



### St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

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#### **Quotable Quotes**

"Doing nothing is very hard to do. You never know when you're finished."

Leslie Nielsen (April 2007)



October Birthdays

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Barb Conforti 6th

Ralph Vaughn Williams 12th

Tricia Landis 7th Dru I

Dru Landis 20th

David Rockstroh 9th

Loren Klingaman 25th

Marty Kahler 11th

Jim Bernheisel 25th

Jim Dommel 12th

Gene Miller 30th

If you have an October 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!

The victims of FOCUS this month are the inimitable for imaginary crown cheering) Let's delve into their

Detzes. (pause story!

If you ask John, he will tell you that he was born in a corn field in the sweltering July heat many, many, moons ago when the corn grew to 9 feet tall and it snowed all year long. Like so many rural, colonial-American settlements, much of the population was related to each other, and Millersville was no exception. John is a life long member of Saint Paul along with many of his clan: Detz, McLaughlin, Bailes, Houseknecht, and Vogt are all somehow related to John. (the ones he will admit to anyway) He graduated from Penn Manor High School and Harrisburg Barber School. He served in the PA National Guard and retired after 23 years of service. "General" John worked at Millersville University where he was a Water Systems Operator. If there was a spigot that needed to be turned on, or a leaky faucet, he was your guy! Hot, Cold, or even warm, he was the campus expert. John, having finally dried out, retired from this position after 32 long, moist years.

John enjoys nature including birdwatching, gardening and tending to trees and shrubs. He is convinced that the birds KNOW you are watching them. He also grew Christmas trees for years and had a tree trimming side hustle. John has put in countless volunteer hours taking care of the St Paul lawns and gardens as well as Hospice shrubs, trees and roses. Another dirt lover in our midst.

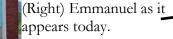
Lois was born on a farm north of Lititz to Roy and Naomi Zart-

man. She grew up attending Emanuel Lutheran Church in Brickerville which was built by her ancestors in the 1700's. She attended Webster one room school for six years. They were hoping to move the bathroom inside, but then it would be 2 rooms, so they didn't. She graduated from Warwick High school and went on to Grandview Hospital RN program in Sellersville, PA. Lois was an OR Nurse at LGH for seven years where she was known for asking "are you sure?" Another calling led her to



Left to right: John, Lois

Emmanuel as it appeared while Lois was growing up.





being a Labor and Delivery nurse for 35 years at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital, where she was also known for asking "are you sure?" Since she was raised proper-like on a farm, she makes the best pies, chicken corn soup and pot pie—a good Lancaster County farm-girl!

Lois worked with John's sister-in-law at LGH. One fateful-fine day Lois and John met in May of 1968 at John's brother's house. For John, it was love at first sight, although Lois is still not sure whether it was her or the new car she had just bought. They did the usual things like dancing, couples kick-boxing, and trips to the shore. In September of 1968 they went to John's class reunion. Somewhere around this point, John, perplexed that he finally met someone he was not related to, decided to reme-

dy that situation, and on January 25, 1969, they were married. (hitched for Lois)

Although John has had no formal culinary training, he is a certified "Chef du Wiener" and is usually found behind the roller grill at church events. Here he is pictured with Lydia, his grand daughter who oversees operations, Lois, his sous chef, and Melissa, his favorite daughter and mentee.



Throughout their 55 years, they have been very active here at St. Paul. It has been particularly taxing on John's brain as he needs to

know, and memorize everyone and their family tree. He rarely meets someone he is not related to. They enjoy going to their cabin, spending time with family, gardening, and traveling. They have been to the Panama Canal and South America (it's difficult to do one and not the other), to the Arctic Circle, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Croatia, most, if not all of Canada and Scandinavia and



all 50 states. Currently, they enjoy volunteering with

St Paul Bible School, sorting Panera Bread donations for the Loft, and continuing the Detz family tradition of making and distributing Cheer Baskets.

## While at Church...

One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it.

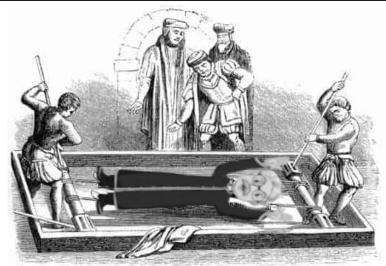
The seven-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex."

"Good morning pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque.

"Pastor, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 8:30 or the 11:00?"



Please keep Pr. Kopp in your prayers as he is undergoing some back adjustments. He just might return taller!

# Helping Hands

Oct.	6	13	20	27	
Bulletins	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
Sunday School	none	Karen Napier	Karen Napier	none	
Flowers Vase 1	Suzanne & Denny Herr	Betty Bringman	Gaynel & Steve Daugh- erty	Dee Perry	
Flowers Vase 2	Suzanne & Denny Herr	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Sherry Symonds	Sandy Miller	
Usher 1	Polly Irwin	Carol Heintzelman	Lauren Buchmann	Linda Hiney	
Usher 2	Scott Irwin	Pat Heffner	Cathy Trissel	Stephanie Dell'Estate	
Usher 3	Lori Dierolf	Anita Roma	Doris Shank	Denny Herr	
Usher 4	Jim Dierolf	Mike Althouse	Bill Shank	TBD	
Altar Guild 1	?	5.	?	5.	
Altar Guild 2	5	5	5	5	
Lay Reader	Frank Witmer	Greg Lashley	Linda Hiney	Carol Heintzelman	
Lay Assistant	none	Sue Ellenberg	Jim Dierolf	Tim Brooks	

## Finance, Finance, Finance

#### **August Finance Update:**

Giving Income \$ 15,118.00

Other Income \$ 1,841.08

Expenses \$ 16,013.18

Net Income \$ 945.90

#### The Lighter Side of Luther

One example of Luther Laughter is the pamphlet he circulated in 1542 against his long-time nemesis Archbishop Albrecht of Mainz. Despite all the controversy stirred up by the 95 Theses, the Archbishop continued to engage in what Luther saw as the Church's ultimate perversion, "selling indulgences," that is offering to forgive sins and offer salvation to those who paid the Church proper sums of money. And now, Albrecht was offering salvation in a new, peculiar way: if payment was made to view an exhibit of his beloved collection of relics, bits of petrified remains of dead saints, salvation may be assured.

Suddenly, there appeared, from the ether, a "New Pamphlet from the Rhine," excitedly announcing an additional exhibit filled with newly discovered relics so special that a special indulgence was being offered by the Pope! Included in this fantastic new collection:

- three flames from the burning bush on Mount Sinai [Exod. 3:3]
- two feathers and an egg from the Holy Spirit (the dove)
- a whole pound of the wind that roared by Elijah in the cave on Mount Horeb [1 Kings 19:11]
- five nice strings from the harp of David
- three beautiful locks of Absalom's hair, which got caught in the oak and left him hanging [2 Sam. 18:9]

In addition, the pamphlet writer said he'd received a tip from a "friend in high places" that hinted the Archbishop had willed a trifle of his pious, loyal heart and whole section of his truthful tongue to his existing relic collection, and whoever paid extra now to view it then would receive forgiveness for all sins committed up to the time of payment and for ten more years. What a unique opportunity to obtain a special state of grace!

Later, after the pamphlet was widely circulated, Luther admitted he was the humorous author.

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



### In Memoriam



Joseph A Duschl III

Joseph Anthony Duschl III, 86, of Elizabethtown, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Evergreen Hospice in the Masonic Health Center.

He asked to be kept in your prayers.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held:
Saturday
October 19, 2024 at 2:00 PM
Roosevelt Assembly Room in the
Masonic Village Healthcare Center
600 Freemason Drive
Elizabethtown PA 17022



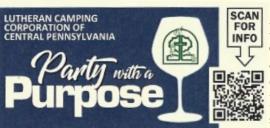


Mary "Peanut" Lambert
Mary Helen "Peanut" (Shope) Lambert,
85, passed away peacefully on Tuesday,
September 10, 2024.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, September 28, 2024 St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Millersville, 222 N. George Street Millersville, PA 17551.

Family and friends are invited to gather from 10 AM until the time of service. Interment will take place privately at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

# Lutheran Camping Events



Saturday, OCTOBER 5, 2024



Sunday, OCTOBER 6, 2024



Sunday, OCTOBER 27, 2024



Fri.—Sun., JANUARY 3-5, 2025

Camp Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of undeveloped timberland, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Colebrook, PA. The camp focuses on adventure trip camps and growth through challenge. Campers travel to the Adirondack Mountains, the beaches of Assateague Island, Maryland or enjoy the climbing tower, climbing wall, ropes course, lake, and sports activities at the camp.

Since 1969, Kirch-wald has provided children a unique place to grow and mature. Well trained counselors guide campers through a week of Bible Study, worship, nature activities, games and challenging events designed to help children have fun while:

- •Growing in their faith
- •Making new friends
- •Gaining confidence in themselves
- •Identifying their role as Christians in our world
- •Camp gives kids a world of good!

#### The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org

**Party with a Purpose** is a free event, 4-9pm, you may RSVP online. This is an Oktoberfest Themed Happy Hour at 4pm, followed by a Southern Style Pork BBQ with all the fixings, Homemade Desserts, Premium Spirits, Live Music and Silent & Live Auction Items. This year's focus is a disc golf course and improvements to the athletic field.

This is an adult event. Child care will be available. Please let them know if your need child care when you RSVP.

Capture the Flag Spectacular is a free event 3-5:30pm, you may RSVP online. Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

**Fall Foliage Day** cost \$15 per person and is from 1-6pm. you may RSVP online. Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp.

Youth Winter Retreat cost \$170 per person. This event is January 3-5, 2025. There is a registration form at https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/winter-youth-retreat-2025/. Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

# Marty's Timeline

- **1483 Birth of Martin Luther:** Martin Luther born in Eisleben, Saxony to Hans Luder and Margarethe Lindemann.
- 1501 Martin Luther Studies Law at the University of Erfurt
- 1505 Luther Caught in Storm, Vows to Become a Monk if St. Anne Saves Him
- 1505 Monk in Erfurt Monastery, Luther Joins the Augustinian Order
- 1507 Luther Celebrates His First Mass on May 2
- 1508 Begins Study of Theology at Wittenberg University
- 1510 Luther Walks to Rome, a Distance of Around 1,000 Miles, On Church Business
- 1512 Doctor of Theology in Wittenberg
- 1517 Luther Preaches Against the Selling of Indulgences
- 1517 95 Theses Nailed to Church Door and Mailed to Archbishop of Mainz on October 31st: Luther sent the Theses enclosed with a letter to Albert of Brandenburg, the Archbishop of Mainz. This date considered the start of the Protestant Reformation. Marty did not go trick-or-treating this year even though he had his pope costume prepared.
- 1518 Charged with Heresy in Rome Luther's response, "oh neeeeeein!"
- **1519 Leipzig Debate:** Martin Luther debates Johann Eck, denying papal supremacy. Luther argues that scripture alone is the basis for Christian faith and doctrine (sola scriptura).
- **1521 Luther Excommunicated by Pope Leo X Bull "Decet Romanum Pontificem"** Luther: "So? I was gonna leave anyway."
- **1521 Luther Exiled to the Wartburg:** Declared vogelfrei (a wanted man), by Imperial ban, Luther is brought under the protection of Frederick the Wise in a provincial stronghold. Luther goes by the name "Junker Jörg" or "Squire George". While living in the castle he translates the New Testament from Greek into German. (many meals were ordered in)
- **1521 Diet of Worms:** Luther summoned before Charles V, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire on charges of heresy. No worms involved, just a meeting and a very long walk.
- **1522 German Bible:** Luther finishes German translation of the New Testament at Wartburg Castle. (Over 300 pfennig spent on lunches alone)
- **1522 Luther returns to Wittenberg:** Luther advocates for several social and religious reforms, including education for all, and encourages people to write music and hymns for church services.
- 1524 Luther Relinquishes his Religious Habit (monk garb)

**1525 - Luther Marries Katharina von Bora:** Katharina, an ex-nun, nurtured Luther's rich home life and gave birth to six children. She was a great mother, you might even say she was a mother superior.

**1525 - Luther Holds First German Mass:** Considered the first Protestant service where the sermon was too long and no one was in the front pew. Coffee and strudel followed the service.

**1529 - Marburg Colloquy:** Luther debates with Ulrigh Zwingli about the presence of Christ in the Eucharist...much wine was sampled.

**1530 - Diet of Augsburg:** Lutheran Princes and two imperial free cities present the Confessio Augustana on Lutheran Theology to Charles V, but he refuses it.

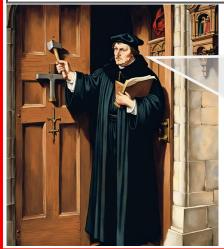
**1530 - Publication of** *Confessio* **Augustana**: Edited by Luther's friend and associate Philipp Melanchthon, these twenty-eight articles described the Lutheran beliefs and practices, it becomes their cornerstone of faith.

**1533 - Publication of Klug's Songbook:** Includes "A mighty Fortress is our God", Luther's best-loved hymn. The tune gets stuck in everyone's head for weeks.

**1537 - Luther Presents the Schmalkaldic Articles:** Meeting of the Schmalkaldic League of rulers and theologians in Schmalkalden, Germany. Luther presents his Articles of Faith, a stricter Protestant confession and summary of Lutheran doctrine.

**1540s - Luther's Health Suffers from Repeated Serious Sicknesses 1546 - Death of Luther:** Luther dies at age 62 in Eisleben, Germany. His body is carried to Lutherstandt Wittenberg and he is buried in the Castle Church.

### Reformation Frustrations



Right here...they were right....here, I nailed them up myself just yesterday.

Gott in Himmel!

# They Really Had A Ball

A LOFT fundraising event found four of our members slugging away at it hoping for that elusive hole-in-one. No hole-in-ones were reported, however, Jim had an interesting idea. "That would be an interesting twist to traditional golfing. After hitting the ball 9 or ten times to get it 272 yards to





the green, a simple moving alligator, windmill, or even a pirate would make the putting aspect more of a challenge" Jim commented. Dave E. was his usual enthusiastic self but kept looking for the 19th hole. He said something about a handicap and a limit...it all was very confusing. JoAnn and Dave were also golfing but also served the role of chaperoning the "boys" and keeping them out of trouble. You can always count on them to be the voices of reason. (well, JoAnn anyway)

When Dave E. was asked about his philosophy and strategy for the game, he said, "Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy some more."

Lori once said to Jim, "You think about golf too much. Do you even remember the day we got married?" Jim replied, "Of course I do! It was the same day I sank that 45-foot putt."

After Dave H. had finished a round on a new course, while on vacation, JoAnn asked him, "how did you find the greens?" Dave replied, "Easy. I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were."

#### **More Golfing Tidbits**

- No matter how badly you play, you can always get worse.
- Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle
- To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly.
- Golf was once a rich man's sport, but now it has millions of poor players!
- "I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators." Gerald Ford
- I'm not sure whether to thank the Scots for golf...or whisky." -Dave Ellenberg
- "Golf is a good walk spoiled." Mark Twain

Two golfers are ready to tee off on the 11th hole when a hearse and funeral procession passes by. The first player stops, doffs his cap, and bows his head as the procession passes.

"That was a really nice thing to do," the second golfer says. "It's good to see there is still some respect in the world."

"Well, it's only right," the first golfer replies. "I was married to her for 35 years."

If you recall the article "Dining for Dollars" all the way back in the August newsletter (which sold out almost immediately), you should be happy to hear that we have received \$70 from that program thus far this year.

# Don't Panic! (Ok, maybe a little)



#### There's still time!

If you haven't already done so, you can still direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice. Directing Choice Dollars is fast and easy. The money is Thrivent's Donation, **not** 

**your money**, but you may direct a portion of it based on your account with Thrivent:

- Go to thrivent.com/directnow
- You are prompted to put in your Username and Password.

[If you do not have these, you can Register. To register you will need your Thrivent ID# which is found on your account statements or contracts from Thrivent. Fill in the blanks, verify your email, and you will be registered. Next, go back to the thrivent.com/directnow address and then continue below].

- Put in your Username and Password.
- Do the Verification by selecting a phone number. Tap Continue
- Select it to be Texted to you or receive a call.
- Type in the verification number.
- Tap Verify.
- It will tell you how much you have in Choice Dollars and that you
  may direct your Choice Dollars to a participating organization. You
  can type in the name of an organization to see if they are participating. St Paul Lutheran Church, Millersville, PA, is a participating organization.
- Select the organization you want to donate to and how much of your Choice Dollars to go there..

We received about \$1,255 from Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2024



# Making a Comeback

The long awaited, much anticipated resurrection of "Wrapped in Love" has come to St. Paul. No, its not a B grade romantic comedy or another Hallmark Christmas movie, but joining our quilting group will be some knitters and crocheters. (it seems like no matter how you spell that word...it looks wrong!) If you are yarning to get back into it, or just looking for an opportunity to get out of the house and have some fellowship with fellow crafters, come out and join. They will be meeting on the first and third Thursday at 9:30am—2pm. Bring a lunch (or have it catered).



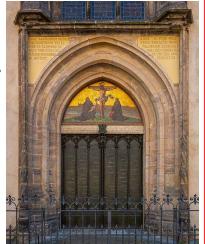
Here you can see Sue, Linda, and Debbie having the time of their life. The



church secretary encouraged them to have sword fights with their knitting needles just for the picture, but they showed great restraint. Apologies to Debbie for using a picture with her eyes closed, but you may interpret her expression as one of euphoria as the knitters begin the long trek to sweaters, scarves, afghans, throws, pillow covers, paraments, toaster cozies, ties, socks, blankets, ornaments, mittens, cat carriers, and more.

# Ninety-Five! Count 'em

Luther's "Ninety-five Theses" were propositions for debate. They were written in Latin and were posted by Martin on the doors of the Schlosskirche (Castle Church), Wittenberg, on October 31, 1517. This event came to be considered the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Due to the high cost of wood putty and many rusted nails creating a health hazard, the doors were replaced with these metal ones with the 95 Theses emblazoned thereon. The issue that started Martin in his tizzy was indulgences. The immediate cause of scandal in Germany in 1517 was the issue of an



**Castle Church Doors** 

indulgence that was to pay for the rebuilding of St. Peter's in Rome. However, by secret agreement, of which most Germans, probably including Luther, were unaware, half the proceeds of the German sales were to be diverted to meet the huge debt owed to the financial house of Fugger. The archbishop and elector Albert of Mainz, incurred the debt in order to pay the pope for appointing him to high offices. Those selling indulgences could not afford to be squeamish about the methods and language used. The agent in Germany, the Dominican Johann Tetzel, made extravagant claims for the indulgence he was selling. The sale of these indulgences was

forbidden in Wittenberg by the elector Frederick III the Wise, who preferred that the faithful should make their offerings at his own great collection of relics exhibited in the Church of All Saints. Nevertheless, Wittenberg church members went to



Castle Church

Tetzel, who was preaching nearby. They showed the pardons for their sins received from Tetzel to Luther. Outraged at what he considered grave theological errors, Luther wrote the Ninety-five Theses.

The theses were tentative opinions about which Luther had not yet come to making conclusions. In the Theses, the papal prerogative in this matter was not denied, though by implication papal policy was criticized. The spiritual, inward character of the Christian faith was stressed. The fact was emphasized that money was being collected from poor people and sent to the rich papacy in Rome. This was a point popular with the Germans who had long resented the money they were forced to contribute to Rome.

Subsequently, the archbishop of Mainz, alarmed and annoyed, forwarded the documents to Rome in December 1517, with the request that Luther be inhibited. A counter thesis was prepared by a Dominican theologian and defended before a Dominican audience at Frankfurt in January 1518. When Luther realized the extensive interest his tentative theses, he prepared a long Latin manuscript with explanations of his Ninety-five Theses, published in the autumn of 1518.

Castle Church nave



https://www.britannica.com/event/Ninety-five-Theses

# It's Purely Organic

Lets put organ pipes in perspective. Some are big, some are small, but on what scale are they measured? (scale...get it?) In these pictures, you can see



that they can get rather large. The longest pipe in this rank (left) totals about 40 feet long and weighs around 2000 pounds. Some types of pipes, reeds, can be mitered to make the overall height

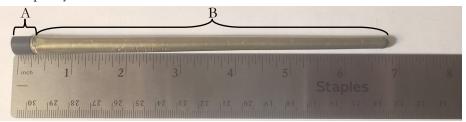


less, but the total length remains the same. As many are aware, organ pipes also come in wood. The largest wooden pipe is a diaphone pipe from a Dulzian reed stop, 64-feet long producing the CCCCC. Pitch. For the science geeks



out there, that note is 8Hz! The pipe is 27"x 27" square at the open end, the walls are 3" thick, made of sugar pine, and it weighs 3,350 pounds. It bends in an L-shape in order to fit in the chamber.

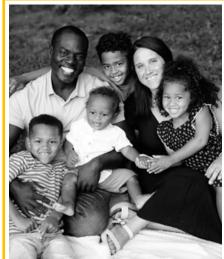
At the other end of the spectrum are the tiny pipes. The pipe pictured is from our organ. You may look at it and say, "ok, seven inches, that's pretty small."

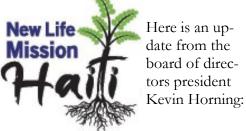


Well, the "B" section of the pipe could be 3 feet long and would not change the pitch, it only delivers the wind. The "A" section, the speaking length, is the part of the pipe that actually generates sound. So this pipe is actually about 1/2" long. The darker section is the tuning collar. To tune pipes this small, the collar is moved up or down the pipe fractions of a millimeter!

So, to wrap things up on size, what size console controls pipes of these magnitudes? Here is a picture of the Atlantic City Convention Hall Organ, the largest in the world. (where that CCCCC Dulzian pipe is found).







In July, Zacharie made a trip to Haiti to take care of mission business and encourage those who continue to faithfully serve. He found that little has changed. There are seasons of peace, then violence breaks out again. The gangs con-

tinue to be a problem. More recently, the police have started to fight the gangs. It will take time to see what kind of effect this has on the nation. All the unrest and uncertainty drive up the cost of living making it even more difficult for those already struggling. Continue to pray for peace in Haiti.

We thank you for your generosity which makes a difference in the lives of people through the Loaves and Fishes Program, School Sponsorships and the Children's Home. We invite you to support the mission by attending the Hoedown for Haiti in October and participating in the Online Silent Auction. See the information regarding the Hoedown and auction in this newsletter.

Loaves & Fishes Food Program- Last week, for the 4th week in a row, we were able to serve several hundred people in our community a warm meal. This is a result of our successful chicken BBQ in July. Thank you to ALL who made this possible!

We feel honored to be able to serve our community in this way. Though circumstances in Haiti make it very difficult to minister there, the need is no less than it was when we started over 10 years ago. Thank you for supporting this ministry through the many ups and downs and unknowns. We're praising God that he continues to make a way for us to continue.

School Sponsorship Program – We want to share some exciting news with you – This past school year 12 students from our program graduated! This is a record for us, and it feels especially exciting given the current climate in Haiti. Amid the chaos, these students persevered and finished school! Many of these students went for their final examinations and await their test results. Please join us in prayer over these students as this test is said to be extremely difficult. Many people end up taking it 2-3 times

before being able to pass. We want to speak wisdom and peace over these graduates as they are now awaiting results and facing a new season of life. We have 56 students currently being sponsored. It is an incredible blessing to each of the families who have children in the program. Haiti remains in an unstable state, but we are so thankful that schools have been able to stay open. An opportunity for education can act as a source of hope to a child and their parents during times such as these.

Children's Home – Glory to God, our kids are doing well! We all miss each other dearly but we have been able to talk to them on the phone weekly. We thank each of you for the ways you support our kids in Haiti – either through prayer, financial support, or just asking how they are doing. It means so much to us and them!

**Hoedown for Haiti** – It's that time again, our 9th annual Hoedown for Haiti fundraiser for the New Life Children's Home is fast approaching on October 19th, 2024! 100% of the proceeds from this event will go towards the home. We'd LOVE to have you join us!

We are so excited to have the Hoedown dinner and line dancing event at the beautiful Copper Horse Barn in Ephrata, PA. We will have a Pork BBQ meal with some delicious sides! After dinner there will be a chance to hear from our missionaries Zacharie & Stevie Estime for an update on all things Haiti! THEN we will end our evening with line dancing! Tickets are a suggested minimum donation of \$35 per person, \$15 for children 12 and under.

Here's how to get your tickets...

- 1. RSVP to newlifemissionshaiti@gmail.com\*
- 2. RSVP by phone 717-847-5164.
- 3. Fill out the bottom of the attached flyer and mail it to "New Life Fellowship" 420 E. Fulton Street, Ephrata, PA 17522.

We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support! Online Silent Auction – Along with the Hoedown for Haiti we will have an online silent auction running the week of the Hoedown from Sunday, October 13 until Thursday, October 17th at 8pm.

If you are interesting in supporting the mission through the Hoedown for Haiti, there is a flyer in the narthex with information. Copies are available through the office by request. Omitted was a number of Stevie's personal issues. If anyone wants that email, let Bill know.

# Annual Picnic Competition Fierce



Although there was no blood shed this year, the cut-throat tension to claim the "Corn Hole Champions" title for the year was palpable. Eventually, Greg and Ray ruled supreme. Second place, which has neither honor nor title, went to JoAnn and Dave Harris.

Gambling was led by the illustrious Sylvia Lashley. Prize bags we up for grabs with rumors of highly valuable Giant Gift cards.

We are again thankful the competitors remained civil even as some people won more than once and others, like the church secretary, got nothing!





Molly patiently awaiting the arrival of the fried chicken. It was worth the wait



# Picnic Highlights





Executive decisions were made by the church's "shadow government"... something about refills during communion?





Come to the meetings, stay for the fun!

# L, L, L, R, L

Did you figure out the cryptic title of this article? Read on and it might come to you. On September 21st, the annual Millersville parade was held due in large part to the enormous crowds drawn to the area for the St. Paul annual Yard sale! Thousands were drawn to the sale and thousands of dol-



lars circulated! Sharon seen here wrapping the twenties into nice bundles of \$500. Sharon is our cashier every year! We received a Thriven grant again

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this year to offset our costs and the proceeds from the yard sale and snacks benefit the Blue Rock Fire Department.

Dave Harris, part of the support staff, is seen here supporting the food tent.

There were

many behind the scenes helping to set up and tear down for this auspicious occasion.





Our own "Chef du Wiener" John "rolling them dogs to perfection" as his assistant "Dave the Fun-man bun-man" serves them up.

The dessert and beverage team (below) takes a moment to pose amidst the throngs of customers.



# Left, Left, Right, Left



The executive committee (above) overseeing the operation. Gaynel will be preparing their evaluations later this week. If they do well, they might get a

raise for next year's parade. This year we took in \$752...about half from food and half from the yard sale, and another half from donations.

During the event, Karen takes a few moments for a visit from old friends. Karen is our grant writer and in charge of Thrivent uniforms.

As I finish this article there are tears in my eyes. Not because of the lovely head cold and headache I've been nursing, not because of allergies, not because of intense emotions brought about my daughter getting married last



weekend, but due to a total assault on at least 5 of the senses—the calliope, not outside the office window, that ends the parade. This is the 25th year the Kauffman family has maintained and operated the mammoth musical instrument, once owned by the Christianni Bros. Circus and purchased from the Getz Brothers in 2004. Unfortunately, it seems it has never been tuned since then, and is noticeably worse every year.

### The Stars of the Show

John and Lois Detz Bill and Sharon Engle Dave and Joanne Harris Dave Ellenberg Sandy Miller Gaynel Dougherty Tim Brooks Mike Althouse

> Jim Dierolf Denny Herr Pat Heffner Scott Irwin

Karen Napier Sheri Symonds

Greg and Sylvia Lashley You guessed it, these are the ones who worked behind and in front of the scenes to make our Parade Day successful. Thank you also to those who donated items for sale as well as those who provided baked goods.



Many Hands does make light work.

# Support Your Local Quilters

BRING LOTS OF MONEY OCTOBER 6TH
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS

Our quilting group works tirelessly all year long to create beautiful quilts for those in need. October 6th is Ingathering Sunday for Lutheran World Relief. Please take a few minutes after church to view the quilts our sewing group has made. Vote for your favorite quilt by placing a dollar in the envelopes provided. Write the number of the quilt on the outside of the envelope. Funds collected will be donated to LWR for world-wide shipping. In previous years our quilts have been shipped to Angola, Armenia, Chile, India, Iraq and Zambia.

### Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

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
Pr. Mark Kopp
Dolores Garrett

Shirley & Howard Shuffelbottom Ruth Derby Katie Martin AnnMarie Dumm<sup>+</sup> Rita Sellers<sup>+</sup>

+Extended Family (Non-member)



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



#### One More for the Road?

So the head pastor wakes up one beautiful Sunday morning, and decides he's going golfing that morning. So he calls in sick, heads out to the golf course, and starts golfing. Meanwhile, the angels in heaven are not happy. "Do you see that God?" They say. "Are you going to let him get away with that? "So God gives the pastor a nice burst of wind as he hits the ball at the start of a difficult course, and the ball sails all the way to the green and rolls straight into the hole. The angels didn't like this. "Seriously? Why did you do that?" God calmly answers, "Who's he gonna tell?"