

St. Paul's Letter

September 2024

"And we know
that in all things
God works for
the good of those
who love him,
who have been
called according
to his purpose"

Romans 8:28

VBS Highlights

Collectors Edition



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Quotable Quotes

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

September Birthdays



Sylvia Lashley 7th

Carol Heintzelman 24th

Ruth Derby 7th

Craig Daugherty 28th

Ken Buchmann 21st

Wanda Rockstroh 28th

Angie Esbenshade 23rd

If you have a September birthday and are not listed, let the office know. If you feel you have been born in September 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!

This edition of FOCUS focuses on the Napiers...so don't get your hopes too high! Karen, the oldest Napier, was born in New Castle Delaware on March 19th, a little more than half-way into the 19th century. It wasn't dark or stormy as she recalls; believe it when Bill says "she remembers everything." About 40 miles away, in Philadelphia, Bill was born 3 long days later thus making him much younger. Bill does not remember the event or the weather let alone dinner last night.

Karen was adopted by a young couple living in Philadelphia. There, she attended elementary school, which for her, was k-8th grade in the same building. She excelled in all subjects especially math and creative spelling. Bill, who often claimed he was adopted due to his mother's crazy antics with the pastor's wife, lived a mere 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles away as a crow flies. Somewhere in the middle was St. John's Lutheran church. The building was a city block long. (still is!) Karen and Bill attend-



ed St. John's since they were in the 3rd grade

. Bill also attended elementary school, occasionally, and eventually made it to high school. Karen went to what is called a magnet school for brainiacs: The Philadelphia High School for Girls. Bill also attended a magnet school for those who were not blessed with a great mind but were creative: The Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. He was a voice major.

Growing up together, church was a central part of their lives. They attended Sunday school there, but Bill went to the early class at 9:30 and Karen went to the later class at 11:00. (There were 3 services every week: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am)



They were both in bell choir and singing choir together, but at that time, Karen really could not stand Bill. His affinity towards **Curly** of **The Three Stooges** and his frequent channeling of that character's idiosyncrasies, quite often, were more than Karen's delicate sensibilities could withstand or appreciate. They were both confirmed together as well. Can you pick them out in the confirmation class picture? They just happened to be placed near each other. At this point, they were both going to Luther League youth group where Bill would regale the young ladies with his guitar playing and singing, and they would politely walk or run away. Karen, however, actually listened to him play. There's no accounting for taste.

Karen and Bill got closer through Luther League events and retreats and Bill showed an interest in her but failed to act on it because he was busy being oblivious. Karen decided, enough is enough, and eventually, during a retreat, gave him a note asking him, “what is going on? Do you like me or what?” Bill quickly learned the error of his ways and on December 12, 1981 they went on their first date. It was a Bach Christmas Oratorio performance. She liked the tuxedos, but that was about it. (What do you want, the tickets were free!) Six years later, to the day, they were married at St. John’s.

During this time, Karen was attending the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, studying physical therapy, and working 2 jobs to pay for it. Bill went to West Chester for Music Education but didn’t finish before going to Culinary School. (the Restaurant School in Philadelphia) (long story)

As they were looking for a house in Philadelphia, the houses they could afford were not in locations where they would want to live. So, Bill’s mother, having vacationed at an Amish farm, suggested we look in Lancaster. So, unfortunately, Bill & Karen took route 30 all the way from Philly ...ugh. When they arrived at the Rockvale Outlets 7 hours later, they saw a Century 21 office. They went in, met a French Canadian guy named Lamonte Dombach, and ended up buying the first house they saw. A real fixer-upper that looked something like this picture. Bill made thousands of trips to Hechinger’s and Lowes.



Karen has worked as a Physical Therapist at St. Joseph’s hospital and later at LGH for 20+ years. She also free lanced for a while and worked in most of the facilities in the county. She also worked weekends at Masonic Homes for 15 years. Bill has worked as a chef and an electrician’s assistant. Eventually, he got a job at MU as an Associate Director for Procurement for Food Services. During his tenure there, he completed his music education degree. Bill had to quit the MU job to complete his student teaching semester. After graduating, he got a job in Lancaster teaching music. This did not go well as the students had no discipline and could neither read, write, or do math. Soon thereafter, he left teaching to work for the company he and Karen had started with former St Paul member Jim McFarland: SDG Organ Service Inc. This company ran for nearly 25 years when it was closed due to market changes. A blessing in disguise as they managed divest the company’s assets and sell the building just before Covid closed everything down.

Karen and Bill have 2 grand dogs, Layla and Kaya, and 3 human children, William (Bill), Bethany, and Robert (Bob). Their grandfather used to call them the killer B’s! By the middle of this month, all three Napier offspring will have been married. Bethany, the middle child, gets married on the 14th! Karen and Bill have 4 grandchildren, Joseph, Ashlyn, Rowan, and Elliot, who have just moved back into our area from the Pittsburgh area. Their parents, Nicole and Bill, have also moved into our area and are planning to build a house just down the street from Denny Herr! (the Herr’s are planning their escape already)

Karen enjoys grandchildren, milk & cookies, dirt (gardening), cruising, traveling to historic places, TV murder mysteries, fine dining, and micro-managing. Bill enjoys grandchildren, cruising, making cookies for Karen, driving Karen to historic places, fine dining, and being micro-managed... by Karen. Bill also enjoys writing and arranging music and playing on his concert grand piano! He’s not very good, but it keeps his mind from dissolving.



Karen and Bill at the plant sale, Ephrata site.

While at Sunday School...

They were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week Johnny's mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Johnny replied, "I have a pain in my side, I think I'm having a wife."

Stuck at Home?



If you are in need of a ride to church, a church event, or even to the market, please let the church office know, we will work to find you what you need. With fall on the horizon and daylight getting shorter, driving in the dark is something that may be daunting. Don't let it be...call. 717-872-7392

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 Siglin
Shirley & Howard-
Shufflebottom
Pr. Mark Kopp
Anita Kissinger
Dolores Garrett
Bruce Thens

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



Helping Hands

Sept.	1	8	15	22	29
Bulletins	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Lori & Jim Dierolf		Carol Heintzelman	
Sunday School	Holiday	Picnic	Karen Napier	Sue Swartz	
Flowers Vase 1	Karen Hallacher	Karen & Bill Napier	Lauren & Ken Buchmann	Frank Witmer	Linda & Bruce Hampton
Flowers Vase 2	Karen Hallacher	Boots & Don Horn	Betty Bringman	Boots & Don Horn	Linda & Bruce Hampton
Usher 1	Dick Shipman	Glenda Hurtt	Tim Brooks	Jan Sylte	Mike Althouse
Usher 2	Sue Ellenberg	Frank Witmer	Betty Bringman	Ray Sylte	Suzanne Herr
Usher 3	Dave Ellenberg	Dee Perry	Holly Freas-Webster	Sylvia Lashley	Denny Herr
Usher 4	Betty Bringman	Pat Heffner	Carol Heintzelman	Greg Lashley	
Altar Guild 1					
Altar Guild 2					
Lay Reader	Holly Freas-Webster	Frank Witmer	Linda Hiney	Greg Lashley	Carol Heintzelman
Lay Assistant	Holly Freas-Webster	Frank Witmer	Jim Dierolf	Ray Sylte	Holly Freas-Webster

Finance, Finance, Finance

July Finance Update:

Giving Income	\$ 18,975.26
Other Income	\$ 5,880.33
July Expenses	\$ 23,925.16
July Net Income	\$ 930.43



Hilariocity

An engineer dies and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to you-know-where. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort there.

He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, they have air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.

One day, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things?"

Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been there. Send him to me."

"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"

God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."

Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "And where are you going to get a lawyer?"

It was **Palm Sunday**, but because of a sore throat, Johnny stayed home from church. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he passed by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and Jesus actually shows up."



76 Trombones Lead the Big Parade!



Are there really 76? You'll have to come to the parade and count them for yourself.

This year, the Millersville parade is on September 21st. That's right, it is earlier than in previous years. It was moved for several reasons not the least of which was weather. Come to the church and get the best view possible. We will be offering baked goods, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and drinks to the masses. Yes, we will be looking for some food donations. There might be a signup sheet...Bill is trying to cut down. Come and be a part of it all, we can always use extra hands.

ALSO— again this year, we will be holding our annual yard sale. We will be accepting donations in the weeks leading up to parade day.

Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.



Be sure to arrive before 8AM when the main arteries of Millersville will be closed to traffic.

Hidden in every thrill packed edition is our old friend Waldo. Can you find him? (and NO, the one to the right doesn't count)



Somehow, I lost FOCUS

As entertaining as last month's FOCUS on the Family was, it contained many errors due to misunderstanding the information given. Celeste, not Tim, has the Psychology degree, drove a school bus, was director of the senior center, acolyte trainer, Worship and Music committee chair, and a case worker for the Welfare office. Maybe she could evaluate me and figure out what went wrong in this tiny brain. —Bill



A note from the VBS “Executive Director”



From Karen Napier

Thank you to all who helped make this year's VBS Camping with God a success. We had 15 children participate in a week of learning about Ruth and Naomi, Jesus teaching in the temple, Zacchaeus, Jesus calming the storm, and Jesus healing the paralytic.

Marty worked to transform our church into a campground complete with a forest with creatures lurking! As always, Kathryn and Pastor Kopp lead the children with singing and storytelling, Sue S. and Michelle led the children playing games, Karen led crafts, and Bill and Sharon fed us all great snacks. We also had Lois, Marty, Dee and Polly A. helping with registration and sign-in / sign-out tasks, and Sandy leading all the children to their various stations. On the final night, we had a successful picnic with 72 attendees. We received a Thrivent grant which helped to cover some of the food costs plus members also contributed food items. A big thank you to the many members who helped set up, bring food, and then clean up after the picnic.

This area is intentionally left blank. Please do not write in it. The space is reserved so that, in the unlikely event that someone asks for something to be included in the newsletter, there is sufficient space to add the necessary information. There is almost always space available even if it means taking drastic action and reducing the font and the line spacing so that everything fits without adding more paper in the form of an additional insert. We are always striving to keep printing cost at a minimum. So please, do not be concerned about asking for something to be in the newsletter. The only exception would be if it has already been printed, then an insert may be utilized. Typically, the newsletters printed on the last week of the month so that



“Oh, no, the door is fine, I’m just putting up this help wanted notice.”

HELP WANTED: Church Treasurer. After 3 years of service, Polly Irwin will be retiring at the end of the year. To that end, we are searching for a replacement. Polly has done an amazing job of getting the church well situated with Quick Books and her replacement will train with her until the beginning of 2025. One of her many accomplishments includes weaning us off of the Parish Resource Center’s accounting services, which has saved us a considerable amount money. With Polly training you, the job will not be difficult. Please, consider seriously offering your time and talent to the church in this capacity. Contact Polly if you have questions or would like to sign up. The clock is ticking! (but then again, isn’t it always?)

Not a joke, we need someone!

Intellect’s Corner



Have you ever spent hours and hours trying to figure out one of life’s mysteries or unanswered questions? Here is one to ponder: Who closes the bus door after the driver has exited the bus? (This one might drive you batty.)

VBS Highlights



We were blessed with beautiful weather all week.





Snacking enthusiasts,
Consultants, & coordinators
Bill & Sharon



Sharon provides detailed snacking
instructions



I was hoping for
a chocolate
fountain.



Jack, are you seeing
this?



Alfresco Dining at its Best!

Our VBS, once again, wrapped up with a picnic on the final night. The children and their parents look forward to this event the entire year...some started looking forward to the next year's picnic while they are at this year's picnic. Its probably the hot dogs! Greg's recent promotion to Chef

Du Weiner afforded him the opportunity to show off his skills. New to the position, Greg requires the oversight of his personal manager. Sylvia also functioned a bun inspector.



The quality control manager and council president, Dave Ellenberg, was sure to check

the quality of every menu item, sometimes even twice to ensure a pleasant dining experience for



all the customers.

An enormous crowd of more than 70 came to the festivities. At one point the line stretched all the way into the parking lot. (left) Dave's commitment to quality is so intense that he sometimes does not make it back to the table before performing a quality test.

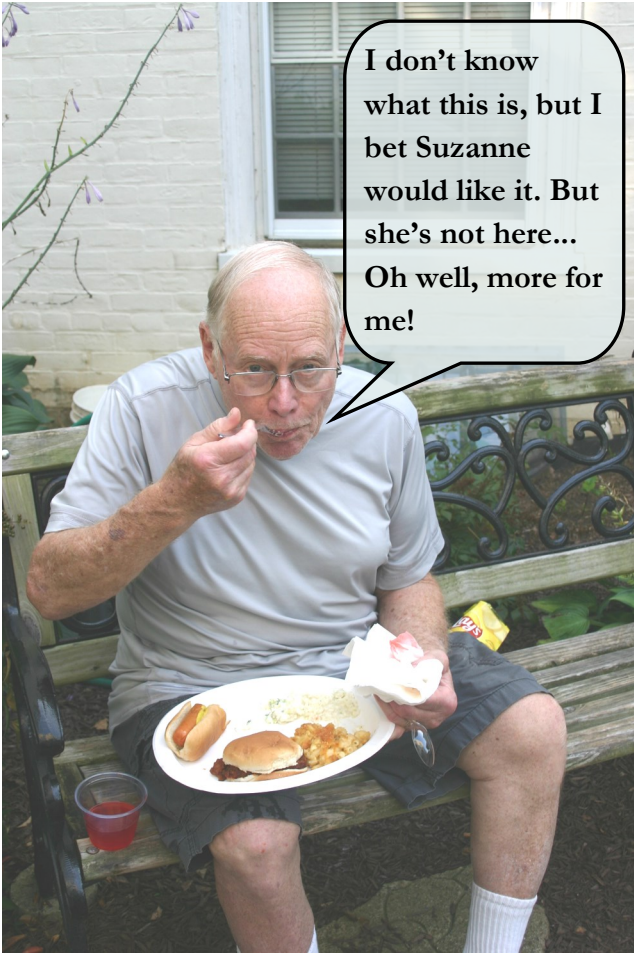




The Van Aulens were there as Conner and Elaina were very enthusiastic about VBS...especially singing the songs. So loud. So loud..



Snow cones were provided by Loft personnel. The kids needed that little sugar boost to get them through the evening before the ice cream social. They all succeeded with flying colors.



I don't know what this is, but I bet Suzanne would like it. But she's not here... Oh well, more for me!

Denny Herr enjoying a little solitude while dining in the giardino segreto. (secret garden). He thought he would go unnoticed...but the camera sees all!

The hot dogs, waters, rolls, and many of the supplies were afforded by a grant from Thrivent!

Below you can see the overflow seating area which filled up quickly due to the number of chairs and tables set up initially.

"I'll tell ya, these kids and their phones!"



But Wait, There's More!



On August 18th we welcomed new members: Marcia, Trish (Patricia), and James Bernheisel. They all transferred to St. Paul from another Lutheran church. Please make them feel welcome and make sure they are well acquainted with Signup Sheet Central (SSC). (unfortunately there was never a time where a good angle was available for a picture to clearly show their faces...so, next week, look for someone you don't know, greet them, and make them feel welcome!)

In addition to the new members, Pastor Kopp baptized Charles Joseph Nagy. (the one being held in the pic) As is Pastor Kopp's tradition, he invited all the children in the congregation to come to the baptismal font to observe.

The VBS children provided the "prelude" for the service as they presented some high spirited (loud) songs from VBS. The children were led by Pastor Kopp on guitar and Katheryn Verkouw, who helps us every year with songs and stories at VBS. They did, indeed, make a joyful noise to the Lord.



*Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth:
Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Psalm 98*

It's Purely Organic

As mentioned last month, David Tannenberg built the organs at the Moravian church in Lititz. David Tannenberg was born March 21, 1728, in Berthelsdorf, Upper Lusatia. He received a call to join the Moravian community in Zeist and traveled there in 1748. While in Zeist, Tannenberg began making arrangements to travel with a group of Moravians to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He boarded the Moravian ship "The Irene" and landed in America on May 12, 1749.

Tannenberg was a joiner by trade. He practiced that trade in Pennsylvania and played a role in the construction of the homes and buildings of Bethlehem. He designed the steeple of the Moravian Church in Lititz; things were really looking up for him.

In 1778, Tannenberg and twenty-one other members of his congregation took an Oath of Allegiance to the newly formed government of the United States. This caused some controversy, since the church had remained loyal to King George III.

In late 1757 or early 1758, Tannenberg began learning the craft of organ building from Johann Gottlob Klemm. In 1758, he assisted Klemm in construction of an organ in Nazareth. (This included many trips to the local cheese shop, Cheeses of Nazareth.) After Klemm's death, Tannenberg did not build any organs for three years. Tannenberg moved to Lititz, Pennsylvania, with his family in 1765. There, he purchased the home of one of the settlers of Lititz named George Klein. He worked out of the house until his death in 1804. Tannenberg saw to the construction of over 40 organs from 1765 until his death. There are now only nine extant instruments of the 40. His instruments were the largest and most complete in America at the time, and by 1830, many Moravian, Lutheran, and German Reformed churches housed organs made by Tannenberg or one of the other Pennsylvania-German organ builders. He is widely regarded as one of America's greatest organ builders, and indeed, his work could be considered to be comparable to some of the greatest organ builders of that time in Europe.

As Pennsylvanians, we are fortunate to have six of the nine extant organs...two of which are at the Moravian church in Lititz. Here is the list:

- 1770 — Zion Lutheran Church in Moselem Springs, Pennsylvania
- 1776 — Moravian Chapel in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- 1787 — Moravian Church in Lititz, Pennsylvania
- 1791 — Zion Lutheran Church in Spring City, Pennsylvania
- 1793 — Moravian Church in Lititz, Pennsylvania
- 1798 — Single Brothers' House in Old Salem, North Carolina
- 1800 — Home Moravian Church in Old Salem, North Carolina
- 1802 — Hebron Lutheran Church in Madison, Virginia
- 1804 — Christ Lutheran Church in York, Pennsylvania

Here, in Lancaster, we have a little Tannenberg history but no longer an organ. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster procured an organ as early as 1744. This instrument may have been built by Johannes Gottlob Clemm, who also built harpsichords. In 1766, when the church completed their new building, Tannenberg was paid to transfer the old organ to the new building and make repairs. In 1771, however, the church began to secure funds for a new organ. A receipt signed by Tannenberg in 1772 for £150 could possibly indicate that the organ cost £450 since he usually received payments in thirds. The organ contained two manuals and pedals with 20 stops. The splendid case was built by Peter Frick, a cabinetmaker from Germantown. That case is a part of the current organ at Trinity. In 1792, when the church tower and steeple were being built, Tannenberg was contacted regarding moving the bellows. Again in 1803, Tannenberg was asked to perform some repairs (probably tuning) to the organ.



The two Tannenberg organs in Lititz are pictured here.



Down Sizing or Right Sizing?

Hopefully not capsizing!



There are several organizations in Lancaster and York Counties that will pick up unwanted furniture, building materials, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, clothing, household goods and appliances.

Habitat for Humanity Greenfield exit off Route 30
Accepts furnishings in decent condition and building materials.
Drop off or schedule a pick up on their website.
<https://lancasterlebanonhabitat.org>

Nonprofit Pennsylvania Furniture Mission in York 717-813-2452
<https://pennsylvaniamission.org>
Pickups of furniture can be scheduled online
Accepts donations to cover the cost of running their trucks.
Also accepts gently used mattresses, box springs and bed frames.

PPL accepts old working freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers and room air conditioners through the Electric Residential Energy Efficiency Program. You may also be eligible to receive money from PPL for these old appliances. <https://www.pplelectric.com> – ways to save / all-rebates.
Call 877-486-9204 to schedule a pickup.

Salvation Army accepts clothing, household goods and cars.
Call 800-728-7825 to schedule a pickup. <https://pa.salvationarmy.org>

Have a Ball at this Loft Fundraiser

Contact the office if
you are interested.

Driving
Out Hunger

September 10, 2024

Crossgates Golf Club

4-Person Scramble to Benefit the Loft Community Partnership

Join us for a great day of golf, contests, food, raffles and prizes.

Entry fee is \$400 for a foursome.

Proceeds will help the Loft Food Pantry provide
food security to over 300 families weekly.



Why do some events require pre-payment? Because, there have been instances where someone has signed up for an event, tickets were purchased, and they did not come to the event nor paid for the tickets. The church loses that money. It is just a logistics issue. Additionally, it makes the treasurer's tracking of funds more efficient. If there is a \$236 dollar charge on the church Visa and \$236 turned in for a specific event, it is a more efficient way to reconcile accounts. Thank you.



Its Amazing

Having lived through a rather unfortunate and troubled childhood, his mother passing away when he was just six years old, John Newton spent years fighting against authority, going so far as trying to desert the Royal Navy in his twenties. Later, abandoned by his crew in West Africa, he was forced to be a servant to a slave trader but was eventually rescued. On the return voyage to England, a violent storm almost sank his ship, prompting Newton to begin his spiritual conversion as he cried out to God to save them from the storm. Upon his return, however, Newton became a slave ship master, a profession in which he served for several years. He brought slaves from Africa to England. Over the course of many trips, he admitted to treating the slaves abhorrently at times. In 1754, after becoming violently ill on a sea voyage, Newton abandoned his life as a slave trader, the slave trade, and seafaring, altogether, wholeheartedly devoting his life to God's service. In the tiny town of Olney, in England, on New Year's Day 1773, the world was changed as John Newton delivered a sermon that included the text to what we now call "Amazing Grace". In 1835, William Walker paired Newton's words with the tune NEW BRITAIN, and the rest, is history. Here are two verses that have been omitted from the current version:

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
And mortal life shall cease, The sun forbear to shine;
I shall possess, within the veil, But God, who called me here below,
A life of joy and peace. Will be for ever mine.

One More for the Road?



When one of two brothers, who were the worst criminals in town, died, the surviving brother went to the local pastor and said, "I'll donate \$10 million to the church if you give the eulogy, but you have to say that he was a saint. You have to actually use those words." The pastor thought a few minutes and said, "ok, I'll do it."

At the funeral the pastor gets up and says, "This terrible man was thief, and a liar. There wasn't one good thing about him!" Then he stares at the brother in the audience and continues, "but compared to his brother, HE WAS A SAINT!"

Bill 😂