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**Sunday Schedule**

- Early Communion Service • 8:00 AM
- Sunday Church School • 9:15 AM
- Contemporary Service • 9:15 AM
- Traditional Service • 10:30 AM

**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 1 PM; 1:30 - 4:30 PM

**The Upper Perkiomen Child Care Center**

*- a ministry of St. Paul's*

Weekdays: Mon - Fri • 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
infant, toddler, 3 & 4 yrs, Pre-K, 6-12 yrs

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**~ STATEMENT OF MISSION ~**

*St. Paul's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a gathering of God's people called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. To fulfill our mission we are committed to be a faith community that:*

- invites and welcomes others to share in the ministry of this church;
- gathers in joyful thanksgiving to be nourished by God's gifts of Word and Sacrament;
- promotes daily discipleship of its members by following Christ's example;
- provides a variety of opportunities for making Christ's love known through worship, education, fellowship, service, and the stewardship of God's gifts;
- responds to Christ's call for justice and peace in our community and world.

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Parish Sexton:	Mr. Scott Moyer	679-5553
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Alcoholics Anonymous	Wednesday at 8:00 PM
Altar Guild	Bonnie Thomas 679-5553
Appalachia Service Project	Larry Weiss 679-9632
Cemetery Association	Henry Thomas 679-2902
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Christian Education	Patricia Klinger 610.265-3869
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Evangelism	
Kitchen	Donna Stever 679-7521
Men's Fellowship	church office 679-5553
Music Committee	Mr. Reiner Mauer 679-6886
Narcotics Anonymous	Sunday at 8:00 PM
Newsletter - Vision	Church Office 679-5553
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Property	Frank Grim 679-5553
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Cub Scouts	Ed Moreland 215-892-3174
Youth Team	Vicar 679-5553

## June Birthdays



- |    |                     |    |
|----|---------------------|----|
| 1  | Ruth Decker         |    |
|    | Robert Stevens      |    |
| 2  | Christopher Brust   |    |
| 3  | Laura Phillips      |    |
|    | Jayne Reed          | 19 |
|    | Robert Smith        |    |
|    | Barbara Weeks       |    |
| 5  | Donald Dulin        |    |
|    | Nancy Gilbert       | 20 |
| 6  | Abigail Elias       |    |
|    | Melissa Miller      | 21 |
|    | Karson Schoenly     |    |
| 7  | Suzanne Krause      |    |
|    | Germaine Stoudt     |    |
| 8  | Randy Ash           | 22 |
|    | Bryant Bartholomew  |    |
| 9  | John Sheeran        | 23 |
| 10 | Jacqueline Hafler   | 25 |
| 11 | Keith Brey          |    |
|    | Allie Pijanowski    |    |
|    | Cheryl Renninger    |    |
| 12 | William Gabel       | 26 |
|    | Antonio Lapinski    |    |
|    | Robert Mack         |    |
|    | Debbie Ricapito     |    |
| 13 | Donald Fox          |    |
|    | Jaclyn Krempasky    |    |
|    | Deborah Troxel      | 27 |
| 14 | Benjamin Baver      |    |
|    | Keith Ferketich     |    |
|    | Zachary Smith       |    |
| 15 | Juliea Belick       | 28 |
|    | Scott Engle         |    |
|    | Roger Thomas        |    |
| 16 | Joshua Hager        | 29 |
|    | Patricia Hoffman    |    |
| 17 | Carrie Eppler       |    |
|    | David Feldtmose     |    |
|    | Michael Juzbasic    |    |
| 18 | Todd Beam           | 30 |
|    | Nina Fehnel         |    |
|    | Skyler Keehan       |    |
|    | Keith Richard       |    |
|    | Michael Rom         |    |
|    |                     | 19 |
|    | Kermit Bergey       |    |
|    | Lynn Cairns         |    |
|    | Stuart Sands        |    |
|    | Sara Wood           |    |
|    |                     | 20 |
|    | Morris Renninger    |    |
|    | Ralph L. Richard    |    |
|    |                     | 21 |
|    | Tracy Himmelwright  |    |
|    | Emily Johnston      |    |
|    | Sheila Kraus        |    |
|    | Glenn Mansfield     |    |
|    |                     | 22 |
|    | Ann Kolb            |    |
|    | Victoria Lynch      |    |
|    |                     | 23 |
|    | Sandra Bird         |    |
|    |                     | 25 |
|    | Travis Collins      |    |
|    | Kimberly Frye       |    |
|    | Susan Gilbert       |    |
|    | Rosemarie Hitchcock |    |
|    |                     | 26 |
|    | Gloria Harpel       |    |
|    | Stephanie Karver    |    |
|    | Aric Kressly        |    |
|    | Taylor Pijanowski   |    |
|    | James Montich       |    |
|    | Michelle Rose       |    |
|    |                     | 27 |
|    | Matthew Fisher      |    |
|    | Mitchell Gery       |    |
|    | Cortney Reck        |    |
|    |                     | 28 |
|    | Tammy Garber        |    |
|    | Madison Gouchnauer  |    |
|    | Sandra Nice         |    |
|    | Robin Richard       |    |
|    |                     | 29 |
|    | Gerald Gaugler      |    |
|    | Kyle Lafferty       |    |
|    | Gregory Stevens     |    |
|    | Kevin Sturtevant    |    |
|    |                     | 30 |
|    | Leroy Stevens       |    |

*Did we miss your birthday? Not on purpose. So sorry. Let us know.*

***In our Prayers***

**~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~**

Gloria Harpel- *St. Luke's Q-town*  
 Steve Green- *St. Luke's Q-town*  
 Diane Landis - *Jefferson*  
 Donald Lechner- *LVH-178*  
 Chris Sole  
 Tim Rea  
 Bob Twisdale- *Grand View*

**~ At Home ~**

Forrest Allebach  
 Louis Barner- *Tom Sand's father*  
 Mary Lou Bechtel- *friend of C Weiss*  
 Norm & Muriel Benner  
 Richard Croisette- *Claude's brother*  
 Michael Dzedzic- *brother L Foreman*  
 Richard Frederick- *friend of F Grim*  
 Jeffrey Fox- *son of D & L Fox*  
 Don Fuoss- *Donna Montich's father*  
 Orphia Gardian- *D Richard's mother*  
 Lewis Gaul  
 Evelyn Gerhard  
 Delia Grim- *Frank Grim's mother*  
 Ray Grucello  
 Ward Haines- *Bonnie Ferrero's dad*  
 Lindee Harney- *friend of K Creghan*  
 Sheree Harris- *daughter of L & E Stevens*  
 Joanne Hersh  
 Miles Hontz  
 Wm. Kelso- *neighbor of Leister's*  
 Shirley Keyser  
 Carol Kratzer  
 Alma Leister  
 R & G Leister- *Alice Hager's parents*  
 Barb Lloyd  
 Betty Lonergan- *K Cummins' mother*  
 Shirley Marconi- *D Turofski's mother*  
 Molly Mauro- *J McMurtrie's cousin*  
 Louise Mest  
 Donald Moll- *friend of Loretta Baver*

Delue Moyer  
 Ed Peery- *Tim Klavon's uncle*  
 Pastor Phillips- *LCT Nursing*  
 Tom Sands  
 Hal & Marianne Schatz  
 Christoph Schmidt  
 Mildred Seasholtz  
 Kelly Sell- *Diane Schantz's daughter*  
 Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell & Heather Walter*  
 Serfass family- *friends of K Creghan*  
 Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*  
 Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*  
 Kevin Steinman- *nephew of I Benner*  
 Sarah Sweinhart- *sister of D Schaffer*  
 Ronald Swinehart- *friend of the Grim's*  
 Serge Szuhaj- *father-in-law of Kristin Richard Szuhaj*  
 Verna Thomas  
 Greg Thren- *son-in-law of the King's*  
 Joyce Wimmer  
 Gene & Barbara Woehr  
 Robert Wood  
 Nancy Yerger



***Retirement & Nursing***



***Frederick Mennonite Community***

Norman & Muriel Benner  
 Ernest Brendlinger  
 Ginny Dale  
 Charlie Keck  
 Don & Frannie Lechner  
 Anna Mensch

***Life Quest, Quakertown***

Grace Leister  
 Gordon Leister

***Little Lehigh Manor***

George & Patricia Hoffman

***Lutheran Community @ Telford***

Betty Mensch  
 R. Wm. Phillips  
 Evelyn Gerhard

***Souderton Mennonite***

Alverda Smoll

***Pennsburg Manor***

Fern Kurz                      Marion Henry  
 Dalton Boehm                Esther Walter  
 Theresa Kautz  
 Hal Schatz

***Manor Care Home, Allentown***

Gladys Hetrick

***Morlanton Villas, Douglasville***

Virginia Mensch

***Topton Lutheran Home***

Lewis Gaul

## ~ Health Advocates Ministry ~

This article is brought to you by our Health Advocates Ministry. This health ministry system is designed to maintain and promote good health and illness prevention in our congregation. It integrates the concepts of physical, emotional and spiritual health to enrich the lives of our church community.



What is the most common form of cancer in the US? - skin cancer! Protecting your body from the sun's harmful rays is important no matter the season. Let's review the basics that could save your life: Regardless of whether you are young or old, limit your time in the sun, especially from mid-morning to early afternoon when the UV rays are the strongest. Wear sunscreen year around with SPF 30 or higher and UVA / UVB protection. Put on a wide brim hat, long sleeve shirt, and long pants. Wear sunglasses that absorb UV rays. Avoid sunbathing, sunlamps, and tanning salons. Of the three types of skin cancer - squamous cell, basal cell, and melanoma - melanoma is typically the most serious. Although they do not look alike, all usually appear as a change on the skin. If you have a question or concern about something on your skin (including a change in the color, size, shape, or feel of an existing mole) talk with your doctor.

## ~ To Ensure Hospital Visitation ~

To ensure pastoral visitations, please give permission to the hospital to include you name in the patient information directory and also notify the church office.

## ~Current Staff Email Addresses~

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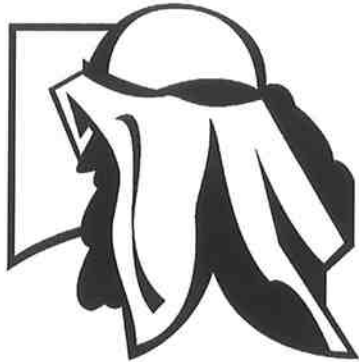
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## ~Bible Quiz~

Most Christians know the name of Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. But what was the name of Joseph's father?



Choose the right name below:

- A. James
- B. David
- C. Jacob
- D. Josiah

Answer: C (See Mt 1:16)

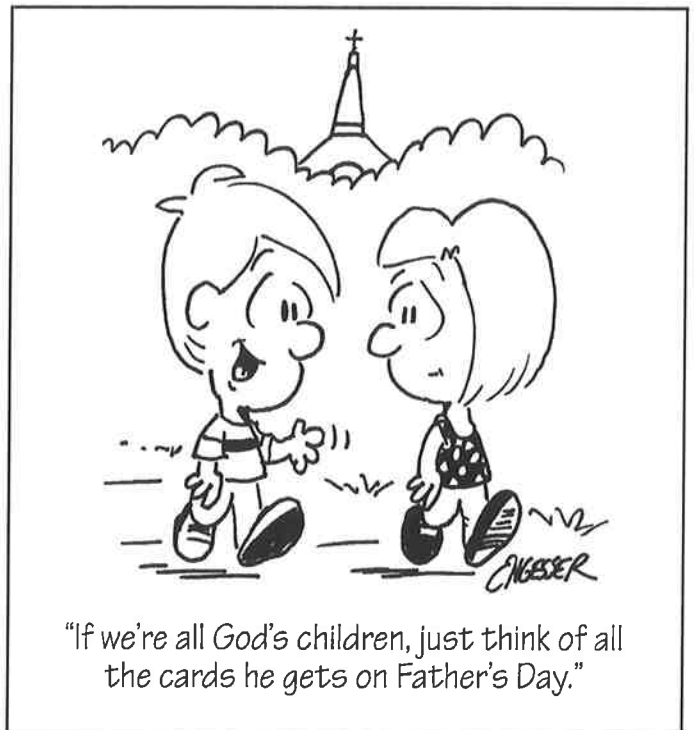
## ~ Community of Faith fund ~

You don't have to go to Africa to find people in need. We have started a fund to help people and families who have needs in our own faith community and neighborhood. If you would like to contribute to this fund, simply write "Community of Faith" on an envelope or memo line of your check.

*"So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the household of faith."* Galatians 6:10

## ~ Quotes ~

- "Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man."  
—*St. Teresa of Avila*
- "A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house."  
—*Paul Lewis*
- "Whatever you think, be sure it is what you think; whatever you want, be sure it is what you want; whatever you feel, be sure that it is what you feel."  
—*T.S. Eliot*
- "The world is round, and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning."  
—*Ivy Baker Priest*



~ The Lunch Bunch ~  
A Fellowship Group for the Young at Heart

Join us for LUNCH BUNCH, in Fellowship Hall, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM and enjoy the singing talent of the "Romano Sisters." They come to us from the Pottstown/Boyertown area and feature a variety of music.. Bring your lunch, a mug and a friend/friends and enjoy a time of fellowship and music. Desserts and drinks are provided.



**\*\* Please save your Redner's tapes to support the Lunch Bunch. Make sure to use your Save a Tape card or ask the store to use theirs.**

~ New church phone extensions ~

When calling church or Child Care Center enter the extension for the person or classroom you wish to speak to.

Callers without a "touch tone" phone will be transferred to the church office.

Church Office: ( <i>extension</i> )	110
Child Care Coordinators	122
Education Director	125
Financial Secretary	126
Musician	124
Sexton	127
Pastor	111
Vicar ( <i>pastoral intern</i> )	112
Little Explorers	118
Kindergarten	113
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Twoodles	120
Sch Age / Fellowship Hall	116
Nursery	117
Church Library	123



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~ Cemetery Flowers ~

***Please assist with the care of the cemetery.  
Within 30 days after any holiday  
or special occasion, please remove from the  
church cemetery floral decorations, flower  
plants and faded artificial arrangements.***

~ Christian Symbols ~

~ Christian parental guidance ~

RAINBOW



The Rainbow represents God’s pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.

• Begin each day with prayer. We all need divine guidance as we take on the challenges each day brings. Let children know you’ll be praying for them while they’re away from home. Then do so, several times throughout the day.

• Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Wake children with humor. Caress them lovingly. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.

• Make children’s daily homecoming a cheerful occasion. Listen carefully to their experiences. Affirm that you’re proud of them and pleased to be their parent.

• Make home life joyful and memorable. Play games, tell funny stories, take walks and eat together. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them.

~ Generation gap ~

~ Do you need a Christian tune-up? ~

After crawling into Grandpa’s lap, little Freddie asked, “Were you in the ark with Noah, Grandpa?”

The grandfather chuckled, “Why, no, Son, I wasn’t.”

The youngster persisted, “Then why weren’t you drowned?”

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
  2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
  3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
  4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
  5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit.
- Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.



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## ~ June Lutheran Magazine ~

**CAMPFIRES, S'MORES**, singing, counselors, nature, friends, faith. What memories of Bible camp do you have? In *The Lutheran's* June issue read Camp changed my life, as the magazine's readers gather around the campfire for some good old memories. A place apart shows how ELCA camps keep the faith while keeping up with the times. With Did you know? you can dazzle your friends with some camp trivia. And read ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson's reflection on the season.

**SUMMERTIME READING:** Find it in *The Lutheran's* June issue ... **travel** to Wisconsin, where a congregation offers campfires and high-tech worship ... **visit** two art camps sponsored by congregations that keep kids coming back for more ... **read** Walter Wangerin's parable ... **see** how journaling can be part of your spiritual and emotional care routine ... **select** some summer entertainment with a review of the DVD *Lord, Save Us from Your Followers* and the book *Bible Babel: Making Sense of the Most Talked About Book of All Time* ... and **learn** how the YouTube wedding video continues to make waves.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING** in the church—locally and globally? Check out *The Lutheran's* June issue ... **meet** a woman who became a pastor in her 70s, proving it's never too late ... **get** informed on the actions taken by the ELCA Church Council at its April meeting ... **discover** how an Oregon congregation is tending the land on which it was planted ... **see** what resolutions synod assemblies voted on in April ... **learn** how ELCA campers became part of a new start for 10 families in Nicaragua ... and **find** out how you can help shape the ELCA by participating in LIFT.

### Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- July cover story: Ministering to today's military.
- In this economy, how are ELCA retirees coping?
- What are synod assemblies discussing in May?

- Are there Lutherans in Cuba?
- What's the WEFA program in Germany?
- Can a pastor teach and cook at the same time?

## ~ Looking for ways to help? ~

**Be a Bulletin or Candle Sponsor ~** If you would like to congratulate, honor, or remember your loved ones, there is a Sanctuary Light or Bulletin sign up chart in the hallway or you call the church at 215.679.5553. The donation is \$20.

**FLOWERS:** There are also many openings for the sponsoring of Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$30.

**READERS & Communion Assistants**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AT 9:15**  
**MUSIC & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

## ~ Imparting faith ~

We are looking for one or two adults who would be willing to team teach the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. When on a team of teachers you only have to teach every other or every third week. Sunday school runs from September until May. Please see Bonnie Bonser or Pat Klinger or call the church office if you are interested in helping.



**VOLUNTEER**  
**MINISTRY**

## ~ Chester squeaks - er - speaks ~

June is busting out all over... oh, sorry, I was just overtaken by song. Actually, singing is a good thing to be overtaken with; especially when it is singing praises to the Lord. All of nature sings to the Lord starting with the birds at sunrise to the tree frogs and others at night. Listen to their glorious songs and then add your own voice to their praises. The Lord God is worthy of all praise!



Of course June means the beginning of summer, school ending, and my favorite - Vacation Bible School. Our little ones just love VBS. And they are especially looking forward to it this year as we are going on an African adventure - "Baobab Blast". Vicar Jack is all geared up to teach all his rafiki (friends) Swahili and be our guide as we head off to Africa. We will learn about TRUST with Faye the Zebra, LOVE with Amy the Red Colobus Monkey, FOLLOW with Bud the Elephant, CARE with Sam the Meerkat, and SHARE with Jonathan the Giraffe. Don't forget to register. VBS is the week of June 21-25 from 9 to 11:30 AM.

June also means Father's Day. Personally I look forward to getting another tie or I should say ties from all my 12 children. Only kidding. Mice don't have to wear ties! But I do enjoy the love and appreciation of my children. I hope if you are a father that you are shown love and respect by your children.

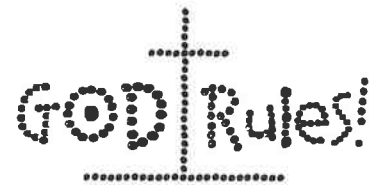
I'm pleased to report that all seems to be going well here at St. Paul's. Well, we did have a glitch the middle of last month. It seems this is the year for things to give up the ghost like the phone system earlier and now the well pump went kaput. But thanks to our good plumber Jason, the pump was replaced and we were back in

business before the children got home from school. However, the Lunch Bunch meeting for that day did get cancelled. Poor Pastor Vanderslice. This is the second time his program has been postponed.

Hopefully just because it is June and the summer months to follow you will not forget to come to worship on Sunday mornings. God never misses nor does He take vacation or retirement. If you are away, take the opportunity to worship where you are. Also don't forget summer is a good time to sit outside and read the Bible while you enjoy the sunshine and blue skies all provided free of charge by our loving God! God would like you to get to know Him better.

Remember to count your blessings and that we are here for you. Enjoy the lovely month of June. Take time to say thank you to the Lord each and every day and to tell Him how much you love Him. I'll check in again next month. And remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester



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~ Growing in grace ~

*“For I have known him (Abraham), in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice, that the LORD may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him.”* Genesis 18:19

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”* Deuteronomy 6:6-7

It saddens my heart to see young people who have grown up in the church not know anything about who God is, the Bible, and the things of God. And before you ask or go to blaming the Sunday School teachers, think a moment. What is one hour of instruction on one day of the week compared to all the many hours in the other six days of the week? Whose responsibility is it to teach children and young people the Word of God? In the first scripture passage above we read where God says the reason He choose Abraham was because He knew Abraham would teach his children and his entire household the ways of God. Wow! And Abraham didn't even have a Bible to teach out of.

In Deuteronomy Moses instructs the people to place the words of God in their hearts and to teach them **diligently** to their children. If you look up the definition of the word diligent it says, “to esteem, love; characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic application and effort.” When we are diligent about knowing God and His ways we apply ourselves to the study of His Word, the Bible. This isn't just a casual reading. This is putting effort into it, being diligent. And **we** as parents, not the church and Sunday School teachers, are responsible to teach our children.

Sad to say I have also noticed that there are few adults who apply themselves to the study of scripture. How can we teach our children if we do not know? As parents we will be held accountable for not teaching our

children. But we are also accountable for ourselves. What excuse will we offer for not putting God and His Word first place in our lives? Just calling ourselves a Christian does not make us one. You could call yourself a car and go sit in a garage all day, but that will not make you a car!

What does it mean to be a Christian? We can be religious and not be a Christian. We can say we belong or practice the Christian religion and not be a Christian. It is not about religion. What makes us Christian is coming to the cross, being born again, and being restored back into a relationship with our God. It's relationship, not religion. It's being redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and made new creatures in Christ. If we have no idea what this means or is all about then maybe we need to get on the stick and get to diligently studying our Bibles.

We certainly can't teach our children what we do not know ourselves. The Bible does not teach religion. The Bible is all about God and His plan to restore us back into relationship with Him. In the book of Hosea the prophet quotes God as saying, “My people perish for a lack of knowledge.” Our knowledge or lack thereof can make the difference in our eternal destination. Come on. God wrote the Book. All we need to know is in it. But if we neglect it, disregard it, or ignore it, and never open it, we may find out too late how vitally important it is.

I encourage you to make God and His Word the first priority in your life. Don't depend on church attendance, trying to be a “good person”, in comparison to whom? Who wants to be the best sinner who ever went to Hell. Find out who God says you are. Teach yourself. Find a Bible teacher who can help you. Teach your children and instill in them the Word of Life! Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. That is why He came to be The Way back into relationship with our Creator. He is full of truth and grace. He **is** the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Come and **know** Him! That's relationship. And God through His Spirit of Grace - the Holy Spirit, will guide, direct, and teach you all things by His grace.

It is my prayer that you will become hungry to know God and His ways and to teach your children and live.

**~ Upper Perkiomen Child Care ~**  
*a weekday early childhood educational  
ministry of St. Paul's*



The playground got mulched thanks to individuals from the church, help from the Cub Scouts, and some staff. The grass is being mowed and the sun is shining. So UPCCC classes are having a great time playing outside, taking walks, and enjoying the sights of nature.

All the staff have been working on finalizing our summer plans. We have a great summer planned and it all starts off with a week of Vacation Bible School - "Baobab Blast". Hold on to your hats, we are off on an African adventure. With our own personal resource person, Vicar Jack, straight from Kenya, we are in for a real blast! Then it's off to Camp Perkiomen, swimming, trips, guest resource people coming by, and lots of fun. Hooray for summer!

We have given the staff a break for the summer as far as writing reports for the Vision, so our classroom news will resume in September. We wish all of you a happy and relaxing summer.

P S Have a wonderful Father's Day!



**~ The intentional family ~**

When Harry and Agnes of Snohomish, Washington, got married, they intentionally decided to have a strong family life. So when they had children, they built a summer cabin on a small island. There they played games and spent time together. They prayed and showed Christian love to others. When Harry and Agnes died, the family didn't stop gathering.

As Agnes neared death, she said: "I've done everything I wanted to do. I have no regrets." She had lived an intentional life, planned out as well as could be expected.

At Agnes' funeral, the pastor said: "Our time on earth is limited, and God calls us to be good stewards by living intentionally. That means using everything we have ... in ways that would delight God. So that at the end of our lives, we might have no regrets."

**~ Are you listening? ~**

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. "All right," the boy said. "Let's pray."

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, "Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen."

"Jimmy," his mother said. "I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight."

"I know," Jimmy answered. "I just wanted to see if God was paying attention."

~ Thrivent news ~

**Thrivent Financial moves up 67 spots to 342<sup>nd</sup> on Fortune 500 list**

MINNEAPOLIS (April 20, 2010) – For the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, which has an office in Lansdale, PA, has been named to *Fortune* magazine’s Fortune 500 list based on annual revenues. The organization moved up 67 spots in the 2010 ranking to become the 342<sup>nd</sup> largest company in the United States. The ranking was based on Thrivent Financial’s 2009 revenue of \$6.514 billion. In addition, *Fortune* magazine listed Thrivent Financial as the sixth-largest mutual life/health insurance organization in the United States.

“Our *Fortune* ranking is yet another indicator of our continued overall strength and stability,” said Randy Boushek, Thrivent Financial senior vice president and chief financial officer. “In 2009, we experienced significant growth in selected parts of our business, which helped us to not only move up on the list, but also allowed us to serve even more members.”

Thrivent Financial is represented in the area by Brook A. Williams, ChFC, CASL, FIC. 215-361-2810.

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~ Victory House ~

The St. Paul’s soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory house on June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12 of this year. A signup sheet is located outside fellowship hall on the bulletin board. If you are interested in traveling to the Victory House to help serve, would like to prepare some food prior to the trip or have any questions about the Victory House at all, please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or 215-272-1445 or via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

*But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. - Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)*

~ Faith alone ~

“A man can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works; indeed, he certainly won’t know how it works until he’s accepted it.”

—C.S. Lewis

“Reason must be deluded, blinded and destroyed. Faith must trample underfoot all reason, sense and understanding, and whatever it sees must be put out of sight and ... [know] nothing but the Word of God.”

—Martin Luther

~ About the Trinity ~

We call it, in theological terms, the doctrine of the Trinity. But rather than believing in three gods, Christians believe in one God who is manifested in three forms: God the Creator, the Incarnate God (Jesus) and God’s (Holy) Spirit.

Theologian Henry Van Dusen thought of the Trinity in these terms: In God the Father, we see the ultimacy of God; in God the Son, we see the character of God; and in God the Holy Spirit, we sense the intimacy of God.

~ Time ~

Time is

Too slow for those who Wait,  
Too swift for those who Fear,  
Too long for those who Grieve,  
Too short for those who Rejoice,  
But for those who Love,  
Time is Eternity.

—Henry Van Dyke

~ SHMILY ~

Shirley Dobson tells of a game her grandparents played called SHMILY. They took turns writing that word in unusual places for the other person to find. For example, when steam would gather on a bathroom mirror, one or the other would write “SHMILY” on it with a bare finger.

Apparently, the word could show up anywhere — even on sugar, flour or salt spilled on a kitchen counter. The game lasted a lifetime.

When Shirley’s grandmother died, a bouquet ribbon had the letters SHMILY on it. What did they stand for? They were the first letters of the words: See How Much I Love You.

~ The grace of God ~

A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, “It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points.”

The man said, “Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir.”

“That’s 50 points,” said St. Peter. “What else?”

“I gave liberally to the church,” the man said.

“Twenty-five points,” replied St. Peter. “Anything else?”

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. “I taught Sunday school for several years.”

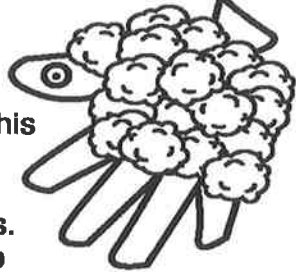
“That’s great work for God, but it’s worth only 25 points,” noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. “You know,” he said, “at this rate the only way I’ll get into heaven is by the grace of God!”

Peter smiled as he said, “That’s worth 900 points! Come on in!”

# Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



### What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

### What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.



## Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

### \*WORD BANK\*

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible study 7-9 PM AA-8 PM	3 Bible study 1 PM	4 7:30 PM Cub Committee mtg	5
6 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM NO Sunday School Late service-10:30 AM NA- 8 PM	7 Property 7:00 Praise Team 7:30	8	9 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Bible study 7-9 PM AA-8 PM	10	11	12
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27 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM NO Sunday school Late service-10:30 AM NA- 8 PM	28 Praise Team 7:30 PM	29	30 Bible study 7-9 PM AA - 8 PM			

**Worship Assistants for June • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Comm Assist</b>	<b>10:30 Ushers</b>	<b>9:15 Ushers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Nicole Oswald <b>10:30 AM</b> Stephanie Smith <b>Wash:</b> P Walter	<b>10:30 AM -# 2</b> Alec Sabatini- Hinkle Dan Heinrichs T Lapinski	<b>8:00 AM</b> Charles Shagg <b>10:30 AM</b> Joanne Hersh	<b>10:30 AM # 7</b> Jan & Charlie Woertz	<b>9:15 AM I</b> Sue Jarrett John Ferrero	<b>10:30 AM</b> Joanne Hersh	<b>Mon 7- # 2</b> Fern Roth Lenny Genszler D Brendlinger
<b>13</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Alan & Diane Richard	<b>10:30 AM -# 3</b> Nick Hager Kevin Weeks	<b>8:00 AM</b> Sandy Bergey <b>10:30 AM</b> Robert Walp	<b>10:30 AM # 8</b> Leroy Stevens, Tom & Sandy Landis	<b>9:15 AM B</b> Craig & Lori Frank	<b>10:30 AM</b> Robert Walp	<b>Mon 14- # 3</b> Charlie Shagg Tom Sands Sandy Bergey
<b>20</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Barb Miller	<b>8:00 AM # 4</b> Alex Sole Taylor Pijanowski	<b>8:00 AM</b> Cheryl Weiss <b>10:30 AM</b> Jan Woertz	<b>10:30 AM # 1</b> Bruce Bayer Laverne Keyser	<b>9:15 AM A</b> Ron & Diane Leister	<b>10:30 AM</b> Jan Woertz	<b>Mon 21- # 4</b> Cheryl Weiss Joanne Hersh Charlie Woertz
<b>27</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> Sandy Landis	<b>10:30 AM # 1</b> Angela Losinno Heather Smith	<b>8:00 AM</b> Stan Rose <b>10:30 AM</b> Debbie Turofski	<b>10:30 AM # 2</b> Nancy Yerger Pat Walter	<b>9:15 AM J</b> Ed & Sheila Kraus	<b>10:30 AM</b> Debbie Turofski	<b>Mon 28- # 5</b> Leroy Stevens Robert Stevens Betty Treffinger
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM #</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM #</b>	<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Mon - #</b>

**\*\*Easter 8 AM usher teams: Alan Richard, Don Dulin, Charlie Roth, Floyd Treffinger, John Hinkle  
 Calendar Subject to Change ★ Worship Assistants ★ Sunday Schedule • 8:00 A.M. • 9:15 AM • 10:30 AM.**