

St. Paul's Letter

That one? Follow it? Yep.

January 2025



St. Paul Lutheran Church

222 North George Street Millersville, Pennsylvania 17551

CHURCH COUNCIL 2023-2024

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Rev. Mark Kopp, Pastor

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Tim Brooks

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Finance

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

Our Staff

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Quotable Quotes

Happiness is having a large, caring, close knit family...
in another city. ~George Burns

Happiness often sneaks through a door you didn't know
you left open. ~John Barrymore



Marian Trimble 3 rd	Kay Dommel 23 rd
Ray Sylte 4 th	Dave Fisher 23 rd
Amos Hess III 6 th	Dave Ellenberg 25 th
Marilyn Homsher 10 th	Ann Nagle 26 th
Maureen Klingaman 12 th	Bill Shank 26 th
Ria Van Aulen 21 st	Wolfgang A. Mozart 27 th

In a continuing effort of have our church database as accurate as possible, birthday data is being addressed. PLEASE, if your January birthday is missing from this list, let the office know as soon as possible. (or sooner)

Thank you.

Church Bullrtin Bloopers and Typo's

Martha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Martha Belch all the way from Africa

- Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
- Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
- Next Sunday is the family hay ride and bonfire at the Fowlers'. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks Water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.



Cheer Baskets



While the tree was being erected, cheer baskets were being assembled. Unfortunately, Bill did not get back to Luther Hall in time to get an assembly picture. He got there too early, went and did tree stuff, then got there too late. However, many thanks to Lois and Sherry for organizing the event. Thank you to the assemblers, goodie donators, and a big thank you to those who made deliveries. These baskets really do brighten the recipient's day!

Helping Hands

Jan	5	12	19	26	
Bulletins	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	Carol Heintzelman		Sue & Dave Ellenberg	
Sunday School	Sue Swartz	none	none	Sue Swartz	
Flowers Vase 1		Carol Heintzelman	Frank Witmer	Sue & Dave Ellenberg	
Flowers Vase 2				Sue & Dave Ellenberg	
Usher 1	Karen Napier	Sylvia Lashley	Doris Shank	Marty Kahler	
Usher 2	Cathy Trissel	Greg Lashley	Bill Shank	Anita Roma	
Usher 3	Tim Brooks	Maureen Klingaman	Dee Perry	Holly Freas Webster	
Usher 4	Lauren Buchmann	Loren Klingaman	Carol Heintzelman	Stephanie Dell'Estate	
Altar Guild 1	?	?	?	?	?
Altar Guild 2	?	?	?	?	?
Lay Reader	Carol Heintzelman	Frank Witmer		Suzanne Herr	
Lay Assistant	Ray Sylte	Lauren Buchmann	Jim Dierolf	Sue Ellenberg	

Finance, Finance, Finance

November Finance Update:

Giving Income	\$ 11,692.00
Other Income	\$ 3,909.65
Expenses	\$ 28,160.05
Net Income	\$ -9558.40



In Memoriam



If you haven't heard, Beverly Anita Arnold passed away peacefully at Hamilton Arms Nursing Home on Sunday, December 1, 2024.

A memorial service was held December 9th. Contributions in Bev's memory may be made to the church or to Hospice & Community Care. Beverly volunteered for many years in the church office proof reading materials for the secretary and the pastor. She prepared bulletins for every service. She was a "regular" at the pastor's bible class and provided cookies almost every Sunday for the fellowship time.

A Change and a Happy Memory

Not wanting to get nabbed by the Feds for copyright infringement, Bill has replaced Waldo with Pastor Kipp. See if you can find him instead. (and NO, the one to the right still doesn't count)



Beverly would always proof read the newsletter. It was one of her favorite things to do. Partly because she was the first to see it and especially since she often complained about the 1000+ emails in her IN box and not being able to find the newsletter in her Email She NEVER found Waldo! But Bill would always give her the answer, and she'd always roll her eyes.

Don't Let This Happen to You!



Every now and then you may encounter a car that is parked in a less than ideal manner in the church lot. When this happens, please go to Pastor Kopp to lodge your complaint and he will contact all necessary parties.



Thank you,
Pastor Kopp

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual congregational meeting will be held on JANUARY 19th immediately following the service. Please attend.

ALL committee reports for the annual report are due, digitally if possible, to the office by no later than January 6th. Bill will be away later and time is needed to compile all the reports and publish the booklet.

Thank you...Bill

As of this writing, two have already been submitted by truly awesome committee chairs. We know all our committee chairs are awesome, so lets get writing and earn those bonus points.

Student Care Packages

Again, after much behind-the-scenes planning and purchasing, we assembled the care packages for Millersville Students. These were distributed on the first day of finals.



Bill Engle was at the end of the assembly line performing his function as bag man. About 200 one gallon bags of goodies made their way to hungry students.

Our distribution team (sorry, no photo) was Mary & Cy Fritz, Gaynel Daugherty, and Carol Heintzelman. Thank you all for your help.

Bill Engle does the prep work for the assembly line by sorting and counting all the snacks, putting them into grocery bags, and figuring

out how many should go into each student's zip-lock bag. THANK YOU Bill. Additionally, thank you to the members of the congregation who donated lots of the goodies.



Some of the food items were purchased with a generous grant from Thrivent. Anyone who has a Thrivent account can apply for a grant. It is quick and easy.

Student Care Packages



Some of the many workers on the assembly line. You can see Bill Engle's hat in the foreground. Many hands, once again, made light work. Thank you all for helping on the assembly line. Henry Ford would be proud.

Henry Ford is credited with inventing the moving assembly line in 1913, which revolutionized the automobile industry. He was inspired by other industries such as bakeries, mills, breweries, and meat packing plants. In this case, the people moved down the line and the products (parts) were added to the bags.

Classy Poetry Section

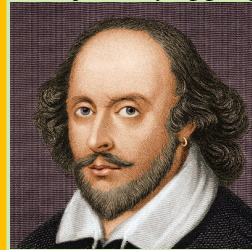
Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen,
Because thou art not seen,
Although thy breath be rude.

Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly:
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.

Freeze, freeze, thou bitter sky,
That dost not bite so nigh
As benefits forgot:
Though thou the waters warp,
Thy sting is not so sharp
As friend remembered not.

Heigh-ho! sing, heigh-ho! unto the green holly:
Most friendship is feigning, most loving mere folly:
Then, heigh-ho, the holly!
This life is most jolly.

This January appropriate poem was written by William Shakespeare. (1564-1616) An English playwright, poet and actor, he is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon". His extant works, including, collaborations, consist of some 39 plays, 154 sonnets, three long narrative poems, and a birthday ditty to his mother from when he was 4 years old. She gave it back to him saying it doesn't rhyme...but he saved it anyway. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.



The Tree

Denny Herr, having selected our tree annually for millennia, and being the smart guy he is, has decided that walking all over the hill tops, generously populated with random holes and ruts and covered in mud, was no longer something he wanted to risk. So, this year, Denny's trainees, Sylvia and Greg Lashley, made the tree selection. Denny continues to haul the tree to the church, but he's done with mountain climbing!

Every year Metzler family donates our tree. Please keep them in mind for your future tree needs. The farm is located at 49 Drytown Road in Holtwood. Don't even try to visit their webpage, they do not have one!

After a hearty breakfast at the Centerville Diner, tree wranglers head over to the church to get-er-done.



Using Denny's patented tree hauling system*, the tree is brought into the narthex. Then, with surgical precision, water holes are drilled in and branches are trimmed so the bottom of the tree and the tree holder fit together seamlessly. Denny said, "ah, just right".

*Pine-Away™ is not available in stores.

The Tree



Dave poses for the camera while Greg checks his volumetric calculations one more time reassuring himself that the tree will occupy just the right amount of space.



Frank makes a few more precise surgical cuts at the base of the tree. Ah...just right.

Nope, Loren's turn as tree surgeon. Here, Loren demonstrates how to properly excise a limb. Ah...just right.

The Tree

Ready to go vertical! The executive management team arrives to supervise the moment of lift-off.



But first, upper lights and the star are applied.



The Tree



Verticality achieved ...almost. The tree and the star had other ideas about what was considered plumb.

Oh No!
A casualty.



A joint secession of labor and management was held to discuss the future of the twig that fell victim to the light stringing process. It was decided to withhold life support from Twiggy, as he

was known to other branches. Putting him in water would have only delayed the inevitable wilting. Pastor offered a few words of consolation for Twiggy and his fellow branches who were so carefully hacked off in the prime of their life.

We'll all remember the Twiggy's sacrifice for the greater good.



The Tree



The executive committee watches from a safe distance.

And finally, ONE FOR THE LADIES! These pictures are “proof of concept” pictures. They may be used as inspiration or blackmail...you decide.

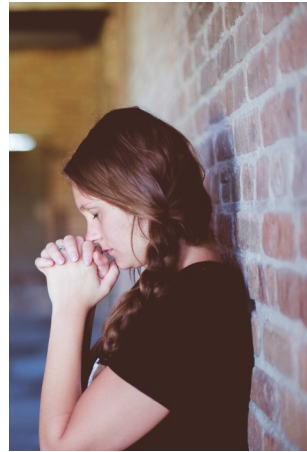


Remember Family Members in Your Prayers

Bruce Thens
Gail Gilday
Marilyn Homsher
Ann Nagle
Mary Ann Oren
Marion Trimble
Peggy Bruce
Bruce & Kay Cherry
Patty & Barry Leed
Eleanor Ottolini
Charles Scharnberger
Nancy Eberle
Peg Siglin

Shirley & Howard Shuffelbottom
Ruth Derby
Katie Martin
Wanda & David Rockstroh

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



One More for the Road?

A pastor and a mayor were good friends even though the mayor was a very devout atheist. They would sometimes argue about God, theology, and even miracles. One day they both went fishing in the lake in a row-boat. When they were in the middle of the lake, the oars were accidentally knocked into the water and were floating several meters from the boat. The pastor took out a cross that he wore around his neck, said a little prayer, and proceeded to walk on the water to the oars. He picked each one up and returned to the boat, completely dry. When the mayor returned home, his wife asked him how the day went. He replied, “funny thing, you know that pastor can’t swim?”

Bill 😂