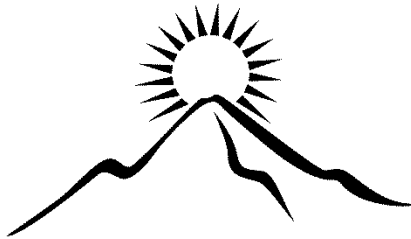


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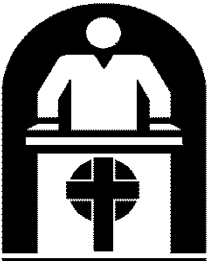


NOW, O MY GOD, LET YOUR
eyes be open
AND YOUR
ears attentive
TO THE PRAYER OF THIS PLACE.

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Dear Members and Friends,

Have you ever been to a place and said to yourself, “I’ve never seen that before!” Many times we go to places like restaurants, meeting places, or church and because we go there frequently and because it seems so familiar we miss some important facets of our surroundings. How many of you know there are etchings in the glass that forms part of the

back wall of our nave? If you do remember there are etchings, do you remember what they are? If you remember what they are do you know why they were chosen?

If you’re looking from the narthex toward the altar you can “read” from left to right, seven symbols: bible, manger, dove, cross and crown (on the doors), baptismal shell, bread and cup, and a ship (representing the church). You can “read” these in two ways. If you “read” from left to right, the bible which is the Word of God becomes flesh in the birth of Christ (manger) and now dwells among us as the Holy Spirit. The descending dove with the flames of fire represents the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The symbols and their meanings are centered in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ represented by the cross and crown (doors). The cross of Christ bears new life to his people through baptism (baptismal shell), Holy Communion (bread and cup) and the Church. The Church is symbolized by a ship (the church) navigating the world.

Or, you can view the windows as two sides of the same story. The two sides represent the two stories that come together in the sacrifice and victory of Jesus (cross and crown). The left side represents **God’s** story (his coming in Word, flesh, and Spirit; the right side represents **our** story (receiving him in baptism, Holy Communion, and through the Church).

So, the next time you come to St. Paul’s, come into the narthex and take a look at the intentional way the windows and doors to the nave are presented for supporting your faith. You just might say, “I’ve never seen (or thought about) that before!”

Pastor Miller

SAFETY MEASURES

Because of recent "active shooter" incidents around the country, churches have taken steps to try to prevent such things from happening on their properties. Our church council decided that it would be in the best interest of the safety of the congregation to **lock the main entrance doors to the church 10 minutes after the start of worship starting June 2nd**. There will be somebody "manning" the doors at all times during worship so that if someone comes later than 10:40 am, that person will be able to enter the church for worship. The door at the end of the hallway has always been locked at about 10:30 am and that procedure will remain the same.

While I'm sure you will agree that it is unfortunate that we have come to this point in our society where we must take these steps, the council felt that this was necessary for our safety.

Pastor Carey Miller

VOICE MAIL MESSAGE TO CHURCH

The office hours of the church are Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No one is in the office on Fridays. If you leave a message, Pastor Miller will check the messages over the weekend. Also, Pastor Miller can be reached on his cell phone (610-704-4645) by calling or texting. This phone number will be published in the bulletin.

If you have a volunteer scheduling issue: If you cannot make your scheduled volunteer assignment, it is noted on your scheduled assignment letter that you have the option of calling the office **OR** calling the council person of the month which is listed at two different places on your scheduling letter.

You may also make your own arrangements to switch with someone. If it is done far enough ahead of time, please notify Cindy at the office.

MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The newly formed Mutual Ministry Committee met for the first time 06/03/19 at 7:00pm. All members were present: Peggy Saylor (Chair), Sue Xander, Tom Kellogg (Council liaison), Jenn Schmoyer, Rich Hartley, Pastor Miller.

We discussed the purposes of the Committee, responsibilities, the benefits to the Congregation and the Pastor. A brief synopsis follows.

Purpose: The primary function of the Mutual Ministry Committee is to keep the pastor advised concerning the conditions within the congregation and to interpret to the congregation the ministry of the pastor. They shall also discuss the joys, issues, and stresses of the pastor. This includes: open communication concerning the conditions within the congregation, early warnings of misunderstanding within the congregation, a "listening post" for the pastor, conflict resolution, appraisal of the ministry of the pastor, and to provide a sounding board for the pastor.

1. The strategies for carrying out these responsibilities:
 - a. Careful listening and clarifying expectations
 - b. Sharing and communication
 - c. Reviewing and reflecting
 - d. Praying and caring
2. The benefits:
 - a. Develop open communication about expectations, attitudes, and concerns within the congregation, the community, and the staff.
 - b. To identify early warning signs of misunderstandings
 - c. Become a "listening post" for the pastor and the Congregation
 - d. Serve as a group with whom the pastor can test new ideas and share confidential matters
 - e. Conduct annual reviews and affirmations of the pastor.
 - f. Can provide a sounding board for the pastor in times of personal or professional stress and in times of congregational stress and joy

- g. Assess each year the working conditions, compensation, housing, and benefits provided to the pastor.
- 3. Its membership:
 - a. Should **Not** be:
 - (1) The council and not a majority of council members, possibly one member of council should be on it as a liaison.
 - (2) An informal group of friends of the pastor.
 - b. Should be formally appointed:
 - c. Should reflect the age, race, gender, and economic composition of the congregation
 - d. Qualities of the committee members:
 - (1) They should have a commitment to keeping confidences
 - (2) A sensitivity to the feelings of others
 - (3) An understanding of the Christian faith and the vision of the ELCA
- 4. Accountability:
 - a. To the council
 - (1) Committee should report to the Council.
 - (2) Committee does not set policy.
 - (3) Recommendations are developed and forwarded to the council or other appropriate committees for final approval.
 - b. To each other
 - (1) Maintain confidentiality when appropriate
 - c. To the congregation
 - (1) Report at the Annual Meeting.
 - (2) Reports of changes in specific duties or working conditions of the pastor and staff may be reported to the Congregation.



Bible Study for July is being canceled. It will resume on August 5th at 9:30 a.m. We will see you then.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, June 9 we received the following individuals as members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church: David Feierstein, Dominic (Nic) & Susan Bellucci and Margaret Stoudt.

GET TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Dominic and Susan Bellucci:

Dominic (Nic), Susan (Sue) we lived in Whitehall until our children graduated and decided to downsize. We moved to Alburtis area four/five years ago. Nic works for Seventh Generations School District in Emmaus and is Accountant/Human Resources. Sue works for Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Whitehall as the Office Manager. We enjoy biking, gardening, Penn State football and basketball etc., and spending time with our family.

David Feierstein:

I was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and spent the first 7 – 8 years moving around – Florida, Maine, Pa, etc. The next 10 years in White Haven area. Married Pauline D'Agostino in 1985. Currently I am widowed and retired.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 25th Pastor Miller will bless the backpacks of all students at our worship. Please bring your backpacks on that day. You will be asked to come forward wearing your backpack for the blessing.



MIRACULOUS MISSION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is everyone ready for another amazing week of VBS? It's going to be out of this world!

July 22nd-July 26th

6-8:30 pm

Ages 3-12

Go to the following link to register on line.

<https://vbsmate.com/Stpaulsttown>

We are looking for volunteers to be guides and site leaders. Let Katie Pisauro or Anita Eisenhard know if you are interested!

PRAYER SHAWL NEWS - #HATNOTHATE PROJECT

If you are interested in a small knit or crochet project this summer – I would like to call your attention to #HatNotHate Program– which is aimed at stamping out bullying in the schools. Louis Boria (aka Brooklynboyknits), a spokesperson for this program, has teamed up with the Knitter's Edge, asking for knitted and crocheted blue hats – the wearing of which represents taking a stand against bullying.

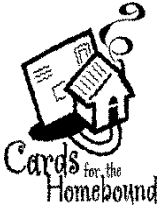
Knitter's Edge is hoping to collect 600 hats of every size – child through adult – for an October 2019 #HatNotHate Event at Donegan Elementary School in Bethlehem. The hats should be made with a medium to dark shade of blue, and no variegated yarns. For more information about the program, see [Knitter's Edge May Newsletter](#). For a variety of knit and crochet hat patterns, see [Lion Brand's #HatNotHate](#) Web page. Or see one of us at church for a printed pattern. Note there are several blue yarn skeins in the church yarn collection that would work well.

If you would like to make hats for this program, please bring them to church by **September 8**, and we will deliver them to Knitter's Edge. Also, if you are working on any shawls, note that we have scheduled a prayer shawl blessing for Sunday, **September 29**.

Steph Wagaman

Peggy Kern

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

ALTAR FLOWER AND BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR 2019

Your sponsorship of the flowers and the bulletins is a great way to pay tribute to someone special in your life and also to help offset the cost of these weekly items for the church.

The prices will stay the same. Altar flowers – one vase is \$22 or both vases at \$44. If you are sponsoring both bouquets, **PLEASE** sign your name to **BOTH LINES**. The cost for the bulletin sponsors will remain at \$20 per week.

The flower chart and bulletin chart are posted on the bulletin board. If you would like to call the church and reserve a spot for a date, please feel free to do so.

HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.

PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE



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 or cell # 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.

If you would like to become a member of this committee, just let me know. I am contacting the Prayer Chain Committee electronically using text messages and email from my cell phone. If you do not have a cell phone or computer, we can still contact you by phone. So if you want to be of service to those who need extra prayers, just contact me using the numbers above or see me at Church. This only takes a brief amount of time and there are no meetings to attend! We all need extra prayers and they do not take a lot of time but are of great comfort.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

We *are* taking a break from our monthly meetings over the summer, but please join us on **September 11 at 9:30 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

Keep a lookout for mailed information over the summer regarding our Fall Fun and Service Event: Kirby Episcopal House, 381 Sunset Road, Glen Summit, Mountain Top, PA. Kirby House can accommodate 25 overnight guests; so first come, first to get a bed!! ☺. Overnight guests \$60; Saturday guests \$25. More information will be in *The Flame* which is the NEPA Women of the ELCA newsletter which should be published within the next month.

JULY/AUGUST FOOD BANK ITEMS 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 item will be acceptable.

THANK YOU to all who brought in noodles and macaroni during our monthly collection for the food bank.

During July our “food of the month” will be canned vegetables and during August our “food of the month” will be canned fruit.

ALLENTOWN AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

The A.A.E. Food Bank has suggested adding some new items for congregations to donate throughout the summer. Please consider bringing any of the following items and placing them in the box in the narthex.

cereal	powdered milk
Spam	cooking oil
granola bars	mustard/ketchup
protein bars	pancake mix/syrup
cake mixes	individually pkg. nuts
mayonnaise	canned or instant potatoes
small sugar or flour	Hamburger/Tuna Helper
Mac & Cheese, ravioli in small microwavable container	

**The 2019 Village of Breinigsville Independence Day
Fireworks Spectacular will take place
Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Earl Adams Memorial Park
(Breinigsville Park 8935 Breinigsville Rd.)
Rain date Sunday, July 7, 2019**

Come see their famous Fireworks! This amazing event celebrating our country's Independence is hosted by Carl Schmoyer III of the Schmoyer Funeral Home in Breinigsville. Mr. Schmoyer is a Certified Fireworks Shooter of the Pyrotechnics Guild International who also works closely with the UMT Fire Companies for this event. His expertise and skill makes each Firework show masterful and full of surprises!



A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH



Loving God, we thank you — the true Father of our country — for the blessings of this land and the gifts of cultures around the world. Prompt us to strive for justice for all, at home and abroad. Remind us, in the words of the hymn, that “this is our Father’s world” and that your goodness prevails. Amid tragedies and conflicts, guard us against despair. Help us focus on the kindness evident daily: from generous neighbors to conscientious public servants (because most are). On Independence Day and every day, “O let [us] ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.” Amen.

—Sandy Hyland



IRONPIGS GAME REMINDER

If you signed up for the IronPigs game, the date is Sunday, August 25, 2019 and game time is 1:35 p.m. Gates open at 12:00 p.m. and the buffet is from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. We again will be in the PenTeleData Party Porch 3. Those who have attended the game the last few years enjoyed the fact we were the only ones in the porch. We were under cover and the food was great.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 30 – Red, White & Blue Potluck in Pavilion (weather permitting)

July 22 – 26 – VBS 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

August 25 – Blessing of the Backpacks

August 25 – IronPigs Game

THE MASTER’S WORKS

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employee in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000-mile walk to “consider the lilies.” He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his résumé, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, “I study the inventions of God.”



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| 6 Stanley Younger | 25 Sienna Burley |
| 7 Jackson Eisenhard | 25 Sophia Gotthard |
| 9 Kathy Granger | 25 Mindy Inman |
| 10 Kathy Maslany | 25 Kylee Maslany |
| 14 Briana Mironov | 26 Marilyn Thomas |
| 15 Melody Pavlacka | 27 Michelle Kirn |
| 15 Patrice Walters | 28 Anita Eisenhard |
| 16 Sarabeth Mesko | 28 John Thomas |
| 19 Olivia Gotthard | 28 Earl Wenz |
| 21 Ed Pearson | 29 Kayla Nemeh |
| 24 Ada Bennicoff | |



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| 16 Bob & Kim Pearson |
| 21 Mark & Kathy Maslany |
| 22 Kim & Shawn Sicher |
| 24 Jeremy & Jennifer Schmoyer |
| 31 Joseph & Sandra Stanton |

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

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| Peg Apgar | Linford Bastian | Anita Eisenhard | Doris Fenner |
| Calvin Fetherolf | Helen Kessler | Bill Knoll | Judy Kresley |
| Nancy Miller | Esther Nolfe | Carl Schmoyer | Kathy Shryock |
| Frank Szukics | John Thomas | Irene Wenz | |



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| 6 Joe & Amy Mutis |
| 7 James & Judy Kresley |
| 8 Linford & Joyce Bastian |
| 10 Tom & June Kellogg |
| 11 John & Diane Kropf |
| 12 Michael & Kelly Morgenstern |
| 16 Ginger & Bill Hallock |
| 21 John & Marilyn Thomas |
| 24 Bruce & Peggy Saylor |
| 26 Robert & Kathy Granger |
| 28 Jason & Christine Nemeh |
| 31 Joe & Felicia Flores |

PASTORIAL ACT

Pastor Carey officiated at wedding of Amy Brenfleck and Joseph Williams, IV on May 24, 2019.
Congratulations to the couple in their future together.



GROOVING FOR GOD

Fifty years ago this summer, as the Woodstock Festival in upstate New York became a symbol of the countercultural movement, another groundswell was occurring: the Jesus Movement. In 1970, teenager Greg Laurie was baptized after a bunch of “Jesus freaks” introduced him to the Savior. The lost kid whose mom had been divorced seven times finally felt part of a family.

Laurie, now pastor of a megachurch and author of *Jesus Revolution* (Baker Books), says the Millennial generation is ripe for another major faith movement. During a time of division and unrest that mirrors the late '60s, people are longing for what's “real” and relational, he writes. Our “weary, chaotic, selfie-saturated culture” needs “a big, ravishing, transcendent, and transformational vision of who God really is,” adds Laurie. “That’s what happened fifty years ago. It can happen again today.”



KINGDOM ON WHEELS

“If you love what you do, you’re going to talk about it,” says Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz. “I love Jesus ... so I’m going to talk about [him]. But I’m not going to force [Christianity] down your throat, either.” That’s why the pro athlete tries to show his faith by “how I live and what I’m about.”

Wentz started the foundation AO1 (Audience of One) to make a tangible impact beyond the gridiron. With a local church, he sponsors Thy Kingdom Crumb, a food truck that offers free meals to people in the community. The motto painted on the mobile restaurant sums up the message Wentz wants to share with his neighbors: “It’s on us ... ’cause he loves you!”

MANY WAYS TO GIVE

As a hen and a pig walked down the road, they noticed a church sign advertising a breakfast of “Ham and Eggs!”

“That’s nice,” said the hen. “A chance for us to serve the congregation.”

“Easy for you to say,” replied the pig. “For you, it’s a contribution; for me, it’s a sacrifice!”

Versions of this story appear on inspirational websites, with comments about the chicken being *involved* in breakfast, while the pig is *committed*. Opinions differ, however, about which animal has the right idea. Some people warn against being the pig, sacrificing yourself for success; others say the chicken isn’t all-in.

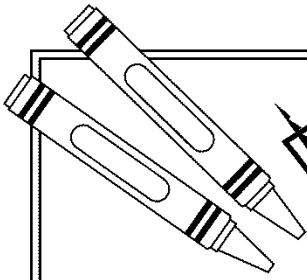
“People who give themselves to Jesus with a trusting abandon” are like pigs, says Rick Lawrence in *The Jesus-Centered Life* (Group). That total, “without reservation” commitment, he says, shows a willingness to give your life to Jesus — as he gave his for you.

On the other hand, giving consistently, day in and day out, even in what might seem to be small ways, also is valuable. Maybe the moral is not to judge others’ stewardship because we all give differently.

A GUIDE FOR GIVING

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.

—C.S. Lewis








PUZZLE

"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

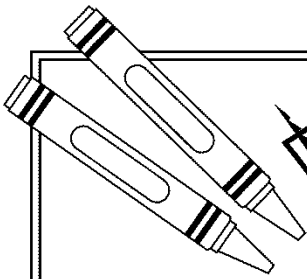
Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

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 W _ th h _ m _ t my
 r _ ght h _ nd,
 w _ ll n _ t b _ sh _ k _ n.
 Ps _ lm 16:8, N _ V

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



PUZZLE

GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

- Brush these daily _ _ _ _
- Do this to your shoes _ _
- This rises in the east _ _
- Cold breakfast food _ _ _ _
- Hot breakfast food _ _ _ _ _
- Talk to God _ _ _
- Morning meal _ _ _ _ _ _ _
- Extend your limbs _ _ _ _ _
- Fruit drink _ _ _
- Waffle machine _ _
- Eat these scrambled or fried _ _ _



Because of the LORD's great love...
 never fail. They are
 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

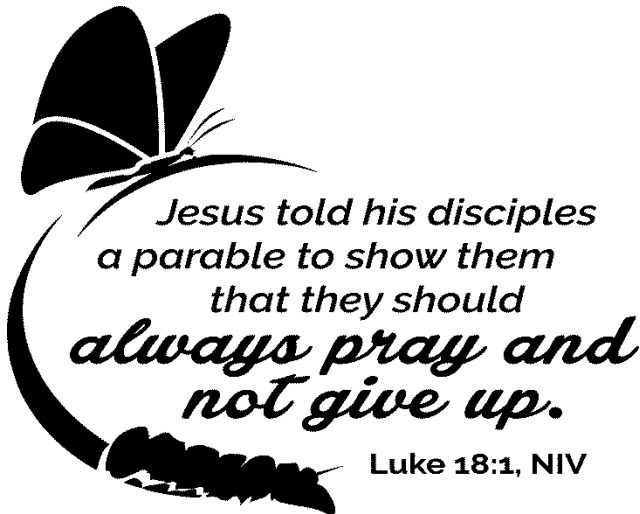
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS**

AUGUST 11, 2019

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



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