

# St. Paul's Letter

## June 2024

*Thank you God for fathers  
and for those who give fatherly care.*



# St. Paul Lutheran Church

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

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Did you notice the new, fun and exciting, over-the-top feature in our newsletter?  
Hidden in every thrill packed edition is our old friend Waldo. Can you find him?



“Happy Birthday to all those born  
in my favourite month...June.”  
“Why yes, I’m a June bug,  
thanks for asking!”

**Patty Leed 1st**

**Elise Klingaman 10th**

**Doris Shank 5th**

**Bruce Hampton 21st**

**Bruce Thens 7th**

**Sherry Symonds 24th**

**Denny Herr 8th**

If you have a June birthday and are not listed, let the office know. If you feel you have been born in June by mistake, we may assign you a different month. Unfortunately, birth YEARS cannot be reassigned.

# Focus on Our Family



A deep dive into the secret lives of those who make us who we are!

The victims of this month's Focus are the Klingamans! A mere 100 miles up the river little Maureen and Loren were born. What river? Why the Susquehanna\*, of course. At this point, they had not met each other, so you could say their relationship was in its infancy. Other than Maureen and Loren, Bloomsburg's other claim to fame was the fact that it is the only municipality in Pennsylvania incorporated as a town. (\*Later in life, Maureen would regret that it was not the Seine river, but what can you do?)

Maureen and Loren grew up in the only town in Pennsylvania but did not go to the same school since one of them lived on the "other side of the town" and that was a different school district.

In an odd, Twilight-Zone style coincidence, the high schoolers were both drawn to the retail food industry. After much research they found themselves working at the Weis market on Columbia Boulevard, just a stone's throw from that fabled river. Loren was probably drawn to that Weis because of the produce, Maureen because it was on a "boulevard", and that's French. In 1984, on some day, a day that will live in infamy, during Maureen's senior year, fate intervened...(dramatic pause)...and they met. Shortly after that, Maureen left.

Maureen made the 100 mile journey down the lazy river to Millersville University to study French and secondary education. Loren went away and studied plants and dirt (agriculture) at Penn State University. Being so far from home and learning a foreign language, Maureen was comforted by Loren's regular visits. Having both been brought up properly, Lutheran, they attended St. Paul together when he visited. During these "church dates" they hoped to sing their favorite hymns. Maureen kept her fingers crossed for "Abide with Me" and "What Wondrous Love is This?" Loren held out for "O God Beyond all Praising", "The King of Love My Shepherd Is", and "Praise and Thanksgiving." By chance, one glorious Sunday, all five were scheduled...they fell hopelessly in love. (it was a communion Sunday, lots of people, slow Eucharist service, and two communion hymns...it could happen)

After Maureen graduated, they got married. Loren, needed a place to put down roots, literally, and Maureen was ready to start a honey-do list. So



they purchased the Klingaman family farmstead in Bloomsburg. Maureen got a part-time teaching job there and Loren, with a Penn State Dirt & Plant Degree (agriculture), worked in agriculture and construction. Maureen also worked as a waitress. While she was not teaching or waiting tables, Maureen received a Spanish certification from Bloomsburg University making her certifiably Spanish?. ¿Realmente buena, verdad? (if it's wrong, blame Google)

As is often the case, children come along. Their two daughters, Elise and Christine, not in that order, were born in Bloomsburg. BUT, in 1998, the fertile dirt of Lancaster and a better teaching job brought the family back down the river to Lancaster.

Maureen taught French at Wheatland Middle School while Loren was a stay-at-home dad. (since crate training was frowned upon even then) After a while, Loren began a 20-year career at Messick Farm Equipment. In 2001, Maureen began her current position teaching French and Spanish at Penn Manor High School and middle schools. oo la la!

Christine and Elise both graduated from Penn Manor, and attended West



Chester University. Christine is now a pediatrician, and Elise is an adolescent psychotherapist. Over the years at St. Paul, the Klingaman family has helped with landscaping (dirt), choir, bell choir, building maintenance, worship assistants, and church council. Christine and Elise were active in the youth group, served as acolytes, and occasionally played piano and cello for worship.

The family loves to travel, and has camped a lot in the eastern U.S. Loren and Maureen enjoy gardening (dirt) and spending time at their farm where Loren enjoys hunting. They regularly go to Cape May and Quebec (with students), and have started leading adult trips to Europe. Haven't lost anyone over there



# Finance, Finance, Finance

## April Finance Update:

Giving Income	\$18,095.00
Other Income	\$ 8,966.50
March Expenses	\$18,334.35
March Net Income	\$ 8,746.65



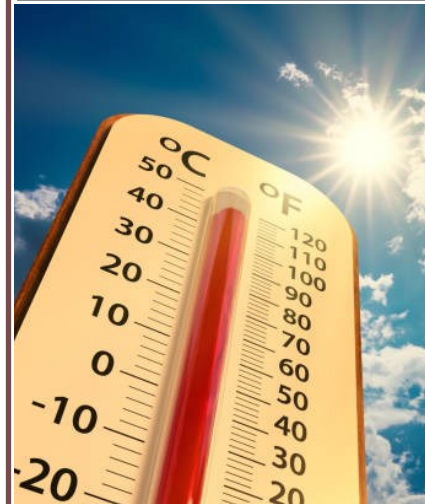
## Hilariocity

A little boy, not accustomed to seeing a pastor in his "work uniform" went up to the him and asked, "Why do you dress so funny?" He replied, "This is the uniform that I wear when I work." The child, still staring at him, asked, "Do you have a boo boo?" The pastor was somewhat puzzled, but quickly figured out that the child was looking at his white collar. He pulled out the white plastic insert and showed it to the child telling him that it was also part of his uniform. On the back side of the collar there was some writing: "Wash with warm soapy water." The pastor showed this to the little boy and then asked him "Do you know what these words say? The little boy, obviously much too young to read, stated, "I sure do." The pastor, surprised, replied, "OK then, tell me what it says."



The little boy then replies, "Kills fleas and ticks for up to six months." *Bill* 😂

# Summer Schedules



- Confirmation resumes 09/01
- Sunday School resumes 09/01
- Property committee no July meeting
- Finance committee no August meeting
- Worship & Music no July meeting
- Bible study no July & Aug meetings
- Forum resumes late August or early Sept

## You Might be Lutheran IF:

- Commandment #11 says “it's never been done that way before, so don't do it.”
- You win \$10 million in the lottery and decide to throw a party and money is no object. So, you advertise in the church bulletin, rent the parish hall, and ask all of your friends to bring a side dish or salad.
- Every time something changes, the old way was better. (see commandment #11)
- You hold your family reunion in the church basement.
- You think the communion bread is too spicy.

## Bring The Yard Darts; It's a Fathers' Day Picnic

June 16th, Fellowship committee is sponsoring a Father's Day picnic-cook-out-hootenanny-shindig-get-together combination event. As you may have already guessed, there's a signup sheet in the narthex. Fellowship committee is keeping the some picnic details under very tight



wraps until they figure out what all is actually going to happen. Can't you just smell the burnt burgers? MMMmmmmm burnt burgers. Lets hope!

## Fellowship Committee is on an Mission

June 19th will be a Father's Day second chance and recovery event. A second chance in case you shamefully missed the picnic, and a recovery event in case you made it to the picnic.

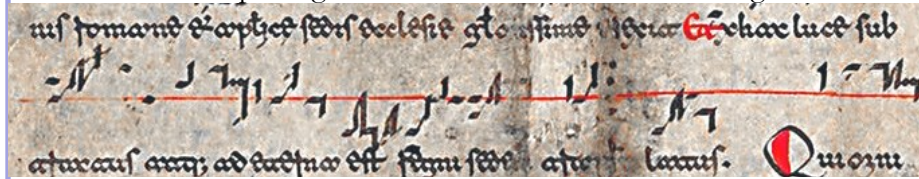


We will be going to **MISSION BBQ** to take in some of that smokey goodness. Details forthcoming.



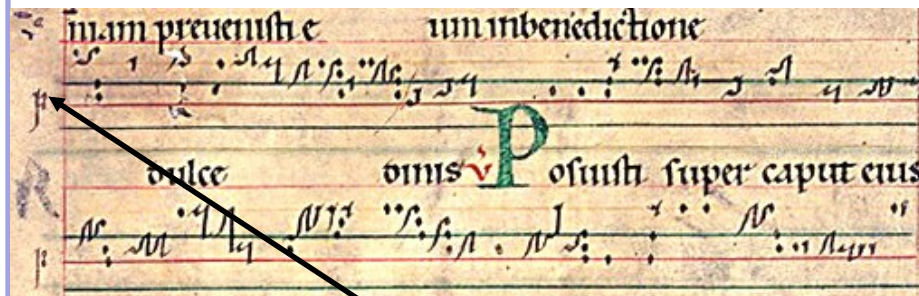
# Music Notation

Or as Pr. Kopp would say “all those dots.” How did we get to the point we are today? Well, it took quite a while. It started with Pythagoras looking into mathematical elements of music. Some of the earliest known attempts used *neumes* to represent pitches. This 12th century example shows a single line “staff” and pitches and durations written above, on, and below the line. Interpreting the various distances from the single line was

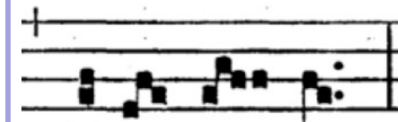


rather subjective one may guess.

Later in the 12th century additional lines were added to expand the staff. This was the origin of the treble “clef” we use today. If you look to the



left of each staff is a stylized “F” indicating, most likely, the scale degree



alle- lú- ia :

“Fa”. It is difficult to tell where one staff begins and another ends. More developments were made as a 4 line staff and square notes emerged-neumes.

(some what due to the shape of the quill used for writing having a straight cut end on it.) Different geographical areas all developed notation systems independently. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the Catholic church was still in tact with an established hierarchy. It is the church that most likely began standardizing notation as church leaders traveled to and from the various areas sharing the developments. The notation of hymns, psalms, and liturgy was elevated to an art form as the monks, with no TV, no photocopiers, and no internet, had lots of time on their hands to decorate the books they produced by hand. Here you can see an example



# “All those Dots”

(remember the April 14th bulletin insert) of the artwork and the development of music notation. Still on a 4 line staff, it is clear to see that we are



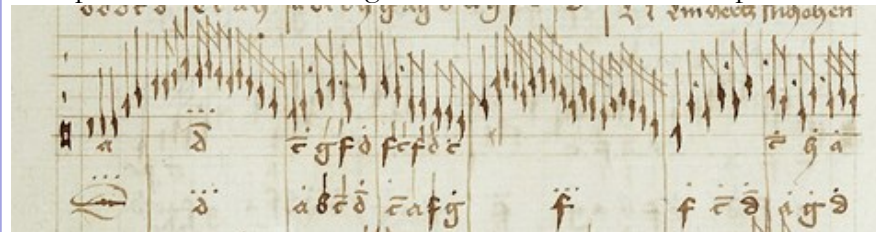
not too far from modern notation. On the right we can see the addition of another line to make a 5 note staff. Note at

the top left of each line is a pitch reference or clef.



It should be mentioned, that other systems of notation were also developed. Something called tablature, still used today, was developed for the guitar. Shown here is an

example from 1554. Also Organ Tablature was also developed:



By the time Bach came along in 1685, notation had been standardized:



## Why the Sub Sales?

...because they're delicious. The Sub Sales we have, which are expertly run by Sylvia Lashley (yay Sylvia) (Yeah, Greg helps her too, yay Greg) are to help pay for tower room renovations/repairs. While at a meeting in the tower room recently, it occurred to me that there may be many folks who have not ventured up there for quite a while. SO, here it is:



What you are seeing is water damage and access to the area above the ceiling needed to pinpoint the leaks. We have had an ongoing problem with leaks for quite some time. Every time we think we're dry, we're not. (I hate when that happens) The property committee has been working tirelessly with various firms to find the leaks and to cure them. Water is a funny thing; it may come in at one point, and travel along the structure quite a distance before making its appearance either as a stain or a puddle! We need to be absolutely sure we are dry before proceeding with repairs. You should say "thanks" to property committee members for their vigilance in the War Against Drips®. (yeah, I made that up!)

Bill 😂

# Notation

It should be noted, (pun intended) that systems were being developed all over the world and long before this little report starts. Here is notation from Babylonia 2000-1700 BC.



Chinese notation from 1425.



Unfortunately, little of this is taught as part of the curriculum to obtain a music degree. Almost everything taught is the history of western music. That being the case, I choose to focus on the history of the notation we use today in our hymnals.

## Musical Humour

Q: What's the definition of perfect pitch?

A: When you toss a banjo in the garbage and it hits an accordion.

Two drummers walk past a bar...

Q: How do you get a guitarist to play softer?

A: Put a sheet of music in front of them.

Q: How do you reduce wind-drag on a saxophonist's car?

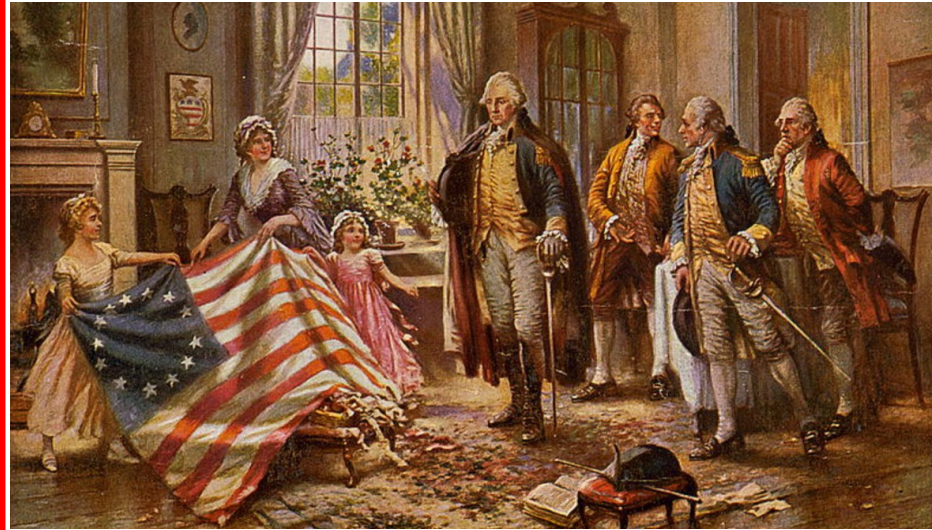
A: Take the Domino's Pizza sign off the roof

SCHOOL'S OUT SOON  
DRIVE CAREFULLY!





## Flag Day, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>



“The Birth of Old Glory”, a painting by Percy Moran (1862–1935). Flag Day is a celebration of the American flag that occurs each year on the anniversary of the flag’s official adoption, June 14<sup>th</sup>. What we know fondly as the “Stars and Stripes” was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, in the midst of the Revolutionary War. The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American flag necessary. Previously, each colony had its own flag. On that 14<sup>th</sup> of June, Congress passed the Flag Resolution of 1777, stating: “The flag of the United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field ...” The official announcement of the new flag was not made until Sept. 3, 1777. Did Betsy Ross make that first flag? Definitely maybe. There is no real proof that she did except for a So-Fro receipt with Betsy’s signature, but the parchment is in very poor condition. Based on colonial folklore, it has also been stated that the American flag was first flown in battle during the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Cooch’s Bridge in 1777.

- The original 1777 flag was designed to represent the 13 original colonies. It had 13 white stars on a blue field and 13 alternating red and white stripes.
- The stars arranged in a circle, based on the idea that all colonies were equal.



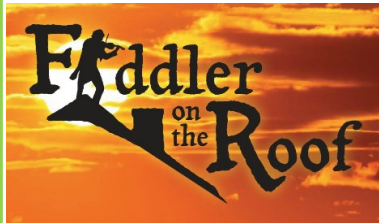
## Flag Day (cont'd)

- In 1818, after a few design changes, the United States Congress decided to retain the flag's original 13 stripes and add new stars to reflect each new state that entered the union.
- Each time a state was added to the union, a star was added. Today, there are 50 stars, one for each state in the union, but the 13 stripes remain.

Interestingly, the current American flag was designed by a high school student from Lancaster, Ohio, named Bob G. Heft. Even though Bob's history teacher gave him a "B-" for not knowing how many states the Union had, Bob submitted his design to the White House (unprompted) in anticipation of Hawaii and Alaska joining the Union. To his surprise, President Eisenhower called him! Today, it's Bob Heft's 1958 design—which shows 50 stars in a field that included five rows of six stars and four rows of five stars—which is now our 50-star American flag (and the history teacher changed his grade to an "A"). Thanks Bob!

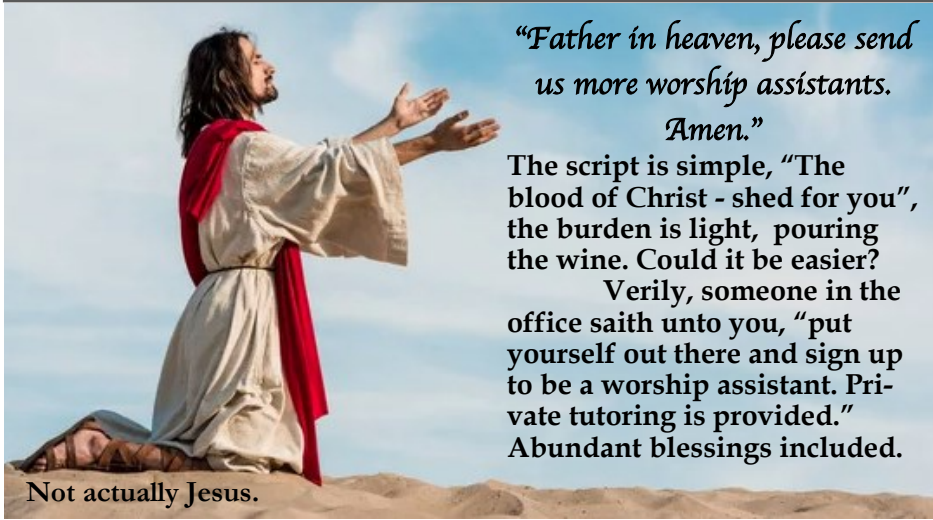


## Fellowship Indoor Outing Slated



- Put this date in your phone: June 2
- Add daily reminders until then.
- Where: Lancaster Bible College  
901 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA, 17601
- When: 2-430pm
- Why: Because it's fun.
- How: Do you even need to ask, there'll be a sign up sheet. Woo Hoo!
- How Much \$\$\$ - Pay as you may, no set fee
- Parking? - Plenty in a big lot, with white lines!
- Rides available? - Of course
- Handicapped accessible? - You bet.
- Should I come early? Yes, 30 minutes. (1:30pm)
- Questions? - Call or see Bill 717-872-7392

Help! I need Somebody. Help, Not just Anybody.



*“Father in heaven, please send us more worship assistants.*

*Amen.”*

The script is simple, “The blood of Christ - shed for you”, the burden is light, pouring the wine. Could it be easier?

Verily, someone in the office saith unto you, “put yourself out there and sign up to be a worship assistant. Private tutoring is provided.”

Abundant blessings included.

Not actually Jesus.

## Our Website

There was plenty of frustration to go around for a while surrounding the church’s website and keeping it updated. That is all ancient history, and has been for a while. We have sermons, newsletters, calendars, pictures of events, and more. Take a look sometime. If there is something you think would make a good addition, let the office know. [www.stpaullutheranmillersville.org](http://www.stpaullutheranmillersville.org)

## For the Love of Dirt

Special thanks, again this year, to Sylvia Lashley and Karen Napier for tending to our garden areas throughout the summer. In addition to being part of the team that plants geraniums, (see Pentecost Service article) they tend the entrance garden and the flowers around the sign out front. Special mention also to Greg Lashley, who is pressed into service by his manager, Sylvia. He is a good sport!

## Classified

**Help wanted: Lay assistants for local church. Many slots remain unfilled. Urgent plea went out and most of the slots for readers was filled. Church is grateful for that, assistants still needed - badly. Training available. Call the Church office 717-872-7392 or apply in the narthex at SSC.**

May Sponsors & Volunteers

June	Bulletin Sponsors	Sunday School Teachers
June-2	Marty & Bill Kahler	Enjoy the summer
June-9	Karen & Bill Napier	Enjoy the summer
June-16	Sherry Symonds	Enjoy the summer
June 23	Carol Heintzelman	Enjoy the summer
June 30	Holly Freas-Webster	Enjoy the summer
June Altar Guild	Michele Carpenter & Sue Ellenberg	

June Flowers	Vase 1	Vase 2
June-2	Lois & John Detz	Sue & Dave Ellenberg
June-9	Gail Miller	Sherry Symonds
June-16	Carol Heintzelman	Linda & Bruce Hampton
June 23	Dolores Garrett	
June 30	Wanda & David Rockstroh	Wanda & David Rockstroh

June Ushers	1	2	3	4
June-2	Lois Detz	John Detz	Carol Heintzelman	Evan Schwebel
June-9	Sue Ellenberg	Dave Ellenberg	Bill Engle	Holly Freas Webster
June-16	Betty Bringman	Dee Perry	Sandy Miller	Frank Witmer
June 23	Karen Napier	Dick Shipman	Gail Miller	Sylvia Lashley
June 30	Jan Sylte	Ray Sylte	Lois Detz	John Detz

June	Lay Reader	Assistant
June-2	Linda Hampton	Sue Ellenberg
June-9	TBA	Sue Ellenberg
June-16	Linda Hampton	
June 23	Greg Lashley	Lauren Buchman
June 30	Carol Heintzelman	Lauren Buchman

# Pentecost Service

Vibrant red adornments festooned to altar, the pastor, the baptismal font, and even the narthex for this festival Sunday.



Kan Hoak shared the significance of the symbolism on the deep red banner. God symbolized with Alpha and Omega, Jesus by the cross of salvation, and the Holy Spirit by the descending dove. The people at the bottom are reminiscent of the song lyrics, "...all the people of the world; red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight." This banner was made by our own Gail Miller. At the bottom of the page are some of the 51 geraniums that brought natural beauty and color to the church. Many thanks to Polly Irwin, Sylvia and Greg Lashley, Karen Napier, and Linda Hampton for planting the geraniums to further beautify the church grounds. Linda coordinated the acquisition of the flowers and planting of said flowers (in the dirt). Thanks Linda!





## Pentecost Geraniums

This year, Pentecost Geraniums were sponsored by:

*Bernice & Mike Althouse To the Glory Of God*

*Bev Arnold*

*In memory of her mother*

*Celeste & Tim Brooks*

*In honor of their children Jason & Jessica*

*Lois & John Detz*

*In memory of Roy & Naomi Zartman*

*Lori & Jim Dierolf*

*In memory of Mary & Anna Mae Lazarchick*

*In memory of Peggy Turner and Ann Rannels*

*And in honor of Frannie Dierolf*

*Holly Freas-Webster*

*In memory of Art & Betty Low Freas*

*Mary & Eugene Fritz To the Glory of God*

*Pat Heffner To the Glory of God*

*Carol Heintzelman*

*In memory of loved ones*

*Polly & Scott Irwin To the Glory of God*

*Sandy Miller*

*In honor of her great grandchildren*

*Karen Napier To the Glory of God*

*Olivia Osborne*

*In honor of Lois & John Detz by their goddaughter*

*Dee Perry To the Glory of God*

*Wanda & Dave Rockstroh*

*In memory of Mother & Grandmother*

*In honor of their great grandchildren*

*And To the Glory of God*

*Frank Witmer*

*In memory of Mildred Witmer*

*Anonymous*

*In memory of Gail Atchison and in honor of Judi*

*Brosey*

## A Rose by Any Other Name...



...would be a different plant. Why do people ponder these things? This year's plant sale, which offered neither roses or dandelions, generated \$1000 plus \$89.25 from our Pentecost geraniums. This total was matched by our Global Mission Fund for a total of \$2,178.50 to be sent to Haiti. Thank you Karen Napier and Bernice & Mike Althouse for all your work. How bad is Haiti? For the third consecutive year, Haiti remains on the IRC's (International Rescue Committee) Watchlist as the nation grapples with an ongoing political crisis. This crisis was sparked by the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse in 2021, resulting in widespread violence that has inflicted harm upon innocent civilians. Nearly half of the population requires humanitarian assistance, including almost 200,000 people who have been internally displaced. "Haiti has been enduring a protracted humanitarian crisis, and every few

months, violence reaches new levels," explains Serge Dalexis, head of office for the IRC in Haiti. "As violence grows, so does the number of new people who will need help to meet the most essential aspects of life."

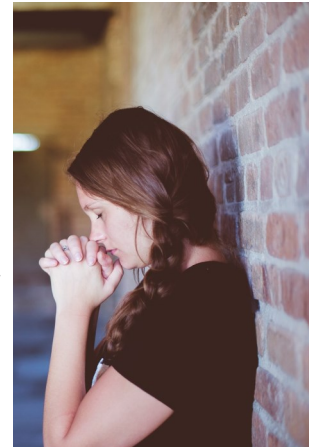
SUGGESTION: add the people of Haiti to you prayer list...see below.

## Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Mary "Peanut" Lambert  
Bruce Thens  
Gail Gilday  
Marilyn Homsher  
Ann Nagle  
Mary Ann Oren  
Marion Trimble  
Carl & Peggy Bruce  
Bruce & Kay Cherry  
Patty & Barry Leed  
Eleanor Ottolini  
Charles Scharnberger  
Nancy Eberly

Peg Silin  
Shirley & Howard  
Shufflebottom  
Pr. Mark Kopp

*Please contact  
the office if you  
would like to  
add someone to  
this list.*



# Honouring Dad

What better way to pay homage to dad than recognizing the art form that has been associated with dads for centuries around the world: Dad Jokes! Although often met with groaning, eye rolling, frowning, exiting the room, and sometimes violence, deep down there is not a person alive who does not truly appreciate this art form. Unfortunately, many are in denial and the only known therapy is total immersion in dad jokes. That's my theory and I'm sticking with it. Often the negative reactions are an intentional attempt to discourage him as it might boost his ego a little too much and spark more dad jokes, which would most likely make it impossible to hold back the laughter and tears. How often have we heard "I laughed so hard the tears were running down my leg?" That's a lot of laughter from a lot of dad jokes. It is rare, but I believe Miriam Webster missed the point defining dad jokes: "a wholesome joke of the type said to be told by fathers with a punchline that is often an obvious or predictable pun or play on words and usually judged to be endearingly corny or unfunny". Corny? Entire civilizations have been build around corn. (look it up) Endearing? Absolutely, but highly intelligent, and **always funny** would be more accurate. Predictable, yes, often, but that only proves that the audience has been paying close attention...any good dad joke is always worth repeating whenever the timing is right...or almost right. (they're all good by the way)

A few gems:

- "I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know..."
- "That car looks nice but the muffler sounds exhausted."
- "If a child refuses to nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?"
- "I used to play piano by ear...now I use my hands."

A big thanks to dads and their tireless efforts and dedication to passing on the necessary skills to the next generation. Honestly, sometimes it skips a generation, but that's rare.



## Fathers

Fathers are wonderful people  
Too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be  
The man who pays the bills,  
While Mother binds up little hurts  
And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily  
To live up to 'his image'  
As protector and provider  
And 'hero of the scrimmage'...

And perhaps that is the reason  
We sometimes get the notion,  
That Fathers are not subject  
To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
Where no one else can see  
You'll find he's sentimental  
And as 'soft' as he can be...  
But he's so busy every day

In the grueling race of life,  
He leaves the sentimental stuff  
To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just wonderful  
In a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
And accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires  
To fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
And to bring them happiness...

And like Our Heavenly Father,  
He's a guardian and a guide,  
Someone that we can count on  
To be always on our side.

-Helen Stiner Rice

## One more for the Road?

A monastery in the English countryside had fallen on hard times, and decided to establish a business to defray their expenses, such as a bakery or winery. Being English, however, they decided to open a fish-and-chips restaurant. The establishment soon became very popular, attracting people from far and wide. Before Chick-fil-e, they were the first to have people, and horses and buggies lined up along the cloister...for fish.

One city fellow, thinking himself clever, asked one of the brothers, "I suppose you're the 'fish friar'?"

"No," answered the brother, "I'm the 'chip monk'."

Bill 🤔