

St. Paul's Letter

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March 2026



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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Our Staff

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Emma Landis 2nd

Drucilla Nace 5th

Betty Bringman 7th

Greg Lashley 7th

Jan Fisher 8th

Peggy Bruce 13th

Glenda Hurtt 15th

Karen Napier 19th

Gaynel Daugherty 22nd

Debbie Wismer 28th

Carole Symonds 30th

Mary Fritz 31st

Linda Hiney 31st

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

March	1	8	15	22	29
Bulletins	Cathy Trissel	Dee Perry	Deb Carello	NONE	NONE
Sunday School	Jody Kunzler	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Flowers Vase 1	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT
Flowers Vase 2	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT	LENT
Usher 1	Sue Swartz	Sherry Symonds	Linda Hampton		
Usher 2	Brady Swartz		Bruce Hampton		
Usher 3	Layla Swartz		Dick Shipman		
Usher 4	Evan Schwebel		Evan Schwebel		
Altar Guild 1	Carol Heintzelman	Sandy Kreider	Carol Heintzelman	Sandy Kreider	Jody Kunzler
Altar Guild 2	Marty Kahler	Sylvia Lashley	Marty Kahler	Sylvia Lashley	Sue Ellenberg
Lector	Jim Bernheisel	Frank Witmer	Suzanne Herr	NONE	Jim Bernheisel
Lay Assistant	Greg Lashley	Lauren Buchmann	Jim Bernheisel	NONE	NONE

Bev's Bakers



March

- 1 Holly Freas-Webster
- 8 Barb Sensenig
- 15 Ria Van Aulen
- 22 Sharon Engle
- 29



Finance, Finance, Finance

January Update:

Giving Income	\$	10,074
Other Income	\$	1,710
Directed Fund Income	\$	0
Fund Income	\$	625
Expenses	\$	21,379
Surplus/deficit	\$	(8,969)



March Schedule At A Glance

- March 1 2nd Sunday in Lent
- March 4 Midweek Lenten service
- March 8 3rd Sunday in Lent
- March 11 Midweek Lenten service
- March 15 4th Sunday in Lent
- March 18 Midweek Lenten service
- March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- March 25 Midweek Lenten service
- March 29 Palm 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. Send an office to the office if you have read this.

HELP WANTED

The role of the Cantor, leading the congregation in the Kyrie and Psalm, is open to anyone who wishes to do so. We currently have only 3 persons willing to participate in the service in this capacity, plus Bill, commonly known as “the last resort”. Please consider helping out. If you are considering the lame and rarely true application of “oh, I can’t carry a tune in a bucket”, please reconsider as tune worthy buckets will be provided. Everyone has heard the psalm tone and the Kyrie a thousand times; you already know it. If you are interested in participating in the service in this way, please let Bill know. It is not difficult and you will have the psalm ahead of time to practice. Get involved! Make a joyful noise!



Tell Me More About March...

- It is named after the Roman god of war Mars, was originally the first month of the year in the Roman calendar. It marks the spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the autumn equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.
- March became the third month when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.
- Did you know that March is National Umbrella Month?
- March's full Moon, the Worm Moon, reaches peak illumination on the morning of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:38am. There is going to be a Full Lunar Eclipse, also known as a Blood Moon. This year's March Full Moon is especially notable because it coincides with a total lunar eclipse—a rare event that will cause the Moon to slowly darken and turn a coppery red.
- March's birth flower is the daffodil or jonquil. The daffodil signifies regard or unrequited love. The jonquil means “I desire a return of affection.”

Support Our Haiti Mission

You're Invited!

BINGO

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT
NEW LIFE MISSION - HAITI

Community Feedings Childrens Home School Sponsorships

When: April 11th 4-7pm

Where: Garden Spot Fire Station
339 E Main St. New Holland

Price: Presale tickets are \$20 for 20
games (3 cards per game) and \$25 at
the door. To purchase tickets call or
text Stevie 717.617.9652

Extra books, special game
cards, and concessions will be
available for purchase.



Visit our website for
more info.
NewLifeMissionHaiti.com



While preparing the first Sunday in Lent bulletin cover, many weeks before the first Sunday in Lent, Ken told Bill which painting to display, and it was then that th



eks ago, the artwork was chosen and researched. The Tuesday display for the coming Sunday. A little research was needed for the at the similarities of the two images became apparent.

See next page for similarities of these two images



Image Similarities

Both images share these attributes:

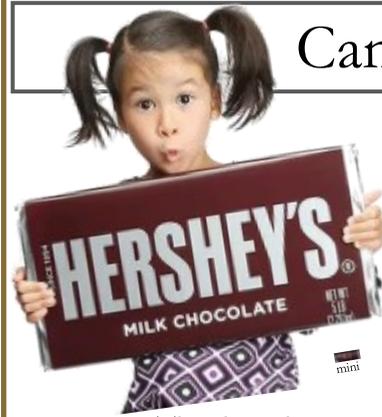
- Flemish creators
- Created during the same time period.
- Little or nothing is known about the creators of the paintings
- Show horns
- Show rocks in Satan's one hand and beads in the other
- Show Jesus barefoot
- Young trees flanking the characters
- Large, rocky mountain face in the back left
- Local town in the background on the right
- Satan depicted as a monk with beads
- Similar color schemes in the clothing
- Thin haired Jesus
- Similar hand positions of Jesus
- Thin facial hair on Jesus

It is interesting to note, on the left (Juan de Flandes painting), Satan's foot is peeking out from under the robe, and appears to be a webbed foot. Secondly, the coloring of the rock in front of Satan's foot makes the rock appear as if it could be a loaf of bread.



Bread ↗

↖ Webbed foot



Candy Needed

Candy donations are needed for the children's annual Easter Egg Hunt April 5th. We need the very small size candies to fit in the eggs. (see inset for size comparison) They are often called "minis", however, to a chocolate lover, they are "micro" candies.

The donations need to be at the church by March 15th so the church council members can fill up the plastic eggs.

(5 pound Hershey bars, as seen in the picture, may be dropped off at Bill's house. The front porch will keep them safe from the elements)

Haiti Update

Zacharie just got home from Haiti. He spent a week there and visited the new area in Cap Haitien. He was able to buy the kids in the children's home beds (3 kids - Claudelson, Asmalie & Pedline) and he got appliances for the rental house- stove, fridge and washing machine. The area where they are living is safe and the kids have been able to go to school regularly without fear. We are grateful. Unfortunately, the area where we used to live is still being occupied by the gangs so we're unsure if or when we'll be able to return. We have been able to continue with our school sponsorship program this year that is sending 50+ children to school. We have yet to start our feeding program back up but we were able to provide over 50 meal packets to the community where we are living over the holidays. We hope to start up the loaves and fishes program again in the near future.

Blessings to you and your family!

Stevie



February 12, 2026

On behalf of the Board of Directors we are writing with both gratitude and a heavy heart to share an important update regarding Faith Friendship Ministries, a ministry many of you have known, supported, prayed for, and partnered with over the past two decades—and some of you may know secondhand. Regardless, we are one in Christ. For more than 24 years, Faith Friendship Ministries has served some of the most vulnerable members of our community—adults living with persistent and serious mental illness—by providing safe housing, daily care, dignity, and a sense of family. At the Villa in Mountville, residents have found not just shelter, but belonging, stability, and compassionate support rooted in Christ’s love. Our mission has always been simple and faithful: to reflect God’s heart for those who are often overlooked, ensuring that every person is treated as someone made in His image. After much prayer, discernment, and exhaustive efforts over the past six years, the Board of Directors has made the painful decision to begin moving forward with an orderly closure of Faith Friendship Ministries. This decision was not made lightly, nor quickly.

We remain deeply grateful for the Lancaster County faith community. Lives have changed because the Church believed this work mattered.

Thank you for walking with us in this sacred and difficult moment. With a heavy heart, gratitude, and trust in God’s faithfulness,

Tammi Morris
Executive Director Faith Friendship Ministries
“Where Faith and Friendship Create Family”
www.faithfriendship.org



Come to the meetings, stay for the fun!

Upcoming Events:

- † “The Music Man” Penn Manor High School: Friday, March 13th at 7:30pm \$10
- † “You Cant Take it With You” Servant Stage production March 22, 2:30pm arrival FREE
- † Easter Champaign Brunch April 5th after worship
- † New Life Mission for Haiti Bingo Fundraiser April 11, 4-7pm in New Holland
- † April 19th choir presentation of a cantata followed by a Fellowship committee reception: “Cantata Sonata” gonna come? You gotta!



GREAT GRUB FELLOWSHIP CLUB

- † The First Post (York) Thursday, March 26th at 5:30pm (3691 East Market St., York)
- † Big Dog Craft Brewing March 22nd after “You Can’t Take it With You” (about 5pm)

WATCH FOR A NOTICE ABOUT GOING SOMEWHERE DURING LANCASTER RESTAURANT WEEK APRIL 13-19. OTHER

EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN APRIL, BUT YOU HAVE TO CHECK THE SIGNUP SHEETS!

NEXT MEETING MARCH 24TH



Is that the Pope?

Nope, it is our Bishop Stephen Herr. He visited us on Transfiguration Sunday (February 15th). Many learned that he was actually baptized here at St. Paul. Pastor Herr delivered the sermon and officiated the holy communion. Pastor Kopp assisted.



During this service, we “buried the Alleluias” as we do every year as we enter Lent. Our youth gathered the Alleluias and brought them to the altar. After presenting the Alleluias, the altar cross was veiled.



You Are Missed

It is not so much that the choir wants you to join, but the choir NEEDS you to join and Jesus wants you to join. (no pressure) Our choir is comprised of dedicated individuals desiring to lift their voices in praise. Note, the word "perform" is not used in the previous sentence. None of the choir members has performed at the MET or has auditioned for American Idol. They are everyday people offering their talent and time to God. We rehearse so that our offering is as good as we can make it. But, with more voices, our sound could be fuller and voices may blend better with more voices present. When offering our time, talents, and tithes, joining a choir checks two of those boxes. Did you know that God prefers larger choirs? According to Luke 2, "a multitude of the heavenly host" (choir) appeared, singing "Glory to God in the highest". God did not send a cozy octet, he sent a multitude, which in the bible, with God preferring multiples of 7 and 40, was a lot. Please consider joining. Rehearsals are after the service. IF you are one of those rare types that really cannot match a pitch and cannot sing, there is an easy fix...it is called bell choir.

Everyone knows that hindsight is 20/20. Surely you realized after high school that the jocks and cheerleaders were not the cool ones, but it was the music kids who were not only smart, but also cool. Be a music kid 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
Don Harrold

*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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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.**