

St. Paul's Letter

*“To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose
under the heaven”*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

September 2026



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

CHURCH COUNCIL 2025-2026

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Rev. Mark Kopp, Pastor

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

Our Staff

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Bruce Hampton: Church Council President
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Cathy Regitz: Sexton
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September Birthdays

Sylvia Lashley 7th Jeff Sensenig 21st
Ruth Derby 7th Angie Esbenshade 23rd
Layla Swartz 19th Carol Heintzelman 24th
Ken Buchmann 21st Wanda Rockstroh 28th



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					
Sept	6	13	20	27	
Bulletins	Barb & Jeff Sensenig	Lauren Buchmann	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	
Sunday School		Karen Napier	Jody Kunzler	Carrie Henry	
Flowers Vase 1	Lois & John Detz	Karen & Bill Napier	Jody Kunzler	Frank Witmer	
Flowers Vase 2	Maureen & Loren Klingaman	Glenda Hurtt	NO one Signed up	Gaynel & Steve Daugherty	
Usher 1	Linda Hiney	Lauren Buchmann	Conner Van Aulen	Cathy Trissel	
Usher 2	Denny Herr	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	
Usher 3	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	
Usher 4	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	
Altar Guild 1	Sylvia Lashley	Marty Kahler	Marty Kahler	Jody Kunzler	
Altar Guild 2	Sandy Kreider	Carol Heintzelman	Carol Heintzelman	Sue Ellenberg	
Lector	Frank Witmer	Karen Napier	NO one Signed up	NO one Signed up	
Lay Assistant	Jim Dierolf	Barb Sensenig	Lauren Buchmann	Greg Lashley	
Acolyte	Layla Swartz	Ian Henry		Wyatt Hanry	

Bev's Bakers



September

- 6
- 13 Ria Van Aulen
- 20 Sharon Engle
- 27 Carrie Henry



Finance, Finance, Finance

July Update:

Giving Income	\$	17,468
Other Income	\$	1,202
Directed Fund Income	\$	00
Fund Income	\$	48
Expenses	\$	21,336
Surplus/deficit (month)	\$	(2,617)
Surplus/deficit (year to date)	\$	(26,479)



September Schedule At A Glance

- Sept 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost
- Sept 27 18th 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.

What Matters in the End...

Living Well and Dying Well

All Saint's Day, Sunday November 1, 2026

Luther Hall St. Paul Lutheran Church

10:50 - 11:00 Linda Hampton, Distribute pocket-folders with handouts and informational booklets. Welcome, Introduction of Panel Presenters.

11:00am -11:40 Funeral Director - Kevin Kraft, Sr. Supervisor, Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Homes, Inc.

Kevin will provide basic information regarding burial vs. cremation options, tips to help personalize a funeral or memorial service, questions that should be asked of the funeral home of choice if one decides to pre-pay for their services to ensure that their funds are protected. Handouts provided.

11:40 - 12:20 Brunch/Lunch

12:20 -1:00 Dr. James A. Bernheisel, MD

Dr. Bernheisel will address: Facing the Worst Case Scenario/ Respecting Choices - Your Life. Your Wishes, Family. The importance of Advanced Care Planning (ACP) / Understanding CPR, Ways to help you breathe (Ventilators, Bi-pap), Tube feeding, Brain death.

What Matters in the End...

Living Well and Dying Well (cont'd)

1:00 - 1:10 Break if needed.

1:10 - 2:00 Hospice Community Educator, under the direction of Karen Stauffer.

My family and I need help. When is it time to call Hospice? How will they help my loved one? Can I receive Hospice care at home? What's Palliative Care? How are symptoms and pain pro-actively managed? Can Hospice help me get needed equipment? Cost?

Coping with serious illness and facing end of life is one of life's most stressful moments. This presentation provides a comprehensive overview of the physical, emotional, and spiritual comfort and care Hospice can provide to both patients and families to improve quality of life. This session addresses the array of Services Hospice Provides, as well as the specifics of who can benefit from Hospice care.

2:00 - 2:15 Closing Remarks and Prayer by Pastor Mark Kopp, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millersville PA



TO: Middle School Parents
FROM: Synod Office for
Youth Ministry RE: ALIVE
Middle School Event Dear
Parents and Youth, Our an-
nual synod-wide middle
school youth retreat, ALIVE
2026, is scheduled for Sep-
tember 25-27, 2026, at Camp

Nawakwa. The event combines time for faith formation, with fun and fellowship. For example, youth will have an opportunity to hear from speakers and live bands in a large group setting and talk with peers under the guidance of a trained small group leader, as they explore the year's theme. In addition, there are games, campfires, and many activities geared towards building fellowship with new and existing Christian friends. Congregations normally register together, so you may want to check with your congregational pastor or youth leader to see what the process is in your church. Registration has opened and will remain open until September 11, 2026. The weekend includes meals and lodging in a beautiful camp setting, including outdoor worship (weather permitting). If you are coming to pick up your child on Sunday, PLEASE consider joining us for our closing worship. Arrive in time for outdoor worship at 11:00 AM, held at Upper Temple, weather-permitting. For the ALIVE event, youth stay in cabins with their congregational leaders, so they will need a sleeping bag or sheets and a pillow, plus comfortable clothing for the weekend. Once registered, we'll send a detailed letter to your youth leader to share with all families, about how to pack and what to expect. Youth tell us they love the conversations in small group, the games, and activities, and all the time they get to spend with other Lutheran friends. We hope you will consider this event, as you plan for this fall. Please direct questions to your youth leaders, or email synod Assistant to the Bishop for Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Charlie Roberts, at croberts@lss-elca.org. In Christ's service, Charlie Roberts Assistant to the Bishop for Children, Youth and Family Ministry Lower Susquehanna Synod Center for Faith Formation-ELCA 717.579.0349 + croberts@lss-elca.org

Fellowship!

Upcoming Events:

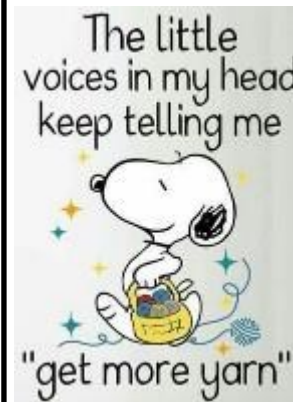
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GREAT GRUB FELLOWSHIP CLUB

✝ ***NOTHING CURRENTLY SCHEDULED***

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

Knitters & Quilters



We will be making more dishcloths and also holding Socktober once again. Socktober will be in October and we will request pairs of new socks in any size once again. After the overwhelming success of last year, we will do this collection again! The knitted and crocheted dishcloths will be accepted from anyone (not just Quilters and Knitters) along with small bottles of dish soap. If you are a knitter or crocheter we have some cotton yarn available, with instructions if you need them. Though we don't usually think of these activities as Evangelism, they are a way that St Paul's reaches out to the greater community.

A little Humour

THERE WAS THIS LITTLE BOY WHO WAS SCARED OF THE DARK. ONE EVENING HIS MOTHER ASKED HIM TO GO OUT ONTO THE BACK PORCH AND BRING HER THE BROOM. THE LITTLE BOY SAID, "MAMA, PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME GO OUT THERE. IT'S DARK AND YOU KNOW I'M SCARED OF THE DARK." HIS MOTHER SMILED AT HIM AND SAID REASSURINGLY, "THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID OF THE DARK. JESUS IS OUT THERE AND HE'LL LOOK AFTER YOU AND PROTECT YOU." THE LITTLE BOY SEEMED UNSURE AND SAID, "ARE YOU SURE JESUS IS OUT THERE?" THE MOTHER SAID, "YES, I'M SURE. JESUS IS EVERYWHERE AND IS ALWAYS THERE AND READY TO HELP WHEN YOU'RE IN NEED." THE BOY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, THEN WENT TO THE BACK DOOR AND OPENED IT A TINY AMOUNT. HE LOOKED OUT INTO THE DARKNESS AND CALLED OUT, "JESUS – IF YOU'RE OUT THERE, PLEASE PASS ME THE BROOM."



Something to look forward to

September 20th you will see sub and sandwich order forms in the narthex ag-



tain. As you all know, keeping our building maintained and waterproof is a never ending task. Thank God we have a dedicated property committee to look after these issues. Proceeds from our sub sale benefit building maintenance needs. Also, an added benefit is the release of endorphins while consuming these subs. Endorphins are natural body chemicals that block pain and improve your mood. So come on, don't worry, eat a sub and be happy.

Dear St Paul Members,

Thank you for the beautiful Memorial Service for my mother, Nancy Eberle, and for the wonderful reception that followed. She was a member of this congregation for more than twenty years after my parents retired and moved to Millersville. She served with the Visitation Committee for several years.

We are deeply grateful to Pastor Kopp for leading us in the service and for his meaningful homily, and to Bill Napier for providing such moving and beautiful music.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Sherry Symonds and Sandy Miller for coordinating the reception, decorating, and handling the clean-up. They were supported by many helping hands and generous donations of sweet treats. We also appreciate Cathy Regitz for setting up and taking down tables and assisting with the clean-up.

A special thank you to Linda Hampton for the beautiful flowers that graced both the sanctuary and the reception. My mother always cherished Linda's visits and the flowers she brought with her.

Thank you All for your kindness, care, and support. Our family felt surrounded by love.

Polly and Scott Irwin

Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Marilyn Homsher
Ann Nagle
Marion Trimble
Peggy Bruce
Patty & Barry Leed
Charles Scharnberger
Peg Siglin

Ruth Derby
Louise & Bob Diamond
Don Harrold
Lucy Esbenshade
Ken Hoak

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



**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.**