

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



SAINT PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
BREINIGSVILLE, PA

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Dear Friends,

The day of Pentecost is a major festival in the church. In fact, it is often referred to as the birthday of the church, for it is the day that God's Spirit fell upon people, and empowered these people to do the works of God. Pentecost reminds us that the church is God's church. It is God who gave it birth and it is God who will continue to lead and guide it.

As I continue to prepare for my retirement, it is very comforting to know that the church is God's doing. The church is empowered by God's Holy Spirit, the Spirit who calls ordinary people to serve God and others in thought, word and deed. There is no doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit is very active in the life of the ministry at St. Paul's Breinigsville.

We have just completed another outstanding year of Sunday school. Our children were so blessed to have faithful and loving Sunday school teachers and helpers. Watching our children grow in faith and love of God is a real blessing, and it can only be accomplished by the working of the Spirit.

Our music program is wrapping up another year under the wonderful leadership of Judy Noll and Dick Steltz. Faithful volunteers came out weekly to rehearsal, to laugh, to have the joy of fellowship with one another. As songs were sung and played, the Spirit of God was not only leading but blessed as well.

And what about all that happens behind the scenes. There are so many things that occur that may not even get noticed. We have office help, small group events, food pantry workers, meals on wheels deliveries; we have prayer teams, councils and committees. Through all these and many more, the Spirit is working to see that God's will is done and God's love is shared.

You see, the church is not a building; rather the church is the people of God doing the work of God. So, as I prepare to leave St. Paul's Breinigsville, I have no doubt that the 'church' will be in good hands. For it is God's church, God's work and your hands, hearts, soul and time that make St. Paul's a wonderful and blessed place to be. Thank you for allowing the Spirit to work in you and through you!

Growing with you in faith, Pastor Laura

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT. Yes, we know it. We have already seen the talented folks on the choir and bell choirs share their talents. This summer they will be taking a well-deserved break and we are looking for other talented people to enhance our worship experience. All ages, alone or in a group, vocal or instrumental - show us what you got! Please see Judy for available dates. Be sure to sign up early, dates will go quickly!



STEWARDSHIP NEWS



The Stewardship Committee hosted a “Thank You Volunteers” Sunday on April 23 to kick off National Volunteer Week. We would like to thank our six speakers / contributors – Amy Brenfleck, Martha Lindenmuth, Carl Seibert, Dick Steltz, Joe Thompson, and Taryne Williams –

for sharing their personal stories on why they decided to become volunteers.

We also handed out updated Ministry Response (Time/Talent) forms, and appreciate the great response we’ve received so far. If you haven’t completed your Ministry Response form yet, please do so soon, and return it to Cindy.

This year we developed a new Time/Talent form for our Sunday School kids, and are getting a great response there as well. Thank you to all who continue to serve the church.

Stewardship Committee

A NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING!

It's time for a new St. Paul's pictorial directory! Our last one was done in 2011.

We have contracted with Lifetouch to do the new directory. That's the same company we used for the 2011 directory.

You will receive a call from a congregation member to tell you more about the program and to sign you up for a photo session. Four photo sessions are scheduled, each from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM: Wednesday, May 31; Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 5; and Tuesday, June 6. Or go to our website, www.stpaulsbyville.org. On the home page scroll down to Upcoming Events, click on Sign Up Now – be a part of our new directory to sign up online.

Carol Weiser (610-967-5534) and Rosemary Lehman (610-966-2469) are managing the project.



DOING FAITH

Faith is better understood as a verb than as a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps. [As theologian] Paul Tillich said ... doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.

—Frederick Buechner

BREAKFAST POTLUCK



Join us Sunday, June 4th at 9:00 a.m. for a pre-church breakfast potluck. Bring your favorite breakfast foods to enjoy with others and then stay for worship after. This will be in the pavilion, weather permitting.



Join us for another fun week of VBS!

When: July 24-28th 6-8:30 PM

Who: Ages 3-12

Sign up are now open! Please register at myvbs.org/stpaulsbbville or a registration form in the narthex

We still need Volunteers please contact Katie Pisauro or Anita Eisenhard at church or at Katiepisauro@gmail.com

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“We realize the importance of light when we see darkness.”

—Malala Yousafzai



Brooke Brumbach graduated from Emmaus High School and will continue her education by attending Penn State University. She will be majoring in Business/Finance and minoring in Accounting and Marketing. Her parents couldn't be prouder.

Jeremy Schmoyer graduated on May 13 from Moravian College with his MBA.

Congratulations to Brooke and Jeremy and all graduates.

THE WOODEN SHOE OF WORRY

The word *sabotage* has a fascinating history. *Sabot* is the French word for a wooden shoe. Sabotage was the act of throwing a shoe into machinery to stop work. Now it means any attempt to hinder production or spoil a product.

Satan tries to cast a wooden shoe into our souls to prevent us from accomplishing God's plan. That shoe is worry, which can crush the spirit, sour our disposition and interfere with Christian service. That's why Jesus instructs: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself" (Matthew 6:34, NIV). Jesus isn't promoting laziness or indifference; instead, he encourages us to trust our Father, who provides for all our needs.

Be on guard, and don't let worry sabotage your faith!

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

The monthly meeting was held on May 10, attended by 8 ladies.

Upcoming Events:

- May 20, Northeastern PA Synod, 28th Annual Convention, Hope Lutheran Church, Cherryville, PA. Theme: 500 Years and Growing. Registration deadline: April 29, 2017.
- Fall Fun Event, September 23, Hope Tatamy.
- Fall Cluster Meeting, October 14th, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Allentown. Topic: Identity Theft.

Our Bible Study was Galatians Christian Faith and Christian Freedom by Kathryn A. Kleinhans.

For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free.....Text 5:1-6:18. Theme Verse: "if we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit" Galatians 5:25. Christians are not perfect, but we are forgiven. We are called "saints" not because of our virtues but because of our trust in God's promises.

Our June meeting might be a tour of the Allentown Rescue Mission. There will be no W-ELCA meetings in July or August.

Submitted by Sharon Bortz



HAPPY FATHERS DAY

Father's Day

PRAYER CHAIN



A note to let you know that if anyone is in need of additional prayers for someone in your family or someone you know, please call Judy Walker at [610-351-6040](tel:610-351-6040) or cell # [610-573-7117](tel:610-573-7117). She will start the prayer chain by calling the people who serve on that committee. They in turn will keep extra prayers going for that person. All we need is a name of someone in need of prayer, a reason does not have to be given as to why you want the extra prayers.



Allentown
Area Ecumenical
Food Bank

LOOKING FOR RECRUITES

“The Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank” is Allentown’s only daily food bank, assisting families in need from Monday through Friday. The food bank provides crucial support to approximately 25,000 people or more each year. All of the food bank’s clients live in Lehigh County.

The food bank was founded in October 1978 by a group of Allentown ministers with one simple mission – to provide relief to the hungry people in Allentown and surrounding areas, through the volunteer help of local congregations, businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Do you have three hours on a Thursday morning three times a year? The first Thursday of the month two people from St. Paul’s go to the food bank and work with six other people. We help to fill orders for clients that are in need of food.

We have a fun time working together. It is a heartwarming feeling to be able to supply needy people with much needed food.

Please give it some prayerful thinking. If you are interested in helping, please speak with Martha Lindenmuth or call her at 610-437-0115. Our help would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30 & June 1 Pictorial Directory Photos 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

June 4 Potluck Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

June 5 & 6 Pictorial Directory Photos 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

IRON PIGS GAME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



We are trying something new.

St. Paul's will once again go to the Iron Pigs for a game on Sunday, September 3rd. We will be in PenTeleData Porch (not the PPL patio).

Game time is 6:35 p.m. Cost is \$37.00.

There are only 30 tickets available. Watch for a sign-up sheet.

JUNE FOOD BANK ITEM OF THE MONTH

The congregation has donated to the Food Bank throughout the year but the needs of those less fortunate continue. So please continue to bring nonperishable food items along to worship.

Each month we plan to feature a food item, but any non-perishable food will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought in tuna & canned meats for our monthly collection for the food bank.

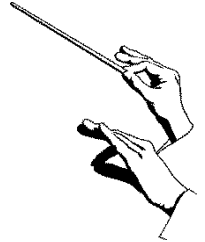
During June our "food of the month" will be any kind of pasta.

THE EMMAUS CHORALE CONCERT

The Emmaus Chorale presents: “Feel The Spirit” - Join us for a concert which is scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on Sun., June 11th**, at Faith Presbyterian Church, North 2nd & Cherokee Streets, Emmaus. A freewill offering will be taken. The Chorale under the direction of Laura Rabenold, will present a variety of selections, some with soloists and drums. Included will be “Ev’ry Time I Feel The Spirit” arr. by Dawson, “Shenandoah” arr. by Williams, “Irving Berlin Medley” arr. by Huff, “Elijah Rock” arr. by Hairston and “A Patriotic Salute” by Cohan arr. by Albrecht, “God of Our Fathers” arr. by Kirkland and more. For more information, contact Carole Ann Trout at [610-398-4496](tel:610-398-4496).

MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT SUMMER SCHEDULE DICK STELTZ – CONDUCTOR

- June 4 Bethlehem Rose Garden 7:30 p.m.
- June 11 West Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.
- June 25 St. Francis RC Festival, Allentown 6:00 p.m.
- July 1 Breinigsville Fire Works 7:15 p.m.
- July 8 Joe Daddona Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.
- July 23 West Park, Allentown 7:30 p.m.
- August 4 Roosevelt Park Movie Night, Allentown 6:30 p.m.



Hope you can attend one of their concerts and enjoy the music.

If you have any questions or would like more information any of the concerts, please speak with Dick Steltz.

HOSPITALIZED?



If you are in the hospital, please let the church office know. The hospitals have updated their computers, and unfortunately, we are not getting accurate reporting of members in the hospital. Our code # is 321.

TREXLERTOWN SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Trexlertown Seniors are looking for new members. We meet every Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

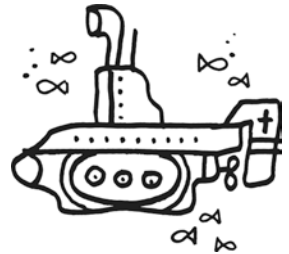
Our meetings start at 1:00 p.m. Some come a little early to socialize. Light refreshments are served.

From time to time we have a speaker come in. We play bingo, have trivia, play cards, pinochle and more. Once in a while we have entertainment with a piano player and a sing-a-long.

If you have any questions, stop in and attend one of our meetings.

SPIRITUAL SUBMARINES

Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives. "Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in *Standing Tall*. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."



A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. "When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."

THANK YOU LETTERS

April 17, 2017

Dear Friends,

On the evening of March 18th almost 750 people gathered to celebrate the contribution our farmers make to enriching our daily lives. Your generous contribution to the FARM Family Appreciation Celebration helped to make that possible.

Please accept our sincere thanks for sharing your gifts to provide this rare opportunity to come together for great food, fun and fellowship. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of these events it is our hope you will plan now to attend the 18th annual banquet that will be held on March 17th, 2018.

Again, please extend our sincere appreciation to your entire congregation.

Joined in God's Grace,
Pastor Gade and the FARM Committee
Thanks so much!
Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank, we would like to thank you for your donation of \$100.00.

Because of your caring and sharing, we are able to feed those less fortunate in our community. We are currently serving between 200 and 250 families per week.

Again, thank you for your donation.

AAEFB

Margaret Rosenbeger, Corres. Sec.

ABOUT THE LUTHERANS

LUTHERANS IN THE CARIBBEAN

Lutheran churches have deep roots in northern Europe and have large numbers in North America. Partner churches are flourishing in the Middle East, southern Africa, Australia, and Asia. But many Lutherans don't know that there have been Lutherans in some parts of the Caribbean for almost four hundred years.

Historically, Lutheranism came to the Caribbean as the religion of white European and, later, American settlers. But in time some of these churches opened their doors to local inhabitants, Hispanics, African Americans, and Native Americans. Some of these congregations have become truly indigenous and multicultural ministries. More recently, North Americans moved and settled in some parts of the Caribbean, beginning other congregations for expatriates and vacationers.

The oldest Lutheran congregation in the Caribbean was founded in the Virgin Islands in 1666 by Danish settlers on the island of St. Thomas, the Frederick congregation in Charlotte Amalie. They later founded other congregations on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas in the eighteenth century. Although these congregations were originally intended for Danes, by the 1750s they were ministering to the enslaved Africans on the islands.

When Denmark sold these islands to the United States in 1917, these congregations affiliated with American Lutheran denominations. There are also several congregations of Virgin Island Lutherans on the mainland of the United States, most notably in New York City.

Similarly, Dutch Lutherans founded congregations in the area of Guyana and Suriname in the eighteenth century, as the Europeans planted colonies there. Congregations generally consisted of white settlers and their descendants until the middle of the nineteenth century, when they began to reach out to other populations. Guyana is especially racially diverse, and the Lutheran congregations there include African Americans, Native Americans, East Indians, and some Chinese.

Though it has a long history of European colonization, Lutherans did not become established on Puerto Rico until it became a part of the United States in 1898. In that year a young student, Gustav Swenson, moved to Puerto Rico and eventually started a Lutheran congregation there. He was eventually followed by a number of different pastors and missionaries from the United States, who began to preach in Spanish to the local population.

Lutheran congregations can be found in some of the other islands of the Caribbean. There is a small Lutheran presence in Cuba. Antigua, Bermuda, and the Bahamas all have Lutheran congregations affiliated with various bodies. Even Haiti hosts a Lutheran enclave, connected with the Church of the Lutheran Confession in Alsace and Lorraine (France).

Although many of these Caribbean Lutheran congregations were begun by Europeans or Americans, either as settlers or missionaries, most of their members are now predominantly local people—Virgin Islanders, Guyanese and Surinamese, Puerto Ricans, and others. They may be Hispanic, Native American, African American, or other local populations, worshiping in Spanish, English, French, or other local languages. These congregations enrich the palate of world Lutheranism, and help spread the gospel of Christ into every corner of the world.

Mark Granquist

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*Frederick Lutheran Church,
Charlotte Amalie*



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Karen Feimster
Esther Seibert
Ginny Wingard

Helen Kessler
Gloria Selig
Larry Wingard

Betty Marchetti
Kathy Shryock



1 Matthew Bruchak
1 Zoe Henichek
2 Paige Inman
3 Sharon Bortz
3 James Kresley
5 Sandy Huegel
5 Analena Yeager
6 Paul Trainor
8 Heather Caricari
9 Vanessa Eiswerth
9 Nancy Reinhard
9 Sandi Wagaman
11 Bill Knoll

11 Fahed Sallit
12 Cathy Waltemyer
14 Sandy Bennighoff
16 Christine Nemeš
19 Baileigh Mount
19 Keith Theodore
21 Linda Krotzer
21 Sydney Mesko
25 Jerry Sedlak
27 Shirley Binkley
29 Becky Theodore
30 Mari Eiswerth



3 Moses & Cecilia Ajamu
4 Robert & Betty Bastian
4 George & Brittany Reeger
5 Kelly & Michelle Kirn
9 Jim & Cindy Krasnansky
13 Paul & Denise Trainor
15 Jeff & Cathy Waltemyer
15 Dick & Nancy Steltz
16 Steph & Bill Wagaman
17 Ed & Daisy Pearson
18 Frank & Sandy Bennighoff
18 Frank & Judy Szukics
20 Ada & Charles Bennicoff
22 Bruce & Sandi Wagaman
23 Michael & Rebecca Yeager
25 Richard & Mary Ann Spengler
26 Jeffrey & Melody Pavlacka
29 Gretchen & Dan Gotthard
30 Bob & Kim Bruchak

PASTORIAL ACT FUNERAL

Pastor Laura officiated at the funeral of Robert Miller, Sr. on May 12, 2017.

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Dottie Moll:

Donald & Dorothea Cope
Doris Fenner
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Geschel
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Moatz

The following memorial contributions have been received in memory of Robert Miller:

Rita Miller
David & Emma Weaver

STRENGTH FOR LIFE'S BITES

The day was fresh, and I jumped into my work with an attitude of praise. Then those bothersome mosquito bites started itching again. I rubbed lotion on them and tried to cope with the pain and distraction.

Most days are like that. We intend to honor God in all things, but irritating itches or overwhelming problems develop. Worry leads our minds away from God's love and promises.

We can't avoid life's little — or big — “bites.” Yet we look to Jesus as our salve and salvation. He covers us and empowers us for each day's tasks. As Isaiah 40:29 (NIV) says, “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.”

—MaryAnn Sundby

YOU'LL NEVER MISS IT

Frustrated that income never covered expenses, a longtime church treasurer resigned. Another member, who owned the town's grain elevator, volunteered to take over with one stipulation: He wouldn't submit a report for the first year.

The puzzled board members agreed because they knew he was an honest man. After all, they trusted him to process their grain.

By year's end, the new treasurer gave a glowing report. The church's building debt had been erased. Staff salaries had increased 15 percent. And the budget showed a healthy balance.

When the shocked but delighted congregation asked for an explanation, the treasurer said, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. When I paid you, I simply withheld 10 percent on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it!"

Imagine what we could do for God if we willingly returned the first tenth of his gifts back to him.

BEE

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as "flowing with milk and honey" (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God's words "sweeter than honey" (19:10; 119:103).



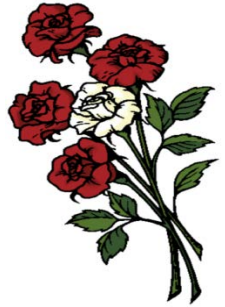
“SUMMER FLOWERS”

Behold the flowers of June!
How fair and bright their buds appear,
as, opening to the summer air,
our eyes and hearts they cheer!



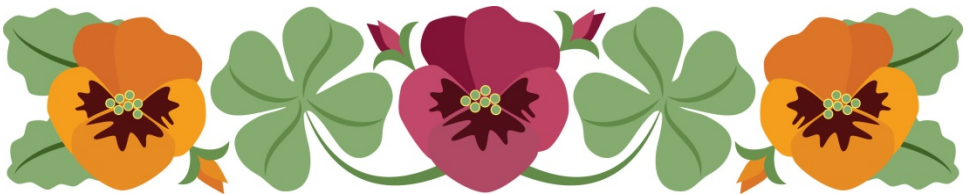
Who would have thought there could abound
such beauty and delight
beneath the cold and wintry ground
that hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all —
the mighty power of God —
alone could life and beauty call
out of the lifeless sod.



And he, who from the winter's gloom
can summer thus disclose,
shall one day make the desert bloom,
and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous



Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

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O E J D R I N Y G L E I N A D
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F E U E O E C E U A A E H B A
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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS**

JUNE 18, 2017

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.**



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