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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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July Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Conner Martin | 22 | Marvin Reiman |
| 2 | Sandra Hass | | Diane Richard |
| | Cornelia Parke | | Daniel Sague |
| | Ben Thompson | 23 | Trenten Lapinski |
| 3 | Amy Zyck | | Paul Sell, Jr. |
| 4 | Evelyn Gerhard | | |
| | Lisa Mauer | | |
| | Keith Shelly | | |
| 5 | Richard Gabel | 24 | Glenn Hitchcock |
| 6 | Bruce Baver | | Earl Kulp |
| | Emily Ann Butz | | Patrick Strohl |
| | Evan Hanney | | Charles Zepp |
| 7 | Bonnie Bonser | 25 | Ryan Lapinski |
| | Robert Stoudt | 26 | Matthew Kulp |
| 8 | Carol Elias | 27 | Dale Johnson |
| | Diane Landis | 28 | Katie Gryshuk |
| | Korban Sobjak | 29 | Olivia Bird |
| 9 | Christian Miller | | Louise Skorny |
| | Lawrence Surma | | Amber Thompson |
| 10 | Carol Kratzer | 30 | Brenda Daniel |
| 11 | Cameron McKeehan | | Beatrice Gilbert |
| | Michelle Sheets | | Alice Hager |
| | Chris Skorny | | Elwood Seasholtz |
| | Devon Taylor | 31 | Ken Bonser |
| 12 | William Sands | | Brad Hendershot |
| 13 | John McClintock | | Walter Wolf |
| 14 | Joseph Chinnici | | |
| | Nicole Watts | | |
| | Madeline Zyck | | |
| 15 | Jeffery Fehnel | | |
| 16 | George Bonekemper | | |
| | Donna Sattler | | |
| | Beth Ann Sheeran | | |
| 17 | Alma Carl | | |
| | Dolores Schaffer | | |
| | Lindsey Thompson | | |
| | Joan Wood | | |
| 18 | George Hoffman | | |
| | Keely Jarrett | | |
| 19 | David Diehl | | |
| 20 | Herb Butz | | |
| 21 | Sue Krempasky | | |
| | Vincent Parke | | |



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

*~ In Memory ~
We remember in our prayers the friends and family of Dorothy Mohr who died on May 22, 2011.*

In our Prayers

~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

~ At Home ~

Forrest Allebach
 Norm Benner
 Gloria Bobuak- *friend of Linda Shagg*
 John Bolton
 David Brey- *brother of Edith Stevens*
 Richard Croisette- *Claude's brother*
 Jean Cupach-*sister of Alice Oliver*
 Jennifer Dorshimer- *friend of Grim's*
 Michael Dziejdzic- *brother L Foreman*
 Lewis Fluck- *father of Anne Gabel*
 Jeffrey Fox- *son of D & L Fox*
 Don Fuoss- *Donna Montich's father*
 Orphia Gardian-*D Richard's mother*
 Evelyn Gerhard
 the Goodwin family
 Steve Green- *son of Barb Green*
 Ray Grucello
 Jeff Gruskaw -*son in law of Lechner's*
 Ward Haines- *Bonnie Ferrero's dad*
 Lindee Harney- *friend of K Creghan*
 Joanne Hersh
 Miles Hontz
 Gary L. Keller- *friend of B Week's*
 Wm. Kelso- *neighbor of Leister's*
 Shirley Keyser
 Eleanor King-home
 Carol Kratzer
 Diane Landis
 Donald Lechner
 Alma Leister
 R & G Leister- *Alice Hager's parents*
 Betty Lonergan- *K Cummins' mother*
 Robert Mack- home
 Bob Mackon
 Nick Mantell
 Shirley Marconi- *D Turofski's mother*
 Molly Mauro- *J McMurtrie's cousin*

David McMurtrie- *deployed*
 Sharon McMurtrie-*sister-in-law of Jeff*
 Louise Mest
 Donald Moll- *friend of Loretta Baver*
 Delue Moyer
 Steven Moyer,Jr.-*USN son of N McClain*
 Sharon Moyer- *wife of Scott Moyer*
 Bill Mullin- *friend of Carol Elias*
 Jamie Nase- *grandson of Nancy Nase*
 Gary Peterman - *brother of F Lechner*
 Pastor Phillips- *LCT Nursing*
 Elsie Rehak
 Lee Rose- *friend of the Grim's*
 Sandy Roth- home
 Tom Sands
 Marianne Schatz
 Christoph Schmidt
 Mildred Seasholtz
 Marie Seever- *friend of the Grims*
 Kelly Sell- *Diane Schantz's daughter*
 Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell & Heather Walter*
 Linda Shagg
 Landon Shoemaker- *grandson of Cheryl & Larry Weiss*
 Judy Shupe- *friend of Edith Stevens*
 Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*
 Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*
 Regina Stifter- *freind of Janet Hill*
 Arlene Smoll
 Kevin Steinman- *nephew of Ida Benner*
 Sarah Sweinhart- *sister of D Schaffer*
 Jeanette Terpoilli
 Carl Thomas- *brother of H Thomas*
 Verna Thomas
 Barry Troxel
 Bob Twisdale
 Ray Valentine- *J Fox's grandfather*
 Gene & Barbara Woehr
 Herbert Wolf
 Robert Wood
 Nancy Yerger

Retirement & Nursing



Frederick Mennonite Community

Norman Benner
 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
 Dalton Boehm
 Theresa Kautz
 Marion Henry
 Esther Walter

Manor Care Home, Allentown

Gladys Hetrick

Manor Care Pottstown

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.



For most of us, a bee sting is a minor nuisance. For others, however, a single sting can cause a dangerous, even deadly, allergic reaction - anaphylaxis. Every year 150 people in the US die from bee and wasp stings. Are you allergic? Within minutes (even seconds) after being stung, you feel dizzy and nauseated. Breathing becomes difficult. Your heart beat becomes rapid, then erratic. You may swell up - including the lips, tongue, and face - or turn red all over. An allergic reaction of this kind is a **MEDICAL EMERGENCY** and requires immediate medical attention! People with insect allergies often carry an oral antihistamine and an epinephrine self-injector prescribed by their physician - and use both if stung. During an allergic reaction, pressing the injector against your thigh automatically injects the life saving drug . Within seconds, the airways expand and the heart beats more regularly. In time, many of the symptoms are reversed, but, to be on the safe side, medical attention should still be sought as soon as possible.

~ 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.

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~Bible Quiz~

~ Vacation Bible School ~

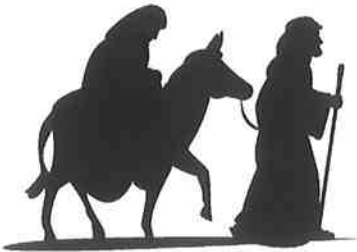
Many people travel for leisure during the summer. In Bible days, travel was most often done out of necessity. Scripture records many notable journeys.

We had 120 children who attended VBS this year the week of June 20-24. SonSurf Beach Bash was definitely a BLAST with videos, music, Bible teaching, crafts, yummy snacks, and the name of Jesus praised!

Match the people in the left-hand column with their correct travels in the right-hand column.

Thank you to all those who helped make the week a huge success. We couldn't have done it without you!

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| A. Abraham and Sarah | 1. Traveled to visit cousin Elizabeth |
| B. Mary, Jesus' mother | 2. Traveled from Haran to the land of Canaan |
| C. Joseph, Mary and Jesus | 3. Took missionary journeys to Turkey, Macedonia and more |
| D. Apostle Paul | 4. Traveled to Egypt to flee from King Herod |



Answer: A. 2, B. 1, C. 4, D. 3

~ Make haste ~

“Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the ... journey with us. O be swift to love, make haste to be kind!”

—Henri Frederic Amiel

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

~ New church phone extensions ~

Happy Birthday America!!! Bless all the men and women who are still fighting for our continued freedom that we enjoy. They are, indeed, our heroes.

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

Be sure you have your calendars marked for **WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 at 11:30 am, LUNCH BUNCH GATHERING.** We meet in church fellowship hall. You are most welcome to bring your friends, relatives, spouses, or anyone else you would like to. Come in out of the heat and enjoy the fellowship and fun of our 50 year and older group. Don't forget to pack your lunch and bring your mug for your coffee or tea. Dessert is provided.

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

Our entertainment for the month will be The Rev. Fred Arnold (retired) and his mother Grace entertaining us with Old Time Musical Selections playing both the guitar and accordion. You will be amazed at the age of Grace and her abilities. Come and enjoy a great afternoon!

Church Office: (<i>extension</i>)	110
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Education Director	125
Financial Secretary	126
Musician	124
Sexton	127
Pastor	111
Vicar (<i>pastoral intern</i>)	112

August meeting ~ Wednesday the 10th, our annual indoor picnic. No need to bring a lunch.

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Just a reminder, we are still saving the Redner's tapes to support our program expenses. You need to use your Save-A-Tape Card. Bring the entire tape to Lunch Bunch or Church and drop it into the container. Thank you.

~ 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.



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~ Christian Symbols ~

Seeds

The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



~Paper recycling~

Please help support UPCCC by bringing your paper to the recycle bin that is located in the lower child care parking lot. Newspapers, magazines, and junk mail, but please no cardboard.



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~ What are the chances? ~

"The lot is cast into the lap, but the decision is the Lord's alone" (Proverbs 16:33, NRSV). This comforting verse tells us that nothing happens by chance. Chance is arbitrary, accidental, unplanned and unpredictable, without cause or meaning. Sometimes chance appears to aptly describe the events and happenstance of life.

But Genesis to Revelation declare in unison that even chance is under God's control. Every seemingly meaningless, random and inexplicable event plays a part in the Master's grand design.

There is no luck, then. Everything has a divine purpose, though we often can't discern it. It's just a matter of faith.

~ Cast all your cares ~

"They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord" (Psalm 112:7, NIV). Is this verse true of you, or are you prone to fear and worry?

You might want to keep a worry journal. Whenever you have a fear or anxious thought, write it down and pray about it, giving it to God.

Every time a fear proves unfounded or God intervenes in some way, write that down, too. Then when bad news comes, you'll have a record of God's deliverance to lend you strength and courage for the present battle.

~ July Lutheran Magazine ~

THE PERFECT MATCH: The July issue of *The Lutheran* focuses on finding the perfect pastor to serve a congregation. “Great expectations” reminds readers that “this isn’t speed dating, this is a serious courtship.” In “Help us see God,” read how pastors and congregations work together in the church and world. And if all else fails, there’s “Frankenpastor,” a congregation’s musical search for a new pastor and spouse.

LET’S STUDY. *The Lutheran*’s July issue is a resource for individual and group study. Discuss unity in the church after reading Peter W. Marty’s column titled “Part mystery, part mess.” The ELCA presiding bishop gives readers a chance to think about freedom in his column “God’s household of freedom.” Your study group can also discuss “Going green, even at the end”—are formaldehyde and metal caskets the only way to go for funerals?

FOR PARENTS: *The Lutheran*’s July issue provides resources for families. In one article, an ELCA family from Michigan warns about the dangers of “The choking game”—signs of this adolescent activity are subtle and easily missed. In “Pass the faith,” get advice on creating a spiritual identity for your children and learn how to celebrate a baptismal birthday.

STAY CONNECTED. In *The Lutheran*’s July issue, find out what’s happening in the church—locally and globally: **see** how a Pennsylvania church broadcasts the gospel around the world ... **meet** a teenager who helps kids with cancer through a foundation she started in memory of her sister ... **get** a look at the ELCA’s Young Adults in Global Mission program, where participants are “Called to do more” ... **travel** to Massachusetts where an outdoor worship service calls young adults into ministry with the homeless ... **discover** how a Michigan congregation hunts for food in the fall ...

learn how two ordinations are moving the ELCA forward ... and **find** out what “Glocal” means.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- August cover story: Sabbath—being, having and doing enough.
- Travel with a youth group to Cullman, Ala., where they helped rebuild after a tornado hit the city.
- Learn about Lutheran work in the shantytowns of Kolkata, India.
- Find out what happened at summer synod assemblies.
- Get a preview of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly.
- Take a look at how a dying congregation in South Carolina came back to life.

~ Looking for ways to help? ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED AT 9:15

September will be here before we know it. We are in need of Sunday school teachers. Please pray and see if the Lord speaks to your heart about this important ministry.

We are looking for dedicated volunteers who have a calling to impart a faith foundation to children and are willing to teach in our Sunday Church School program. **We will be needing teachers for the PreK & K class as well as the 5th & 6th grade class come September.** This is an important and rewarding ministry need. Please contact Bonnie Bonser at 215-679-5553 ext. 125 or e-mail at stpaulupecc-ed-dir@comcast.net or see Pat Klinger if you are interested.

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 Altar and Chancel flowers. Please call Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 if you wish to sponsor flowers. Arrangements start at \$35.

~ Chester squeaks - er - speaks ~

Is it really summer? Can you slow down yet? It seems like many of you humans chase your tails worse that we critters are said to do. What's the rush? Slow down and maybe live a little longer or else you are only rushing to the grave. God gives us our lives to enjoy each day, not to rush threw them like a blur and then wonder where they went. Even Jesus took time to kick back and relax once in a while.



In June we had a great Vacation Bible School with about 120 children participating. It was awesome, as "Dr. Cool", would say to see them praising the Lord. Then Tent Troupe arrived and that was another special treat. So now it's July / August and that's usually when it gets a little quieter here at St. Paul's except for Camp Perkiomen. Summer is still a fun, busy, pool time with trips, activities, and a musical in August. They really keep those UPCCC children enjoying the summer.

Well, the walls of Jericho finally came down and the elevator is nearing completion as I write this to you. Maybe by the time the newsletter arrives at your house we will actually have it up and running. It has certainly been a year of changes around here.

One of the things that really bothers me about summer is how empty the church look on Sunday mornings. Getting together for worship is a very important thing to do. The Bible even says not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together. So remember, enjoy your summer. Relax, but don't forget God never goes on vacation. He doesn't take time away from us, so don't you forget about Him!

Some church related summer activities you might not want to overlook - Lunch Bunch on July 13th and August 10th especially if they are having their summer indoor picnic which always has delicious things to eat. Thrivent is having an Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening, July 21st, 6 PM at the Pavilion; and last but not least, you can ride along to an Iron Pigs game on Friday night, July 22nd for only \$15 per person. See Vicar Chris right away.

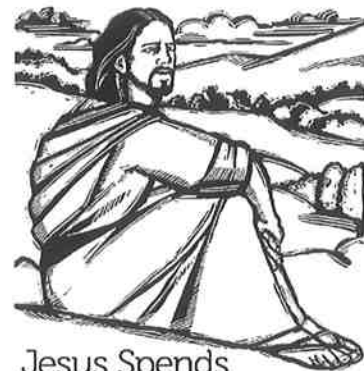
This will be the last time you will hear from me until September as I am taking my own advice and relaxing and enjoying the summer. Until next month... remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

~ Spiritual insomnia ~

Studies show that most Americans don't get adequate sleep. Whether an overcrowded schedule or insomnia is to blame, the short- and long-term effects are alarming. It's tough to maintain a healthy mind and body when you're sleep-deprived.

Likewise, we require sufficient, regular quiet time with God to stay spiritually healthy. Even Jesus needed time alone with God. Luke 5:16 says Jesus withdrew to deserted places to pray. Think how much more we need to listen for God's voice and learn from his Word!



Jesus Spends
Some Time Alone

~ Growing in grace ~

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord...”

2 Peter 1:2

“Come to Me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

Have you ever received an invitation in the mail? You are being invited to **come** to something - a birthday party, wedding, some event. An invitation requests your presence. It is asking you to **come** and join in the planned event.

In the scripture above, Jesus is issuing us an invitation. As I was reading and pondering this scripture, I thought about the many times I remember Jesus issuing this invitation by saying, “Come.” Come is what Jesus said when He called His disciples. He told Andrew to come and see. He told James and John, Andrew and Peter to come follow Him and He would make them fishers of people. Jesus called Levi the tax collector, better know to us as Matthew, to come follow Him. He called Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree. When Peter wanted to walk on the water, Jesus simply said, “Come.” And He called Lazarus from the dead by saying, Lazarus, come forth!” Come. A simple 4 letter word, but when spoken by the Lord it is a command that can move mountains.

In the scripture above Jesus is calling all who labor and are heavy laden. The Jews of Jesus’ day were under the heavy burden of trying to keep the Law. And the Pharisees only made it harder for them. Jesus comes along and says come to Him and He would give them rest.

God knew that man could never keep the Law or measure up to His standard. So He came in the flesh to do it for us. Jesus died and rose again to take our sin and the curse for us so that we can rest in His righteousness. That’s grace! He said we are to take His yoke. That means when we are connected to Jesus He pulls the load and we just follow with Him. How do we do that? He said, “...learn of Me...” We need to get onto the Book, the Bible. There we will find Jesus and the Holy Spirit will teach us all we need to know.

When we seek to know Jesus, not know about, but know Him in a real and personal way, then we will understand that He is gentle, humble, and He gives us rest for our souls.

Religion places on us the burden of DO. Do this, do that and try to earn your way to God. Relationship says, DONE. Jesus has done it all for us. We don’t have to work, labor, try, and sweat. All we have to do is learn of Jesus. Come to Jesus. Take His yoke upon us and rest. His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

Calling ourselves Christians just because we go to church every week, try to do good and live right, give our offerings, etc. without knowing Jesus and having a real, personal relationship with Him is a waste. It is only when His life infuses us that we are really alive! That is what it means to be a Christian, to be in Christ, to know Him!

You will find grace and the peace that passes understanding multiplied to you the more you get to know the Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Come to Jesus. He is still the same One calling out to us today as He was calling those first disciples thousands of years ago. And He is calling us for the same reasons - to give us that abundant life so we can go make disciples of the whole world proclaiming to them that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through Him. Come to Jesus and live!

Grace ~ the power of the Holy Spirit to do in us what we can not do for and by ourselves.

~ Thrivent ~

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~ Peanut butter ~

Please remember we are the community's peanut butter church for Open Line. Keep those jars of peanut butter coming!

~ Victory House ~

On June 12th, 2011, Bob and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House to serve the residents there. Bob manned the grill and prepared teriyaki chicken breasts, while Laura prepared baked beans and fruit salad to go with the potato salad prepared earlier in the day. During this visit, Bob and Laura were finally able to meet with Jim Hogg, one of the main contacts at the Victory House. Jim informed Bob and Laura that Victory House has lost over \$90,000 in financial support and has an increased need for volunteers to serve and provide dinners to the residents. While Jim also told Bob and Laura that he is certain God will not leave them stranded, prayers are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who support the Victory House ministry with your time, talent and money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you know of any person or group that would be interested in serving at the Victory House, please contact Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895. The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory House on July 10th for their next visit. 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 via email at foreman3@hotmail.com.

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- Hebrews 13:16 (NIV)

~ Vision mailing changes ~

It seems the United States Post office enjoys thinking of ways to make mailing more and more difficult for those of us who do “bulk” or non-profit mailings. As if it is not bad enough that the cost for this type of mailing constantly goes up or that the forms we need to use are constantly changing, now we are looking at another snag and this one is major. The latest letter the U S Postal Service has sent us is to tell us that we will no longer be able to take our non-profit mailings such as the Vision to our local post office. These types of mailings will only be accepted at “regional” post offices. The nearest regional post office to us is Boyertown.

This of course means sending a staff person, the price of gas, and not to mention the inconvenience of additional time and money all the way to Boyertown. Therefore we are no longer going to be sending out the Vision by mail. We are going to be sending as many Visions electronically as possible. So if you have an e-mail address, please make sure we have it. Or you can go to the church’s Web site and read it there. If you do not have a computer, you may still pick up a hard copy of the Vision when you come to church. We will place copies of it on the information rack as you come into the Fellowship hallway. If none of these options work for you, please call the church office and we will see how we can help you get a copy.

Thank God He is more gracious than the United States Postal system.

~ Rough road ahead ~

It had been an especially long trip home, and the weary traveler still had many more miles to go. So he winced at a sign warning “Rough Road Ahead — 4 miles.”

Rough, indeed. The lanes narrowed, and the shoulder disappeared. Traffic slowed to a crawl as drivers navigated around potholes and moving construction equipment. But sure enough, after exactly four miles, the road became smooth again.

“In this world you will have trouble,” Jesus said. “But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33, NIV). Notice that Jesus didn’t say we “might” have trouble. Sooner or later, problems will come. The road will get rough. But Jesus has already defeated everything the world can throw our way. We just have to keep moving, fueled on by hope.

~ Quotes ~

• “I was not born to be free: I was born to adore and to obey.”


—*C.S. Lewis*

• “If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

—*Ronald Reagan*

• “Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths.”

—*Etty Hillesum*



Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN OPQRSTUVWXYZ

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, niv)



Time to
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August Birthdays

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| <p>1 Timothy Launders
Jamie Nace
Brock Weiss
Kathy Reck
Abigail Rodenberger
Barbara Sands
Beth Strurevant</p> <p>2 Barbara Boyer</p> <p>3 Sheila Lapinski</p> <p>4 Dean Haas</p> <p>5 Corinne Thomas</p> <p>6 Ashley Eisenhart
Isaac Frye
Charlie Roth</p> <p>7 Janice McKeehan
Carl Moyer
Karen Roeder</p> <p>8 Donald Kolb
Janet Zylinski</p> <p>9 Andrea Ferketich
Amy Johnson
Agnes Zepp</p> <p>10 Dorothy Hershey</p> <p>11 Lori Pijanowski</p> <p>13 Jeff Bird
Patricia Kerr</p> <p>14 Muriel D. Ballew
James Shelly
Justin Turofski</p> <p>15 Laura Brust
Phillip Palencar
Elsie Rehak
Floyd Treffinger</p> <p>16 Karen Cummins
Ian Godshall
Marion Henry</p> <p>17 Jared Fryer
Kelly Lesko
Debra Niess
Christopher Richard
Caroline Shup</p> <p>18 Evan Davis
Harry Diehl</p> <p>20 Linwood Bauman</p> <p>21 Joshua Vanderslice</p> | <p>22 Kolin Schoenly</p> <p>23 Richard Long
Arlene Schultz
Betty Treffinger</p> |
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| <p>25 Christa LaSalle
Travis Stoudt</p> <p>27 Nicole Walter</p> <p>29 Hal Schatz
Kim Wampole</p> <p>31 Chris Bird
Arlene Koons
Ryan Patterson
Franklin Renninger</p> |
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Did we miss your birthday? Not on purpose. So sorry. Let us know.

<i>July 2011 • St. Paul's • Red Hill</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Cub Scouts Parent's mtg 7:00 PM	2 ASP leaves
3 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM Late service-10:30 AM NA- 8 PM	4 Holiday UPCCC & church offices closed	5	6 Bible study 7PM AA-8 PM	7	8	9 ASP returns
10 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Late service-10:30 AM Confirmation 10:30 AM Victory House 4:15 PM NA- 8 PM	11 Property 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	12	13 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Bible study 7PM AA - 8 PM	14	15	16
17 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Late Service-10:30 AM Table Talk - 4:30 PM NA- 8PM	18 Cemetery- 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	19	20 Bible study 7PM AA - 8 PM	21 Thrivent Ice Cream Social 6 PM	22 Iron Pigs	23
24 / 31 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Late Service-10:30 AM Sr. Youth? 4:30 NA- 8PM	25	26 Finance 6:45 PM Council 7:30 PM	27 Bible study 7PM AA - 8 PM	28	29	30

<i>Worship Assistants for July • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church</i>							
	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Comm Assist	10:30 Ushers	9:15 Ushers	Readers	Counters
3	8:00 AM NO Communion 10:30 AM No Communion Wash:	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Cheryl Weiss 10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	10:30 AM # 1 Bruce Baver Laverne Keyser	9:15 AM F R Rodenberger G Bonekemper	10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	Tues 5- # 3 Charlie Shagg Tom Sands
10	8:00 AM A & D Richard	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Henry Thomas 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 2 Nancy Yerger Pat Walter	9:15 AM G Rich & Traci Kressley	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 11- # 5 Leroy Stevens Betty Treffinger Robert Stevens
17	8:00 AM Barb Miller	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Sandy Bergey 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	10:30 AM # 3 Alan Richard Don Dulin Charlie Roth	9:15 AM H Sue Jarrett John Ferrero	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 18- # 6 Sandy Bergey Claude & Jean Croisette
24	8:00 AM Niccole Oswald	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Charles Shagg 10:30 AM Vicar	10:30 AM # 4 Jeff & Tyler Bird	9:15 AM A Ron & Diane Leister	10:30 AM Vicar	Mon 25- # 1 Sandy Bergey Eleanor King Diane Leister
31	8:00 AM Sandy Landis	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Stan Rose 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 5 Brian Stever Frank & Chad Grim	9:15 AM B Craig & Lori Frank	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 1- # 2 Fern Roth Linny Genszler D Brendlinger

Calendar Subject to Change ★ Worship Assistants ★ Sunday Schedule • 8:00 A.M. • 9:15 AM • 10:30 AM.

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~ Calendar for August 2011 ~

- 1 7 PM Property 7:30 Praise team
- 2
- 3 7 -9 PM Bible Study (off site) AA meeting 8 PM
- 4
- 5 7 PM Cub Scout Parent's meeting
- 6
- 7 8 AM Communion Service
9:15 Communion Service
10:30 Communion Service
8:00 PM NA
- 8 7:30 Praise team
- 9
- 10 Lunch Bunch 11:30 AM 7 -9 PM Bible Study (off site)
AA meeting 8 PM
- 11
- 12
- 13
- 14 8 AM, 9:15 & 10:30 Communion Services
4:15 PM Victory House
8 PM NA
- 15 7PM Cemetery 7:30 Praise team
- 16
- 17 7 -9 PM Bible Study (off site) AA meeting 8 PM
- 18
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- 21 8 AM, 9:15 & 10:30 Communion Services
4:30 PM Table Talk
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- 24 7 -9 PM Bible Study (off site) AA meeting 8 PM
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- 28 8 AM, 9:15 & 10:30 Communion Services
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- 31 7 -9 PM Bible Study (off site) AA meeting 8 PM

August Worship Assistants

August 7

Altar Guild
8 AM-Nicole Walter
10:30 Steph Smith
Wash: Nancy Yerger

Communion Assistant
8 AM - Nancy Yerger
10:30 - Joanne Hersh

Ushers
9:15 AM Bob & ML
Weber
10:30 Floyd Treffinger
John Hinkle

Readers
10:30 Joanne Hersh

Counting Team
Mon 8 Team #3
C Shagg & T Sands

August 14
Altar Guild
8 AM-Barb Miller
10:30

Communion Assistant
8 AM -Lewis Hill
10:30 - Robert Walp

Ushers
9:15 AM -Carol Elias,
Brad Hendershot
10:30 Barbara Green
Paul Godshall

Readers
10:30 Robert Walp

Counting Team
Mon 15 Team # 5
Leroy & Rbt Stevens,
Betty Treffinger

August 21
Altar Guild
8 AM-A & D Richard
10:30

Communion Assistant
8 AM - Cheryl Weiss
10:30 - Jan Woertz

Ushers
9:15 AM-Deb & Katie
Gryshuk
10:30 Leroy Stevens
Tom & Sandy Landis

Readers
10:30
Counting Team
Mon 22 Team # 6
Sandy Bergey
C & J Croisette

August 28
Altar Guild
8 AM-Niccole Oswald
10:30

Communion Assistant
8 AM -Sandy Bergey
10:30 - Vicar

Ushers
9:15 AM-R
Rodenberger, G
Bonekemper
10:30 Bruce Bayer
Laverne Keyser

Readers
10:30 Vicar

Counting Team
Mon 29 Team # 1
Sandy Bergey
E King, D Leister