it more people got involved. Need a ride to events? Not a problem, circle the "I need a ride" on the masterfully created, artistic, efficient, fun, and exciting sign-up sheet, and the committee will make sure you get a ride!

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Thank You

Dear St. Paul family,

Thank you so much for the Cheer Basket. The variety of “goodies” was exceptional and delicious. We appreciate your thoughtfulness more than you know Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, new year.

With gratitude and blessings,

Patty & Barry Leed.

Join a choir...

TODAY!

Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Marilyn Homsher
Ann Nagle
Mary Ann Oren
Marion Trimble
Peggy Bruce
Patty & Barry Leed
Charles Scharnberger
Nancy Eberle
Peg Siglin
Shirley Shuffelbottom
Ruth Derby
Louise & Bob Diamond

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



**Never underestimate the
Power
of
Prayer**

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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.**