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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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Altar Guild	Bonnie Thomas 679-5553
Appalachia Service Project	Ron Rodenberger / Matt Stever
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Evangelism	
Kitchen	Donna Stever 679-7521
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Newsletter - Vision	Church Office 679-5553
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April Birthdays

1	Camille Marion	
	Karen Schaffer	
	Chris Sole	
3	Clark Walter	21 Jason Cathers
	Claude Walter	Jeffrey Gery
4	Shirley Brey	Maria Grim
	Amy Butz	Jamie Schoenly
	John Karver	22 Ann Mack
	Patricia Martin	23 Sarah Hitchcock
5	Leigh Hansen	Gene Woehr
	Joanne Hersh	Donald Yerger
	Kelly Sell	24 Christle Brown
	Michael Wimmer	25 Ryan Gargas
7	Byran Pijanowski	Joan Murphy
	Tanner Seislove	Ron Rodenberger
	Kimberlee Wilson	Kristchan Walker
8	Gary Hager	26 Jessica Christman
	Reiner Mauer	Carol Seislove
	Carrie Wolf	Brandon Taylor
9	Marcus Kline	27 Virginia Dale
10	Brayden Horrocks	Alex Foreman
	Grace Long	Craig Himmelwright
12	Matthew Koder	Pamela Palencar
	Lauren Ricapito	Allison Thomas
	Kelsey Sheeran	28 Jamie Mauer
	Jon Walter	Rebecca Rose
14	Nathaniel Landis	Eric Thompson
	Julianna LaSalle	29 Karen Feldmose
15	Dee Jordan	Mildred Sell
	Jenna Langenbach	30 Jay Bowyer
	Colin Zyke	Barbara Green
16	Donald Breyer	Donna Jenkins
	Cole Fryer	Sandra Landis
	Logan Fryer	Ryan Schantz
	Arlene Smoll	
17	Jamie Gery	
18	Nicholas Hager	
	Quint Hansen	
	Debra Hilmer	
	Bonnie Thomas	
19	Timothy Rom	



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

In our Prayers

~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

~ At Home ~

Forrest Allebach
 Norm & Muriel Benner
 David Brey- brother of Edith Stevens
 Richard Croisette- Claude's brother
 Jean Cupach-sister of Alice Oliver
 Jennifer Dorshimer- friend of Grim's
 Michael Dzedzic- 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
 Nancy Hass- sister of Edith Stevens
 Ward Haines- Bonnie Ferrero's dad
 Lindee Harney- friend of K Creghan
 Sheree Harris- daughter of L & E Stevens
 Joanne Hersh
 Miles Hontz
 Gary L. Keller- friend of B Week's
 Wm. Kelso- neighbor of Leister's
 Shirley Keyser
 Carol Kratzer
 Diane Landis
 Donald Lechner
 Alma Leister
 R & G Leister- Alice Hager's parents
 Barb Lloyd
 Betty Lonergan- K Cummins' mother
 Nick Mantell
 Shirley Marconi- D Turofski's mother
 Amanda Martin
 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
 Bill Mullin- friend of Carol Elias
 Pastor Phillips- LCT Nursing
 Elsie Rehak
 Lee Rose- friend of the Grim's
 Tom Sands
 Christoph Schmidt
 Mildred Seasholtz
 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
 Sarah Sweinhart- sister of D Schaffer
 Jeanette Terpoilli
 Carl Thomas- brother of H Thomas
 Verna Thomas
 Bob Twisdale
 Ray Valentine- J Fox's grandfather
 Gene & Barbara Woehr
 Herbert Wolf
 Robert Wood
 Nancy Yerger



~ In Memory ~
 We remember in
 our prayers the
 family and friends
 of Gloria Harpel
 who died on
 March 11, 2011.

Retirement & Nursing



Frederick Mennonite Community

Norman & Muriel 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
 Robert Mack

Manor Care Home, Allentown

Gladys Hetrick

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.



Increasingly, people are telling me that they lose their balance when turning quickly, and/or find it difficult to walk on uneven surfaces without the fear of falling. Some even experience bouts of feeling like the room is spinning - for hours and even days! It often greatly hinders their daily activities. These problems can be the result of inner ear infections, migraines, or from a decrease in functioning due to inactivity as we age. Good news! There is relief for these symptoms - even for the "spinning" sensation - through physical therapy. Balance therapy usually includes balance exercises (with the assistance of the therapist), eye exercises, and simple manipulation of the head to correct inner-ear issues. Results usually occur within 4 weeks, returning the person to normal daily living.

~ 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.

Miller-Keystone Blood Drive

Monday, May 9th from 1 - 7 PM
Community Bible Fellowship Church
426 Main Street, Red Hill

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~Bible Quiz~

Two places in the Bible, one in the Old Testament and one in the New, feature the following words: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

"MY GOD,
MY GOD,
WHY
HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN
ME?"

The New Testament account is found in Matthew 27:46, when Jesus is hanging on the cross. Where are the words found in the Old Testament?

- A. 1 Kings 19:4
- B. Jeremiah 38:9
- C. Psalm 22:1
- D. Lamentations 1:20

Answer: C

~ Usher schedule ~

Easter Sunday:
 8 AM Service Team 2 &
 Team 7
 Nancy Yerger & Pat
 Walter
 Charlie & Jan Woertz

He is
RISEN

10:30 AM Service Team 1 & Team 5
 Bruce Baver & Laverne Keyser
 Brian Stever, Frank & Chad Grim

~ Holy Week & Easter schedule ~

Services during Holy week are:

Maundy Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 PM

Communion set-up: B Miller
 Communion Assistant: Lew Hill
 Ushers: Team 8 Leroy Stevers & Tom & Sandy Landis

Good Friday , April 22nd at 7:30 PM

Easter services: Sunrise at 6:30 AM
 8 AM and 10:30 AM Traditional services with Holy Communion

No Contemporary service on Easter
 Sunday Church School at 9:15 AM



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

Spring, what a beautiful re-birth of nature. What a beautiful sight of green grass, blooming spring flowers, day light saving time, and the list goes on. Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 11:30 am in Church Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and relatives to join us. Pack your lunch and bring your mug.

Our program for the month is Ms. Terry Kane. Terry will be performing Celtic Songs and playing the guitar and mandolin. Join us for this fine Irish entertainment. Let's fill the room and give her a very warm Lunch Bunch welcome.

If you shop at Redners, use your save-a-tape card and bring the entire tape to Lunch Bunch . The 1% savings helps to support our programs. Thank you.

****Please save your Redner 's tapes to support the Lunch Bunch. You need to use your Save a Tape Card. Cashiers no longer have a card at their register.(Please bring the entire tape)**

~ 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
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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 ~

Coins

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus’ betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus’ teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last “mite” (Mark 12:41-44).



~ 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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~ Without Jesus ~

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny — empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet — easily blown off kilter;
- Last year’s Easter outfit — it doesn’t quite fit right;
- An Easter lily — it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans — sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket — full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg — looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny — always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps — becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade — a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card — a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

~ On the loose ~

In John Masefield’s play *The Trial of Jesus*, Pilate’s wife, Procula, asks one of the guards about the crucifixion. He tells her about Christ on the cross and says, “Jesus’ body has been buried, but I don’t think he is dead.”

“Then where is he?” Procula asks.

The soldier replies, “Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop his truth.”

~ April Lutheran Magazine ~

SEASONAL READING: *The Lutheran's* April issue moves readers from Lent, through Holy Week and into Easter. In "Making Lent count," learn how to make the season meaningful for children—and adults too. Go "Beyond the Resurrection" to see how an Indianapolis church adds a twist to the traditional Stations of the Cross. Where is the risen Jesus? Read the Easter reflection titled "Christ at the crossroads" to find out.

WHO ARE THEY? The evangelicals, that is. *The Lutheran's* April issue asks: "Who are the evangelicals?" Find out how Lutherans relate and respond to evangelicals.

LET'S DISCUSS. *The Lutheran's* April issue gives you some articles to think about and discuss. Read Peter Marty's column and ponder "The world of sin." Think about Tom Erich's six suggestions for a course change at the congregational level. Would your congregation benefit from trying one or all of these serious challenges? Study "Blessings and privileges" to see how correcting our semantics is a theological opportunity.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? Plenty! *The Lutheran's* April issue has stories for all interests: **discover** how Lutheran agencies are helping older adults go high-tech at home ... **find** out why one agency is keeping "The Lutheran brand of caring" ... **travel** to California, where a congregation's community garden is reaping rewards ... **read** reviews of musician Chris Tomlin's latest album, the movie *Of Gods and Men* and the children's book *Images of God for Young Children* ... **see** how you can introduce bedtime prayers to your children, a healthy habit for body and soul ... **learn** about the 2011 Churchwide Assembly theme "Freed in Christ to Serve" ... **get** a jump start on planning for Pentecost ... and **meet** an ELCA member who addresses agricultural issues for California. Don't forget the "News" and "Higher education" columns, where you can find out what's happening in the church locally, nationally and globally.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- May cover story: Making sense of the ordination process.
- Travel to Nashville, Tenn., where a congregation hosts a monthly songwriter night.
- Learn about the Minnesota congregation that cleans up as specialists on disasters.
- Find out how one ELCA pastor is trying to teach teens to save money.
- Ponder the question: "Will the offering plate become a relic?"
- Visit Oberammergau, Germany, home to the Passion Play.

~ Looking for ways to help? ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED AT 9:15

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 come September and perhaps openings in other classes as well. This is an important and rewarding ministry need. Please contact Bonnie Bonser at 215-679-5553 ext. 125 or e-mail at stpaulupccc-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 ~

Welcome to another month. April - Do you think it's safe to say there will be no more snow? I sure hope so. April should at least bring us a little warmer weather, hopefully more sunshine, and this year Easter - or Resurrection Day as my family and I prefer to call it.



Have you noticed all the changes that are taking place around the church? The elevator is coming right along toward completion. My family and I have enjoyed watching the construction from behind the walls where none of you can dare go. There has been a new archway made in the old musician's office connecting it to the other rooms behind. This was done to enlarge the childcare Kindergarten classroom and give more room for any church needs. Something new is happening to the library too. (It pays to be able to attend the property meeting and go unnoticed. The mouse knows it all, well, almost.) Keep your eyes open. You just never know what might change next.

Like the other day, when everyone had left, and I was making the office rounds and had just scurried into the Ed Director's office. I nearly had heart failure. I thought there was a little girl sitting on Miss Bonnie's sofa. I stopped dead in my tracks. The little girl didn't move. She didn't squeal or say anything. As I slowly crept closer I realized that she was a doll, or a very large puppet to be exact. Then I had to go gather all my little ones to show them what to us mice looked like a mini giant. I already had to get used to the fact that she has owls, a crow, foxes, squirrels, a cow, a hen and chicks, you name it in her office. All puppets, thank heavens. You just never know around here.

The Lenten services finish this month on the 13th. Then the following week in Holy week with services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday both at 7:30 PM. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones on Saturday the 23rd. All our little mice are excited about that. And of course the Resurrection Day services on Sunday the 24th beginning at 6:30 for the Sunrise service, followed by the 8 and 10:30 AM services. Sunday School at 9:15, but no Contemporary service that day.

He is Risen! How I love to hear that proclaimed. All creation rejoiced when the Lord of Glory rose from the grave. He is risen, indeed! Does that fill your spirit with hope and joy? I hope so. It should.

I wish you all a very warm and sunny April. Take notice to God's continuing renewal. Enjoy each day as it is the Lord's gift of life both now and in the world to come to us and to all His creation. He is Risen!! Until next month... remember, the walls have ears! ~ Chester

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~ Growing in grace ~

“Then I said, ‘I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore His name.’ But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.”

Jeremiah 20:9

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Matthew 3:11

“for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:5,8

Last month we talked about whether we just sit in church keeping our faith to ourselves or whether we take seriously the fact that we have **all** been commissioned by our Lord Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations. Ever since Jesus gave this commission to those first disciples who went out and made disciples, who went out and made disciples, disciple making has continued for over 2000 years.

What happened to those first disciples who announced to each other, “He is risen”, when they were still cowering in the Upper Room, to proclaiming their faith in Jesus from the roof tops and all over the known world? What happened was exactly what John the Baptist said Jesus came to do - baptize them with Holy Spirit fire!

Look at someone who is passionate, zealous for a cause be it save the whales or whatever. They put all their time, energy, and sometimes money into that cause. We would say they are all fired up about it. Or, he’s really on fire for...whatever. Well, that is what happened to those first disciples at Pentecost. The fire of God’s Holy Spirit fell and infilled those 120 in that Upper

Room. They went from being afraid of their own shadow to boldly proclaiming Jesus. They were on fire for Jesus! Those few people went out and turned the entire known world upside down spreading the gospel everywhere they went.

So what about us? Why don’t we see more of that fire today? Why do churches have people in them that look like their wood is wet? Where’s the fire? Where’s the passion? Where is that burning desire to witness to others?

There’s a saying, “garbage in, garbage out”. We could say the same for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, fire in, fire out. The prophet Jeremiah knew what this was like. God’s word (God’s message) was within him. It burned in him so hot that even when he didn’t want to share it he had too. He couldn’t keep it in. The fire burst out of him because the fire was within him.

This is how we are all called to be: witnesses on fire for Jesus! We are not to be hiding out in churches looking like it is a painful thing to be there. Those first followers of Jesus faced more persecution than we will probably ever know and yet they proclaimed the gospel joyfully, boldly, and with power. Why is it today that both joy and power are missing in our churches? Sad to say, it’s because many churches have missed the FIRE!

Maybe we need to stop and take inventory of what we call the Christian life and church. What does it mean to be a Christian today? Has the plan changed? Are we still supposed to be witnesses? Are we supposed to be full of joy? Where is our fire? Can we do this on our own? No. Those first disciples and all who were with them couldn’t do it on their own either. They needed the fire. And so do we! Can’t share your faith? Content to just play church and think that is all we are supposed to do? Think again. Do you think Jesus died and rose again for us to sit around? He wants us to be on fire! If you don’t want to tell everyone you know and don’t know about Jesus, maybe you had better check and see if your wood is wet. Where’s the fire?

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

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



News from the office ~

Can you believe it? We are already starting to think about summer. Knowing your plans helps us to make our plans.

Thank you for responding to our survey about what programs you

would like to see us add into our curriculum. We are always looking for ways to improve the quality of care and learning we provide here at UPCCC.

Also thank you for continuing to contribute to the bake sale for Beth's daughter who is going to Ghana. Thanks for supporting the hoagie sale. The proceeds are going to a needy family. We have great parents!

Here's the news from our classrooms~

Nursery ~ Our 11 babies will be seeing yellow this month. Our themes this month are Springtime and plants. We will be enjoying the warmer weather and exploring moving around the room. Our projects involve stickers and textures with the older children. We like rattles, blocks, and puzzles.

Little Explorers ~ welcomed Cael Martin to our class. This month our color is yellow and our theme for the month is spring. We will be exploring outside and looking for signs of spring everywhere. We will be puddle jumping and later having an Easter egg hunt. What fun.

Twooodles ~ All 14 of us will be learning about spring, weather, and opposites. Our color this month is blue. We had a ShamRock-out party on St. Patty's Day. We made shamrocks, rainbows, kites, and magic elf pudding. Fun!

Pre-School ~ Our theme this month is spring, Earth Day, and Easter. The color for the month is yellow and we will be learning , the letters D,U,X,Y, and the number 9. Our special activities will include "Clean the Earth Walk", a possible field trip to Peter Pan, and an egg hunt. In art we will be dying Easter eggs and painting .

Pre-K ~ welcomes back Dana Cahill. We will be learning about spring and plants. Our color this month is yellow and the letters we are learning are D,U,X, and Y. And the number for the month is 9. We will be celebrating Easter and learning about Earth Day.

Kindergarten ~ We re looking forward to warmer weather so that we can venture outside more and more. This month our themes are plants and spring. The color for the month is yellow. We will be learning the number 9 and the letters D,U,X,Y, and talking about Earth Day and recycling. We will be making daffodil paintings, doing a recycling project, making an endangered animals picture, and our planting project.

School- Age ~ all 74 strong! Welcome back Lucas Lauchnor and family. This month we have generated the children's idea into our planning. We were observing many children making paper airplanes at the arts-n-crafts area and decided that it would be fun to have a paper airplane contest for anyone who was interested. The children will be coming up with categories to enter their airplane in and prize ideas. Everyone seems eager to get started. We also will be celebrating each child's birthday not only with a special song but with a special treat too! One of the children at circle time told us he had pancakes instead of birthday cake at home with his family to celebrate his 11th birthday. We liked the idea so much we decided to adopt the idea ourselves. The children are excited to get started with our new tradition.



~ 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 March 13th, 2011 Donna and Gracia Curly, Diane Benner and Bob and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House in Bethlehem to serve chicken parmesan with mashed potatoes, garlic bread and fruit salad. Gracia skillfully cut all the fruit for the fruit salad, despite a blister from large amount of cutting. While Bob and Donna quickly peeled and diced all 15 lbs of potatoes, Diane monitored everything on the stove while prepping the cheese and other sides. The turn out was very small this month due to several residents being out at meetings while others seemed to be hiding with a stomach virus. Although the group was small, all the residents that did attend were very grateful. Thank you to all who support the Victory House ministry with your time, talent and money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The St. Paul's soup kitchen committee will be traveling to the Victory House on April 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.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. - 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



~ Bloomin' for God ~

May is only a month away. Have you signed up for the Women's Event on Saturday, May 14th yet?

Ladies, it's time to reserve this date on your calendar. Our Spring Women's Event is being planned for Saturday, May 14th from 9 to 12:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Following the program will be a 1 PM tea luncheon at the Gilbertsville TeaRoom for the first 30 ladies who sign up to go.

If you would like to go to the tea luncheon is it necessary to make a reservation. The cost of the tea luncheon is \$24. You still have time so start saving your pennies for that now.

The program is open to all women who come. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in fish tank hallway. Please sign up even if you are not going to the tearoom luncheon. This year's theme is "Bloomin' for God" so be sure to bring along your favorite flower - real, silk, or a picture of it. Or wear it - anything flowers; be creative - purse, blouse, hat, think flowers.

There will be games, prizes, displays, "guest speakers", and plenty of laughs. Invite your friends, relatives, grab someone off the street. You won't want to miss it! From 9 to 10 AM will be gathering and goodies. The program will begin at 10 AM.

If your special interest is something floral and you would like to be a guest speaker in addition to attending, please see Jan Woertz or Bonnie Bonser. Come see how you fit into God's garden and bloom according to His design. We're going to have a bloomin' good time! Join us.



~ We have Youth Groups again! ~

We now have a Junior Youth Group for ages 7 to 11 (grades 2-6) and a Senior Youth Group for grades 7-12. Both groups meet on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Junior Youth meets after Sunday School from 10:45-11:45 in Fellowship Hall unless otherwise announced. We have games, snack, a faith lesson, and activities. All children 7-11 are welcome. We will also do special activities from time to time. If you are interested in helping with this age group, speak to Bonnie Bonser, Laura Foreman, and Tracy Lauenders. Check us out on the bulletin board in fish tank hallway.

Senior Youth meets at 4:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Amy Stever and Vicar Chris are leading this group. They will gather for regular meetings as well as the many planned activities on their schedule. If you are interested in knowing more about this group or helping out see Amy or Vicar Chris. But whatever you do, don't miss out in connecting with our youth and all your friends are welcome too!

~ Quotes ~

• "In a world of this kind, a crossless Christian is a Christless Christian."

—*E. Stanley Jones*

• "The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances."

—*Robert Flatt*

~ Easter's meaning ~

In a 2010 Barna Group survey, two-thirds of Americans knew that Easter is a religious holiday. But only 42 percent connected its meaning to Jesus' resurrection. And only two percent of adults said they would describe Easter as the most important holiday of their faith.

Not everyone who connects Easter to religion has the facts straight. Two percent of Americans said Easter is about Jesus' birth. Another two percent said it's about Jesus' "rebirth." And one percent said it's a celebration of his second coming. Another three percent described Easter as a celebration of spring or a pagan holiday. In the same survey, 31 percent of active churchgoers said they'd definitely invite an unchurched friend to worship with them on Easter weekend.

This Easter, share the truth and joy of the holiday with someone who doesn't know Jesus. News of the resurrection is too good to keep to ourselves!

~ Adopt an inmate ~



Looking for away to be salt and light in this world? There is someone in prison who needs to see the love and grace of God in a very practical way. If you have a heart for the lost and are willing to take the time to write a card or a letter and give \$30 of support per month, please see, call, or e-mail Bonnie Bonser.

Jesus is in the life changing business and we can help.



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.

1. Jesus 2. weary 3. endured 4. opposition	5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame	1. Jesus 2. lose 3. pioneer 4. sinners
	5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand	1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart
		5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne

"... fixing our _____ on _____, the _____ and _____ of _____. For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____, its _____, and _____ sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____.

Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____, so that you will not _____ and _____." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, and for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

~ Home Improvements ~

If you are looking for home improvements or renovations you may wish to contact the company that recently worked on the wrapping of the church buildings exterior wood molding. They provide a variety of services and are easy to work with: Exterior Renovations Services - Kevin Coy at 610-283-9383 or Steve Kowalczyk at 267-421-3716.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Girl Scouts 6:30 Cub Scouts Parent's mtg 7:00 PM	2
3 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	4 Cub Scouts-6:30 Property 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	5	6 6:45 Soup supper Lenten Service 7:30 PM AA-8 PM	7 Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	8 Girl Scouts 6:30 in FH	9
10 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Victory House 4:15 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	11 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	12	13 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch 6:45 Soup supper Lenten Service 7:30 PM AA - 8 PM	14 Bible study 7PM	15 Girl Scouts 6:30	16
Palm Sunday 17 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Table Talk - 4:30 PM NA- 8PM	18 Cemetery- 7 PM Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	19	20 AA - 8 PM	21 Bible Study 1PM NO 7 PM Bible Maudy Thursday service 7:30 PM	22 Good Friday UPCCC closed Good Friday service 7:30 PM	23 Easter Egg Hunt 9AM
Easter 24 Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Early Service-8 AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM NA- 8PM	25 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	26 Finance 6:45 PM Council 7:30 PM	27 AA - 8 PM	28 Bible study 7PM	29	30

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

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Comm Assist	10:30 Ushers	9:15 Ushers	Readers	Counters
3	8:00 AM Nicole Walter 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash: N Yerger	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Stan Rose 10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	10:30 AM # 6 Floyd Treffinger John Hinkle	9:15 AM C Bob & MaryLou Weber	10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	Mon 4 - # 6 Sandy Bergey Claude & Jean Croisette
10	8:00 AM A & D Richard	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Nancy Yerger 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 2 Nancy Yerger Pat Walter	9:15 AM D Carol Elias B Hendershot	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 11 - # 1 Sandy Bergey Eleanor King Diane Leister
17	8:00 AM Nicole Oswald	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Cheryl Weiss 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	8:00 AM # 3 AR, DD, CR 10:30 AM # 4 Jeff & Tyler Bird	9:15 AM E Debbie Gryshuk Katie Gryshuk	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 18 - # 2 Fern Roth Linny Genszler D Brendlinger
21	7:30 PM Barb Miller		7:30 PM Lewis Hill	7:30 PM # 8 Leroy Stevens Tom & Sandy Landis	9:15 AM	7:30 PM Lewis Hill	Mon - #
24	8:00 AM Sandy Landis 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash: P Walter	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Charles Shagg 10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	8:00 AM # 2 & 7 (see page 5) 10:30 AM # 1 & # 5	9:15 AM	10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	Mon 25 - # 3 Charlie Shagg Tom Sands

Palm Sunday & Easter worship assistants listed on page 5

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