

St. Paul's Letter

July 2026



Vacation Bible School
Jesus is the Light of the World



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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Our Staff

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Conner Van Aulen 7th

Mary Ann Oren 9th

JoAnne Harris 10th

Suzanne Herr 15th

Mason Kahler 18th

Lois Detz 21st

Sue Ellenberg 22nd

Jan Sylte 27th

Sandy Elliot-Kreider 27th

Patricia Bernheisel 30th



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					
July	5	12	19	26	
Bulletins	Lori & Jim Dierolf	Celeste & Tim Brooks	No One	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	
Sunday School					
Flowers Vase 1	Sandy Miller	Sherry Symonds	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Carrie Henry	
Flowers Vase 2	Sandy Miller	Dee Perry	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Karen & Bill Napier	
Usher 1	Sherry Symonds	Joanne Harris	Cathy Trissel	Mike Althouse	
Usher 2	Linda Hiney	Dave Harris	Anita Roma	Pat Heffner	
Usher 3	Denny Herr	Tim Brooks	Lauren Buchmann	Gail Miller	
Usher 4	No one signed up	Dolores Garrett	Carol Heintzelman	Holly Webster	
Altar Guild 1					
Altar Guild 2					
Lector	Frank Witmer	Karen Napier	Dave Albin	No one signed up	
Lay Assistant	Jim Bernheisel	Lauren Buchmann	No one signed up	Greg Lashley	

Bev's Bakers



July

- 5 No one signed up
- 12 No one signed up
- 19 No one signed up
- 26 Carrie Henry



Finance, Finance, Finance

May Update:

Giving Income	\$	15,325
Other Income	\$	2,320
Directed Fund Income	\$	0
Fund Income	\$	24
Expenses	\$	25,415
Surplus/deficit (month)	\$	(7,745)
Surplus/deficit (year to date)	(\$	13,711)



July Schedule At A Glance

- July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost
- July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Quotable Quotes

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” —Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic.” —Jean Sibelius

“The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.” —Lucille Ball

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

What Happened on the 4th of July

1776 - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

1863- Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

1882 - The "Last Great Buffalo Hunt" began on Indian reservation lands near Hettinger, North Dakota as 2,000 Teton Sioux Indians in full hunting regalia killed about 5,000 buffalo. By this time, most of the estimated 60-75 million buffalo in America had been killed by white hunters who usually took the hides and left the meat to rot. By 1883, the last of the free-ranging buffalo were gone.

1804 Birthday - Novelist and short-story writer Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) was born in Salem, Massachusetts. His works included; The Scarlet Letter, The House of the Seven Gables and The Blithedale Romance.

1826 Birthday - Song writer Stephen Foster (1826-1864) was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. Among his nearly 200 songs were; Oh! Susanna, Camptown Races, Swanee River, Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair, and Beautiful Dreamer. He died in poverty at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

1872 Birthday - Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) the 30th U.S. President was born in Plymouth, Vermont. He became President on August 3, 1923, after the death of Warren G. Harding. In 1924, Coolidge was elected President but did not run for re-election in 1928.

Fathers' Day Picnic



The Fathers' Day indoor picnic was a huge success. Brats and dogs, beans and brownies and more filled our bellies. Thank you to all who brought delicious food and especially to those who helped clean up afterwards.

Father's Day Picnic Humour



BUT FIRST, A LITTLE PICNIC HUMOR...

A CHURCH HAD A PICNIC AND INVITED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO COME. THE PASTOR PLACED A BASKET FULL OF APPLES ON ONE END OF A TABLE WITH A SIGN SAYING, "TAKE ONLY ONE APPLE PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GOD IS WATCHING." ON THE OTHER END OF THE TABLE WAS A PLATE OF COOKIES WHERE ONE OF THE CHILDREN HAD PLACED A SIGN SAYING, "TAKE ALL THE COOKIES YOU WANT -- GOD IS WATCHING THE APPLES."

New Members



We welcomed new members on June 14th:

Ben & Joanne Erb and Dave Albin.

(Left to right)

How Absurd, What a Language

Lets look at plurals:

Goose becomes geese but moose does not become meese

Mouse becomes mice but house does not become hice

Are there eggs in eggplant...no

Is there ham in hamburger...no

Is there pine in pineapple...no

Is there apple in pineapple...no

We park on the driveway and drive on the parkway.

How can one be over the moon or under the weather?

Have you ever beat around the bush? How about your socks, have they ever been blown off? How, exactly, does something that costs an arm and a leg convert to dollars and cents? Finally, have you ever stolen someone's thunder...sounds a bit difficult.



AND.....a Baptism!



On June 14th, Pastor Kopp was very proud to baptized his new granddaughter Rowan Katherine Camp.

(Who remained silent throughout!)

A Little More Humour



A Sunday school teacher asked her children, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Vacation Bible School



Our theme was Jesus is the light of the world. Our theme character was Professor Photon (left) and our fun was, of course the children.



The registrar's desk where everyone gets registered, checked in and checked out.
No one took this process lightly!



VBS

Marty, Sue, Layla, and Holly prepare for one of the fun activities.



Pastor Kopp delivering the lesson for the day. Each day was focused on various instances of “light” in the bible. All lessons culminated with “Jesus is the Light of the World.”

Below; Katheryn leading the children in rousing songs.



VBS



Fellowship!

Upcoming Events:

- † July 18th Pontooning on the Susquehanna (one boat full)
- † September 6th Annual Church Picnic!



GREAT GRUB FELLOWSHIP CLUB

† **JULY 8TH DINNER AT OREGON DAIRY**

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



**The VBS Picnic was very well attended...
thank you all so much!**



Mt. Gretna Bible Festival

Choir Festival

an annual tradition since 1959

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Concert at 7:00 pm



This Year's Guest Conductor

Pepper Choplin is a widely published composer of music for church and school, a published author, conductor, and performer. During his long career he has been honored to appear in New York at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and has traveled the country working with choirs.

The program will include a variety of sacred music styled composed by Pepper Choplin.

Pepper Choplin

Parking Information

The Tabernacle is located at Third Street & Glossbrenner Avenue adjacent to the Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church. In addition to parking along Routh 117, parking for this event is available at Mt. Gretna Fire Co. and Mt. Gretna Roller Rink in defined areas only. Handicapped Parking at Mt. Gretna United Methodist Church Parking Lot.

This program is open to all.

A free-will offering will be received.

Singers can register at <https://tinyurl.com/tryrwvrs>
or with the QR Code.



FYI, Pepper Choplin is who wrote
the cantata the choir performed
earlier this year.

VBS



**BFFs Bella,
Tyrany, and
Elaina. VBS is a
place where
friendships are
created!**



**Craft
Time**

**Picnic
Time**



Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Marilyn Homsher

Lucy Esbenshade

Ann Nagle

Ken Hoak

Mary Ann Oren

Marion Trimble

Peggy Bruce

Patty & Barry Leed

Charles Scharnberger

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

Nancy Eberle

Peg Siglin

Shirley Shuffelbottom

Ruth Derby

Louise & Bob Diamond

Don Harrold



**I can do all things
through God who
strengthens me**

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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.**