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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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February 2011

February Birthdays

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|---|
| 2 | Andrew Johnson
Jennifer Raider
Jennifer Scoma | 19 | Sophia DeVoll
Sheree Harris
Emily Henry
Rebecca Walter |
| 3 | Kyle Fisher
Daron Pijanowski | | |
| 5 | Lynn Compton
Janine Lossino
Clyde Richard
Tammy Skavinsky
Virginia Zimmerman | 20 | Mildred Dulin
Debbie Eisenhart
Rachel Jacobs |
| 6 | Dusti Fisher
Beth Jenkins
Britt Kerr
Fern Roth
Jeffrey Thomas | 21 | Mia Baringer
Leah Frank
Alecsander Rea
Zakary Reck |
| 7 | James Henry
Edith Stevens | 22 | Jeff Liddle |
| 8 | Elaine Belick
Charles Shagg III
James Shelly
Kevin Weeks | 23 | Quinten Felton |
| 9 | David Hoffman
Joseph Martin
Michael Wimmer | 24 | Stacey Horrocks
Anthony Sobjak |
| 10 | Cindy Godshall
Scott Henry
Erik Olsen | 25 | Alan Gryshuk
Robert Kratzer
Brenda Koder |
| 11 | Nicole Belick
Craig Frank
Jeffrey Frye | 27 | J Schmidenberg
Robert Walp |
| 12 | C. Donald Lechner
Barbara Woehr | 28 | Doris Brendlinger
Jocelyn Elias
Dan Heinrichs
Alexandra Miller |
| 13 | Alan Richard
Erin Uber
Mary Lou Weber | | |
| 14 | Adam Burnley
Diane Greisemer | | |
| 15 | Candie Brown | | |
| 16 | Kevin Brey
Erna Heintz
Ronald Leister
Peter Sattler | | |
| 17 | Connor Rea
Shea Reeder | | |



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

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In our Prayers

~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

Lewis Hill
Marianne Schatz- Pottstown
Herbert Wolf- Grand View

~ At Home ~

Forrest Allebach
Mary Lou Bechtel- *friend of C Weiss*
Norm & Muriel Benner
David Brey- *brother of Edith Stevens*
Karen Creghan
Richard Croisette- *Claude's brother*
Jennifer Dorshimer- *friend of Grim's*
Michael Dziedzic- *brother L Foreman*
Jeffrey Fox- *son of D & L Fox*
Don Fuoss- *Donna Montich's father*
Orphia Gardian- *D Richard's mother*
Evelyn Gerhard
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*
Gloria Harpel- *home*
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
Grace Landis- *mother of Tom 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*
Molly Mauro- *J McMurtrie's cousin*
David McMurtrie- *deployed*
Sharon McMurtrie- *sister-in-law of Jeff*
Louise Mest
Donald Moll- *friend of Loretta Bayer*
Delue Moyer
Steven Moyer, Jr.- *USN son of N McClain*
Bill Mullin- *friend of Carol Elias*
Ed Peery- *Tim Klavon's uncle*
Pastor Phillips- *LCT Nursing*
Elsie Rehak
Lee Rose- *friend of the Grim's*
Tom Sands
Christoph Schmidt
Loren & Arlene Schultz
Mildred Seasholtz
Kelly Sell- *Diane Schantz's daughter*
Braden Sell- *nephew of Jeremiah Sell & Heather Walter*
Linda Shagg
Laura Harriet Smith- *A Zepp's sister*
Walter Stevens- *cousin of Betty Treffinger & Leroy & Rbt Stevens*
Arlene Smoll
Sarah Sweinhart- *sister of D Schaffer*
Verna Thomas
Bob Twisdale
Ray Valentine- *J Fox's grandfather*
Gene & Barbara Woehr
Herbert Wolf
Robert Wood
Harry Wood
Nancy Yerger



February 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.



In 2008, the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, conducted intelligence testing of 70 children, ages 3 to 5. Amazingly, they found that those preschoolers who had poor vision significantly improved their IQ test scores within six weeks of consistently wearing prescription glasses! Generally, it is recommended that your child's vision be tested before age 5. Some experts recommend testing in infancy. Your children may also need vision tests as they grow. Be sure to talk with your doctor if your child has any of the following vision warning signs: eyes turning inward (crossing) or outward, squinting, headaches, not doing as well in school work as before, or blurred or double vision.

~ 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.

~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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~Bible Quiz~

First Corinthians 13 is a popular Scripture reading at wedding ceremonies. The so-called “love chapter” provides an extended definition of what Paul calls “the greatest” gift (verse 13).



Which of the following characteristics of love isn't found in 1 Corinthians 13?

- A. Love is patient.
- B. Love rejoices in the truth.
- C. Love believes all things.
- D. Love is childlike.

Answer: D

~ Love conquers all ~

The love for equals is a human thing — of friend for friend, brother for brother. It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing — the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing — to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich The world is always bewildered by its saints.

And then there is the love for the enemy — love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.

—Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

~ Invincible love ~

In their book *Falling in Love With Jesus*, Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli compare the stages of marriage to a relationship with Jesus. All relationships, they write, go through three stages: first love, wilderness love and invincible love. Mary of Bethany, for example, experienced first love when she couldn't tear herself away from Jesus while her sister Martha toiled. Then, when Mary's brother Lazarus died, she felt wilderness love, “clinging to [Jesus] in the wounds of life.” Finally, Mary expressed overflowing invincible love as she poured her perfume and tears on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair.

Brestin and Troccoli say most Christians never arrive at the final stage. “They simply have an occasional rendezvous with the One who used to be the Love of their life.” But nothing can compare to a “tender, mature, invincible love with Jesus.”



~ New church phone extensions ~

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

Let's try it again. Let's hope the weather will cooperate this month. Come out to Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, February 9, 2011**, at 11:30 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating the New Year. You don't need to pack your lunch, just bring your mug and your appetite. Desserts are also provided by our Birthday Celebrants. It surely would be great to fill all the seats at the tables and see all our old friends and new friends that could join us. Invite someone to come with you to enjoy a pleasant day.



We are going to be entertained by a choral group from the Upper Perkiomen High School under the direction of Dr. Mark Thomas. This will indeed, be a real treat to hear the talents of our award winning students. What an honor for us.

****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)**

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.

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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.



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~ Christian Symbols ~

Hand of God

This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).



~ Be a disciple ~

A girl returning home from Sunday school expressed disappointment with the class's reaction after the day's lesson.

"We were taught to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations," she said, "but we just sat!"

—Source unknown



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~ The witness ~

Years ago, after folk-music trio Peter, Paul and Mary performed in Texas, a teenager approached Noel Paul Stookey backstage.

"I want to talk to you about the Lord," the boy said. "We ought to have a word of prayer."

After praying, the boy put the musician on the spot by telling God, "Noel wants to talk with you."

All Stookey could bring himself to pray was, "I'm sorry." Through those words, he admitted he'd failed to honor God with his life. He was repenting and soon became a Christian.

Stookey said that experience made him a new person. "You cannot change a man from the inside out and not have it affect everything in his life," he said.

All because of one teenager's witness.

~ Encouraging words ~

- I am made in God's image, and he doesn't make any junk. God loves me and wants me to live a fulfilled life.
- Communing with God constantly brings light, direction and blessings from him.
- Life is astonishingly wonderful. Even the rough spots often turn out to be pluses. Hard lessons make me wiser, kinder and more fruitful.
- When I feel boxed-in or blocked, I can know that in God's good time, he will help me be victorious.

~ February Lutheran Magazine ~

DENOMINATIONS: Pulling together or fraying apart? That's the question *The Lutheran's* February cover story asks. Stephen P. Bouman, executive director of ELCA Congregational and Synodical Mission, has good news for Lutherans—denominations do matter. See how a church in Oregon is making a difference for young adults and how congregations in Racine, Wis., are rerooting in their community.

LET'S DISCUSS. *The Lutheran's* February issue gives you some articles to think about and discuss. Read Peter Marty's column on "Digesting Scripture," it's one thing to know what it says, another to grasp the meaning. In "Come, let's eat" learn how to set your welcome table as a spiritual discipline. Or discuss "Promoting health," which includes steps to save clergy-parishioner relationships. And "Compounding misery" delves into pain and losses that add up, making people wonder if they will ever live again—until they see God's light.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in ELCA congregations? In *The Lutheran's* February issue, see how an Ohio church offers makeovers for women in need ... **discover** how Lutherans help people with mental illness find acceptance ... **dance** along with members of Our Saviour Lutheran in East Bethel, Minn. ... **learn** about special Maundy Thursday feast(s) for elderly members ... and **see** how ELCA youth go the extra mile when it comes to mission.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the church and beyond? In *The Lutheran's* February issue, **find** out why Lutherans and others should care about Pakistan, especially after monsoon rains delivered damaging floods ... **travel** to Germany, where new programs train and certify imams to ease the integration of foreign-born Muslims into European life ... and **meet** an ELCA member (he works for *Sesame Street!*) whose song about hair came from the heart and became a sensation. Don't forget, the "News" and "Higher education" sections give you brief

items on what's happening in the church; at ELCA colleges, universities and seminaries; and in the world.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- March cover story: Coming to grips with struggling congregations.
- What is our experience of Lent?
- Learn about a congregation that "specializes" in disasters.
- Is ambience more important than programs in helping a church grow?
- April cover story: What Lutherans have to give/share with conservative evangelicals.

~ Looking for ways to help? ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED AT 9:15

We are looking for one or two volunteers to teach a class of third & fourth graders. In team teaching you would be scheduled to teach every other or third Sunday. 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 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 ~

Where does the time go? How could we have possibly flown through the first month of 2011 already? Ah, but we have. So now it's hello February! February is that month of the year when you humans seem to wish that Winter would end. You even wait for a very distant, much larger relative of mine to forecast whether Spring will be early or late. Even I can give you the answer to that one. Spring will come when it gets here. The good news is that thank God, every year it does come! Or February is the month that those of you who are able either go to Florida, are in Florida, or go somewhere tropical.



Hopefully, even though Winter can seem long and cold and dreary, you can appreciate the beauty that it also brings. It's all about where and what you are looking for. Certainly each season has its own beauty. Besides, next month is March and that is when Spring will officially arrive.

Now don't forget February brings Valentine's Day. Okay so the card, flower, and candy companies make out like bandits, but that's no excuse not to remember your sweetie. To say "I love you." with a big hug doesn't cost anything. Even if you are alone you can find someone who could use a smile or a hug. God is love and He fills the universe. He is always hugging us. And we are supposed to be like Him!

Well, the elevator project is not just on paper. It has started for real. There is banging, there are men working, and things are happening. It won't be instant elevator. It will take time and there will be inconveniences, but I'm sure in the end when all is said

and done, it will be worth it and the mess will be forgotten.

I will be busy keeping an eye on the child care teaching staff and children. They will be the most interested in what is going on as it will affect their lives everyday for a while. But there is nothing more entertaining for children than a building project with hammering and banging especially right on your doorstep so to speak. Much of the really loud work is going to be done at night. I will have to get my Mrs. some really good ear plugs!

Enjoy this month. Spread a little love around. Visit some friends or family. Go out to eat. Play some cards or games. Catch a movie. Go skiing if you are a Winter buff. Go sledding with the kids or grandkids. Or sit by the warm fireside curled up with a book and a cup of tea. But whatever is your cup of tea, thank God and take time to talk to Him every day and fellowship with Him in the Word He wrote for you. Until next month... remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

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~ Growing in grace ~

*“Jesus said to him, ‘You shall **love** the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.’”*

Matthew 22:37,39 NJKV

*“Owe no man anything except to **love** one another, for he who **loves** another has fulfilled the law. **Love** does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love** is the fulfillment of the law.”*

Romans 13:8,10 NKJV

*“Hatred stirs up strife, but **love** covers all sins.”*

Proverbs 10:12

It's February and the world pushes love at us from every direction. The card companies, florists, candy companies, restaurants, jewelry commercials, romantic movies, you name it, all about love. The sad thing is the world doesn't know anything about love. How can I say that, you may ask? Because the world doesn't know God. The world doesn't believe the Bible. And the Bible which is the written Word of God says that God is love, not romantic feelings or an emotion that one day can be passionate and on fire and the next day screaming hateful words and throwing things. Not chocolate which gets worms and rots or flowers that wilt, or jewelry that can be stolen, lost, or forgotten. Love is none of these things. God - God is love! God is a spiritual being Who packaged up His love and sent it to us in the form of His Son Jesus. “For God so loved the world...”

Jesus is our love gift. He came to show us the love of the Father. He said if you have seen Me you have seen the Father. What does God look like? He looks like Jesus. Love walks, talks, cares, heals, blesses, gives peace, protection, and provision. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Love covers sin. That is what the Blood of Jesus did. His Blood completely obliterated our sin - wiped it out! When we accept God's love - Jesus for ourselves, our sin is so gone, is so far removed that God says He will remember it no more. This is where you

shout, “Hallelujah!” We love God because He first loved us.

I think the Apostle John may have been the one disciple to really get a grip on this love thing early on. He is even called the apostle of love. He even called himself “the one whom Jesus loved.” And he sure has a lot to say about God's love in his letters I, II, and III John.

Many years ago a special person in my life with whom I had shared the love of God told me what God had spoken to him. “Love is the essence of all.” The dictionary defines essence as: the concentrated preparation of any substance; that in which the real character of a thing consists. Love is God's concentrated substance and His real character. Love is why He made the world and everything in it. Love is why He made people - us, you and me. Love is why He sent His Son to die to redeem His people from the devil, sin, and death. Love is why over thousands of years He wrote His Word to us. Love is the Lamb's blood above the doorposts. Love is the Blood that flowed down Calvary's cross. Love is the empty tomb. Love covers all sins. Love fulfilled the law. Love does no harm to a neighbor. Love came to show us the Way! Love came so that we could become the righteousness of God in Christ. Love came to give us amazing grace. Love came so that we can have life to the fullest! Love came because Love never gives up.

Think God is mad at you? Think again. Love (God) is still reaching out in His Love. He is still holding out His Jesus love gift to you. But He can't and won't make you take it. You have to reach out and receive Jesus. You have to experience the Love of God for yourself. I don't care if you think you are the worst rascal to walk this earth, God loves you and His grace and mercy - His Love in Jesus is offered to you. Don't settle for the world's idea of love when you can have the real thing - God!

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

Grace ~ the unearned, undeserved, unmerited favor of God - found only in Jesus Christ

~ Upper Perkiomen Child Care ~

*a weekday early childhood educational
ministry of St. Paul's*



News from the director ~

Happy February - the month for groundhogs, love, hearts and chocolate. Here at UPCCC we love our parents for allowing us to care for their children, for their filling out and filling out

paperwork, and for our staff who work hard to make each day fun and exciting for the children. Don't forget to listen to the TV on days of bad weather or check our website. Do something sweet for the sweeties in your life this month.

Here's the news from our classrooms.

Nursery ~ The Nursery is on the move! You should come see who is crawling. Exploring and discovery is what we are doing. We welcomed Eric this month. Our color is pink and our theme is love. We love our babies!

Little Explorers ~ Snow is cold. We are exploring the outside Winter scene to see the frozen pond, bare trees, and cold temperatures. Burr. Then we are going to melt snow and watch it become water. Wow! We are counting to 5 and learning the colors black & white.

Twooodles ~ We have had snow! We are hoping to build a snowperson. Meanwhile we are working on the letters of our names and the colors black & white. We have also been busy making the shape of Winter pictures, snowmen puppets, and footprint snowflakes.



Pre-School ~ This month our color is pink and our themes are love, nutrition, and groundhog day. We will learn the letters V, P, and N, and the heart shape. We'll be having a Valentine's party in our PJ's and a dentist will be visiting us. Of course there will be lots of heart crafts, food collages, and even groundhog puppets to make.

Pre-K ~ It's valentines and penguins for this month. Our color will be pink and our letters are V, P, and N. We will be having a Valentine's Day party; and of course we will be making a heart collage and painting a penguin. We will also be learning about dental health.

Kindergarten ~ Our themes this month are love and Africa. We will be colored pink, learning the number 7 and the letters V, P, and N. For special we will be having a pajama party! Our projects are love bugs, heart people, Masai necklaces and African animal paintings. We will enjoy African lifestyles and culture. Jumbo!

School-Age ~ will be saying our good-byes to Sara and Thomas Andrasek. We have set up a new dramatic play area in our room - a bakery filled with lots of items for the children to act out being bakers in a bakery! We will also enjoy making Valentines for one another and look forward to days off from school this month over President's Day.



FEBRUARY

~ Thrivent ~

Take a fresh look at your finances

With the kids back in school, September is an ideal time to review your finances. Here's how:

Identify financial goals. Where have you made progress or fallen short? Update goals that have changed.

Evaluate life changes. Events such as getting married, having a baby or getting a new job can have a big impact on your finances. Plan ahead to make the transition smoother.

Protect your assets. Ensure you have adequate health, auto, life and disability insurance coverage.

Evaluate investments. Calculate the return on each of your stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Make sure you're satisfied with their performance and your assets are diversified.

Review your retirement plans. Contribute the max to your employer's 401(k) plan or an IRA.

Prepare for the unexpected. Review your will to ensure it still reflects your desires.

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~ Victory House ~

On January 9th, 2011 Bob and Laura Foreman traveled to the Victory House in Bethlehem to serve dinner to the residents. After preparing chicken stir fry, rice and pot stickers for dinner, Bob and Laura enjoyed dinner with the group and conversations that continued well after the food was cleared and put away. Life in Jamaica, future plans for successfully moving out of the Victory House and prayer were some of the many topics talked about with Bob and Laura. The group also delivered chocolate cream cheese cupcakes made by Betty, which were gobbled up quickly. 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 February 13th for the next visit. A sign up 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.

But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. -

Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)

~ Peanut butter ~

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

~ Quotes ~

- “Love is the strongest force the world possesses, and yet it is the humblest imaginable.”
—*Mahatma Gandhi*
- “I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day.”
—*Abraham Lincoln*
- “Toss your dashed hopes not into a trash bin but into a drawer where you are likely to rummage some bright morning.”
—*Robert Brault*
- “I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in.”
—*George Washington Carver*

~ Hang on ~

When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple’s anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. “I just couldn’t wait any longer,” she said, “so I blossomed it myself.”

The psalmist tells us to “Wait for the LORD ... ” (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time.

~ Consumed by stuff ~

The Man in the Mirror, Patrick Morley writes that the word consumption means something totally different to modern people than it did 150 years ago. Consumption, now known as tuberculosis, is a wasting disease. “Before the advent of antibiotics, tuberculosis could be slowed but rarely cured,” Morley writes. “The long-term effect of the disease was to slowly devour — to consume — all the victim’s health and vigor.”

Today, consumption is viewed as positive for merchants and the economy, Morley notes. But for people mired in debt, “the 19th-century understanding of the term may be more true-to-life.” Our wants are consuming us. To avoid being consumed financially — and spiritually — consider these words from Jesus: “Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:20-21, NRSV).

~ Anyway ~

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.
 If you are honest, people may cheat you; Be honest anyway.
 If you find serenity and happiness, people may be jealous of you; Be happy anyway.
 The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.
 Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you’ve got anyway.
 You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway.

—“*The Paradoxical Commandments*,” Kent M. Keith

~ All is well ~

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), a prominent, wealthy Chicago lawyer, is remembered for writing the beloved hymn "It Is Well With My Soul."

It seems such lyrics would come naturally to someone so successful. But Spafford didn't pen the hymn during life's high points. Instead, the words poured forth amid tragedy.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire wiped out Spafford's life savings. Two years later, his wife, Anna, and their four daughters headed to Europe on the SS Ville Du Havre, with Spafford to follow a few days later. The boat was struck by another vessel and sank, killing 226 of the 313 people onboard. Although Anna survived, the Spafford girls didn't.

After receiving the news, Spafford went to England to get Anna. While sailing over the spot where his daughters had died, he wrote the lyrics to "It Is Well With My Soul." They're a reminder that no matter what life brings, our souls can be at rest in God.

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul."



"THE PATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS LIKE THE LIGHT OF DAWN."
PROVERBS 4:18, NRSV

A Love Letter

In the New Testament, John writes a letter about God's love and the love we should show to other people.

DIRECTIONS: Working from left to right, write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's. Then read about love, from 1 John 4:11-12, NIV.

lives 3	in 3	us 3	Since 1	and 3	God 1	so 1	loved 1	his 3
us 1	love 3	we 1	If 2	also 1	is 3	made 3	we 2	ought 1
to 1	love 2	love 1	one 1	complete 3	one 2	another 1	in 3	us 3
another 2	God 2							

1 John 4:11-12, NIV

Answers: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Christian Ed. Mtg 7:30 PM	3 Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	4 Girl Scouts6:30 Cub Scouts Parent's mtg 7:00 PM	5
6 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Confirmations-4:30 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	7 Cub Scouts-6:30 Property 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	8	9 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch AA-8 PM	10 Bible study 7PM	11 Girl Scouts 6:30 in FH	12
13 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM ASP Trip Planning-4:00 Victory House 4:15 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	14 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	15	16 Men's Fellowship 7PM AA - 8 PM	17 Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	18 Girl Scouts6:30 Pinewood Derby set-up- 7PM	19 Pinewood Derby-9AM
20 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Table Talk - 4:30 PM Generations Choir-6:30 Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	21 Cemetery- 7 PM Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM	22 Finance 6:45 PM Council 7:30 PM	23 AA - 8 PM	24 Bible study 7PM	25 Girl Scouts6:30	26 Robotics 9 AM-1 PM
27 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	28 Cub Scouts-6:30 Praise Team 7:30 PM					

<i>Worship Assistants for February • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church</i>							
	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Comm Assist	10:30 Ushers	9:15 Ushers	Readers	Counters
6	8:00 AM Niccole Oswald 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash: N Yerger	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Sandy Bergey 10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	10:30 AM # 8 Leroy Stevens Tom & Sandy Landis	9:15 AM D Carol Elias Brad Hendershot	10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	Mon 7 - # 2 Fern Roth Lynny Genszler D Brendlinger
13	8:00 AM A & D Richard	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Charles Shagg 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 1 Bruce Bayer Laverne Keyser	9:15 AM E Debbie Gryshuk Katie Gryshuk	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 14- # 3 Charlie Shagg Tom Sands
20	8:00 AM Barbara Miller	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Stan Rose 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	10:30 AM # 2 Nancy Yerger Pat Walter	9:15 AM F R Rodenberger G Bonetemper	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 21 - # 5 Leroy Stevens Betty Treffinger Robert Stevens
27	8:00 AM Sandy Landis	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Nancy Yerger 10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	10:30 AM # 3 Alan Richard Don Dulin Charlie Roth	9:15 AM G Rich & Traci Kressley	10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	Mon 28- # 6 Sandy Bergey C & J Croisette
	8:00 AM	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	10:30 AM #	9:15 AM	10:30 AM	Mon - #

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