

St. Paul's Letter May 2026



*“Sometimes
the strength of
motherhood is
greater than
natural laws.”*

Barbara Kingsolver

*Praise God for mothers
and those who give motherly care.*



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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A Salvador Dali birthday cake
May is his birthday month

Joan Harrold 2nd
Shelia Kahler 3rd
Barry Leed 6th
Sharon Engle 7th
Dan Kahler 9th
Molly Waltmyer 14th
Cy Fritz 15th
Bill Kahler 15th
Mackenzie Esbenshade
18th
Bill Engle 19th
Wyatt Henry 27th
Celeste Brooks 29th
Katie Martin 29th

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

May	3	10	17	24	31
Bulletins	Frank Witmer	Lois & John Detz	NONE	NONE	NONE
Sunday School	Sue Swartz				
Flowers Vase 1	Barb & Jeff Sensenig	Sherry Symonds	NONE	Gaynel Daugherty	David Sykes Beth Defeo
Flowers Vase 2	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
Usher 1	Sue Ellenberg	Sue Swartz	Suzanne Herr	Barb Sensenig	Dee Perry
Usher 2	Dave Ellenberg	Mark Swartz	Denny Herr	Jeff Sensenig	Jim Dierolf
Usher 3	Sylvia Lashley	Layla Swartz	Linda Hampton	Sue Ellenberg	Karen Napier
Usher 4	Greg Lashley	Brady Swartz	Bruce Hampton	Dave Ellenberg	Frank Witmer
Altar Guild 1	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	Dee Perry	Dee Perry
Altar Guild 2	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller	Sandy Miller
Lector	Frank Witmer	Bruce Thens	Suzanne Herr	Holly Freas-Webster	Linda Hiney
Lay Assistant	Jim Bernheisel		Jim Dierolf		Greg Lashley

Bev's Bakers



May

3	NONE
10	Mothers day brunch
17	NONE
24	NONE
31	NONE



Finance, Finance, Finance

March Update:

Giving Income	\$	16,099
Other Income	\$	2,211
Directed Fund Income	\$	0
Fund Income	\$	550
Expenses	\$	21,940
Surplus/deficit	\$	(3,079)



May Schedule At A Glance

May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mothers' Day Brunch

May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24 Pentecost Sunday

May 31 Trinity Sunday & Healing Service

Would you like something included in the newsletter, please let the office know. There is almost always room to squeeze something in or add more pages. 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 email to the office if you have read this.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who helped me through the difficult time after Don passed. The many messages of sympathy and support were truly needed and appreciated. Also, thank you to everyone who helped with arrangements for Don's memorial service and the participants during the service itself.

My heartfelt thanks,

Mary "Boots" Horn

It's Nice To Share

Famous (or infamous) May Birthdays

Calamity Jane	Jewel Kilcher
Catherine the Great	Sigmund Freud
Audrey Hepburn	Rudolph Valentino
George Clooney	Orson Welles
Cheryl Sarkisian, (Cher)	Johannes Brahms
Bob Dylan	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Queen Victoria	Richard Wagner
Bob Hope	Gabriel Fauré,
Kate Smith	Claudio Monteverdi
Glenn Ford	Alessandro Scarlatti
Jack Paar	Marcel Dupre
Niccolò Machiavelli	Melissa Gilbert
Pete Seeger	Harry S. Truman
Sugar Ray Robinson	Don Rickles
James Brown	John Brown (abolitionist)
Engelbert Humperdinck	Billy Joel
Frankie Valli	Irving Berlin
Greg Gumbel, sportscaster	George Lucas
Christopher Cross	Emmitt Smith
Wynona Judd	Henri Rousseau

Volunteers Needed

Only you can prevent our church from looking like this.



We need help maintaining the grounds.

- ✦ The various church flower beds need to be weeded, (ASAP) before Landscaper comes to apply pre emergent material
- ✦ Volunteers are needed to plant flowers after Pentecost (May 24) in front of

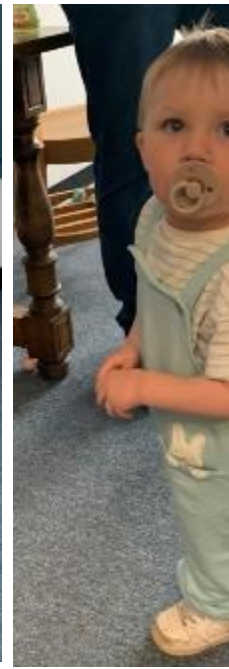
church. (the red and white Vincas will be provided by church.)

- ✦ A Volunteer is needed to maintain the front flower bed area: pull weeds, water plants, and remove plants at the end of the season.
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- ✦ A Volunteer is needed to weed mulched area around tree out front.



One of our volunteers is retiring after many years of service. Thanks to and Linda Hampton for her years of service. Bernice is on hiatus while her newly installed knee recovers. Sylvia will continue to do the amazing job she does in the back of the church. But, new help is really needed. As stated SO often, “many hands make light work”. This work is not difficult, until it falls on the shoulders of the few.

Our Indoor E



Easter Egg Hunt



This year, again, we had young children searching for hidden treasure as well as some older children getting in on the action.



Photography by Sylvia

Thank You!

St. Paul's Church, Thank you for your thoughtfulness for my cheer basket. Everything tasted very good. A special thanks to John Detz for bringing my basket.

Always,
Betty Bringman

Mother May I?

May 1: School Principals' Day

May 2: World Tuna Day also National Truffle Day

May 4: Star Wars Day

May 5: Cinco De Mayo

May 8: No Socks Day

May 10: National Cactus day

May 13: Root Canal Appreciation Day

May 14: National Dance Like A Chicken Day

May 28: Slugs Return From Capistrano Day (whimsical, unofficial holiday celebrated annually on May 28th. Created by Ruth and Thomas Roy of Wellcat Holidays, it acts as a humorous parody of the "Swallows Return to Capistrano Day," marking the supposed return of slugs to gardens after wintering away.)

May's full Moon, called the Flower Moon, appears on Friday, May 1, reaching peak illumination at 1:23 P.M. (EDT). It will be below the horizon at this time, so for the best view of this Full Moon, step outside on the night of the 30th or the 1st and look for that big, bright, shining lunar disk!

May Birthstone: Emerald

May Birth Flowers: Lily of the Valley

Mayflower: small sea faring vessel, stopped in Massachusetts

So Soon!?

Even though it feels like we just celebrated Easter and were settling into the seven Sundays of easter...BOOM, suddenly, Pentecost is looming.

This means two things:

- ✚ You need to get your red outfits⁺ to the dry cleaners for Pentecost Sunday (we want Pastor Kopp to see a sea of red so vast that when he takes to the pulpit for the sermon, HE may start talking in tongues.) And if your red duds are Wash & Wear, get 'em ready! It is highly likely that you may see a reminder or two regarding wearing red....but no signup sheet... it's what they call a mixed blessing. (+ no Santa suits, please)
- ✚ Worship & Music has decided that since geraniums require a bit of care, and there are currently a limited number of volunteers caring for the church flowers, we are going to try red Pentecost Vincas! The vincas will be planted in the church flower beds after Pentecost.



**COMING TO A NARTHEX
NEAR YOU!
STARTING APRIL 26TH**

PENTECOST VINCAS ORDER FORMS!

GET YOURS IN

A.S.A.P.*

***OR SOONER**



The Loft will host its 3rd annual
Grow with Us Garden Luncheon Fundraiser on
Saturday, May 16 from
11:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m.

The Garden Party will be held at our new home at 100 E. Charlotte Street, Millersville. The event features farm-to-table fare (al fresco), impact stories, raffles, an online auction, and tours of our new facility. We hope you'll come out and join us for a fun event to benefit our neighbors in need.

Fellowship!

Upcoming Events:

- † May 10th Mothers' Day Brunch!
- † May 15th Line Dancing with Beth
- † May 29th Whiskey tasting @ Ellen-berg castle
- † June 4th Mt. Gretna theater "Always Patsy Cline"
- † June 13th Stormer's Game
- † June 19th Line Dancing with Beth
- † June 21st Fathers' Day picnic
- † June 27th Mini Golfing and lunch at Stoners Grill
- † September 6th Annual Church Picnic!



GREAT GRUB FELLOWSHIP CLUB

- † **MAY 12TH NEW TOWN FOOD & SPIRITS**
- † **JUNE 27TH MINI GOLF & LUNCH AT STONER'S GRILL**

**OTHER GGFC EVENTS MAY BE SCHEDULED IN THE INTERIM ...
SO YOU HAVE TO CHECK THE SIGNUP SHEETS!**



**NEXT MEETING MAY 5TH
WATCH YOUR BULLETINS
FOR OTHER EXCITING
ANNOUNCEMENTS**



EASTER



A wonderful Easter service was celebrated with lots of children on hand. Pastor Kopp delivered an Easter morning children's sermon. The congregation and the choir closed the service with the annual singing of Handel's Hallelujah chorus.

Many do not realize this, but often, as part of the bombardment of Christmas music, the Hallelujah chorus is often heard. However, within the context of Handel's Messiah, the chorus is not referring to His birth, but His resurrection.



George Frederic Handel, 1685-1759, was a graduate of Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg.

George Frederic Handel was a devout Lutheran who maintained his faith throughout his life. Raised in Germany, he later became a naturalized British citizen and a faithful member of the Anglican Church.

His oratorio, "Messiah", was composed in 24 days.

While known for fast composition, this pace was exceptionally rapid for a work that takes nearly three hours to perform. Go George!

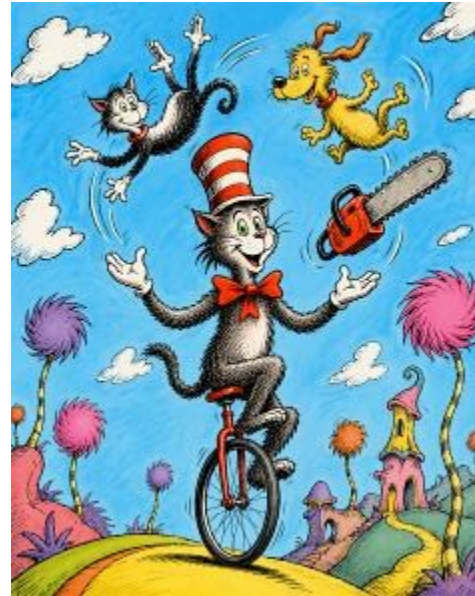
Vacation Bible School



**Meet
Professor Photon.
He will lead the week
with illuminating
stories and lessons for
The children.**

**The excitement begins the third Sunday of June,
And it's certainly not a moment too soon,
Arrive right on time, not early, not late,
We begin at 6:30 and finish at 8:00.**

**Some are too old and some are
too young,
None should be shaving, none
sucking their thumb,
How old must you be so no fuss
will be made?
Four years of age or now in
sixth grade.
The picnic on Thursday will be
quite a treat,
They'll be hotdogs and beany-
beans...everyone eat!
When the picnic is over and
we've all had our fill—**



**Chris Ivy will juggle
And catch things, he will.**

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.**