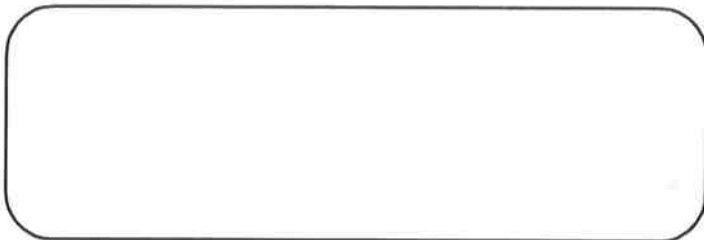


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- Contemporary Service • 9:15 AM
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Monday - Friday • 8 AM - 1 PM; 1:30 - 4:30 PM

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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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Narcotics Anonymous	Sunday at 8:00 PM	
Newsletter - Vision	Church Office	679-5553
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## January Birthdays



2	Suzanne Fox	
	Paul Godshall	
	Joseph Oswald	
	Alec Sabatini-Hinkle	
3	Cassidy Keyser	21 Aidan Petterson
	Randy Kline	Louise Mest
	Sandy Reeder	22 Mary Bonar
	Verna Thomas	Alayna Rea
5	Sarena Breyer	23 Donovan Hanney
	Deborah Gryshuk	24 Gordon Leister
	David McMurtrie	Gavin Peart
7	Brooke Oliver	25 Lauren Gibbs
	Margie Rodenberger	Melissa Nyce
	Katie Sheeran	Thomas Roth
8	Ty Frank	Bryce Wadsworth
	Denise Klavon	26 Karen Hitchcock
9	Michael Lafferty	Jerry Landis
	James Lemon	Keeley Schaffer
	Aaron Rogers	27 Jeff Johnson
	Jesse Wonsidler	Robert Schwenk
10	Muriel Benner	Kaity Watts
11	Brian Doremus	28 Steven Johnson
	Kyle Himmelwright	Donna Schwenk
	Landon Taylor	Stephanie Smith
12	William Mensch III	29 Nancy Grim
13	Tony Gitney	Grace Leister
	Liam Rea	Barbara Nace
14	Jake Krempasky	Merle Weeks
	Diane Palencar	30 Jeannette Bowyer
	Heather Smith	Steven Martin
17	Forrest Allebach	Lisa Walter
	Alice Davis	31 Robert Oliver
	Pauline Nester	Lori Rothenberger
	Herbert Wolf	
18	Jessica Phillips	
	Thomas Sell	
19	Brad Troxel	
20	Holly Gilbert	

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

## In our Prayers

### ~ Hospitalized in the Last Month ~

Robert Mack- St. Luke's Q-Town  
 Ray Grucello- St. Luke's Bethlehem  
 Herbert Wolf- Grand View  
 Harry Wood- home recovering

### ~ 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  
 Lewis Gaul  
 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 Baver  
 Delue Moyer  
 Ed Peery- Tim Klavon's uncle  
 Pastor Phillips- LCT Nursing  
 Elsie Rehak  
 Lee Rose- friend of the Grim's  
 Tom Sands  
 Marianne Schatz  
 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  
 Gene & Barbara Woehr  
 Robert Wood  
 Nancy Yerger



## 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

### 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.



Don't look now but it's "make a resolution" time again. The Bible encourages us to give of our time and talent to others. Jonni McCoy, founder of MiserlyMoms.com, claims that even with a tight budget, giving can increase your bottom line. "You get a better perspective on what you already have, which leads to a better sense of contentment, and less spending". Your time is as valuable as your pocketbook. Have a teen on a mission? She can apply for a \$500 grant to help her do-good dream start, or find "ready made" causes on the site. If you want to give back as a family, check thevolunteerfamily.org. Of course, our church bulletin also offers suggestions and lists needs. According to McCoy, helping others leads to a feeling of community, a sense that "we're all in this together". (Ten things You Can Change Right Now. Womans Day. Jan. 2010)

## ~ 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~

A New Testament book says God designated Jesus as a “high priest” and that Jesus was the most perfect mediator between God and humans.



Choose the name of the book below:

- A. Romans
- B. Hebrews
- C. Matthew
- D. Revelation

Answer: B (see 5:1-10 & 9:11-15)

## ~ The gift of humor ~

Gifted pianist and comedian Victor Borge once said the shortest distance between two people is laughter. He was right. Laughter does indeed quickly break down barriers.

Collect a few stories that make you laugh and have them ready when an occasion calls for more intimacy.

For example: A woman and six children were walking toward a park. An elderly man who was also headed there stopped the woman and said with a smile, “My, what a nice group of children! Are they all yours ... or is this a picnic?”

The woman’s response was immediate. “Yes! They’re all my children, but it ain’t no picnic!”

## ~ Quotes ~

• “Let us sing even when we do not feel like it, for in this way we give wings to heavy feet and turn weariness into strength.”

—John Henry Jowett

• “The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.”

—John Ruskin

• “I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life. Faith is the oil.”

—E. Stanley Jones



“Are you sure you don’t want to have a big finish?”

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR DEAR  
 LUNCH BUNCH FRIENDS!!!



Be sure to mark your 2011 Calendars. You are all invited to attend the Lunch Bunch New Years Party on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011 at 11:30 AM** in the Church Fellowship Hall. No need to pack your lunch, but do bring your mug. Our delicious desserts will be provided by our friends celebrating their birthdays. Let's fill the tables, bring a guest, invite members that might not have been with us for a few months. We miss seeing them and would enjoy having everyone back into the group. We encourage guests and new folks to join us. Our entertainment for the month is back by popular demand. Mr. Bob Vinter and his "Vintage Toys," will continue his presentation. Maybe he was a good little boy and Santa left him more toys to share with 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)**

~ 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.

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Education Director	125
Financial Secretary	126
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Sexton	127
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~ Cemetery Flowers ~

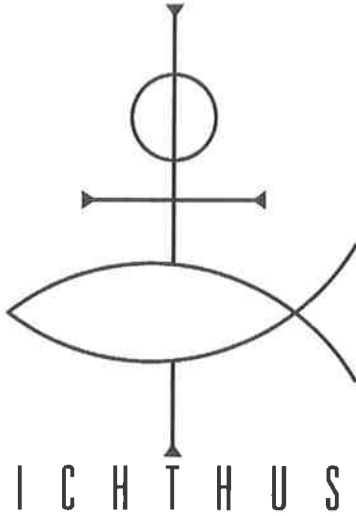
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~ Christian Symbols ~

**Fish**

The first letters in the Greek phrase “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior” spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be “caught” for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.



~ Consider this... ~

To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have.



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~ Our first loyalty ~

The beginning of a new year is a good time to consider our compelling — and sometimes competing — loyalties. Our first loyalty must always be to our loving Creator. “You shall have no other gods before me,” says the first commandment (Exodus 20:3, NRSV). Although other loyalties are important (family, country, work), God is the top priority.

The brilliant Christian statesman Thomas More tried to serve King Henry VIII well. But when the tyrant king made unethical demands on More that conflicted with God's standards, More refused to obey.

The terrible consequence was More's beheading. In 1535, just before the sharp blade fell on his neck, More proclaimed, “The king's good servant, but God's first.”

~ From humble beginnings ~

In 1804, William, a 21-year-old from a poor family, decided to go to New York City to find a job. He told a neighbor his plans, saying he knew how to make soap and might work in a soap factory.

The neighbor said, “Just remember to be a good man, give your heart to Christ and pay the Lord all that belongs to him. Give a dime of every dollar you make, make an honest soap and you will be a happy and wealthy man.”

Sure enough, William found a job making soap. Later, he became part owner and then sole owner of the business. His product line — and giving — expanded greatly. He gave many millions of dollars to the Lord's work throughout the world, far more than 10 percent of his wealth.

William Colgate died in 1857 at age 74, but his legacy and company, Colgate-Palmolive, still thrive.

## ~ January Lutheran Magazine ~

OUR FAVORITES? *The Lutheran's* January issue looks at favorite Bible passages. In "One for you, one for me," an ELCA pastor reflects on how we keep our favorite Scripture verses by giving them away. The magazine's readers also share their favorites—look them up and then consider which of your favorite verses you remember giving or receiving that made a difference in your life.

LET'S STUDY. *The Lutheran's* January issue gives you some articles to think about and discuss. In this new year, read "Up, back and ahead"—trust God will provide direction all along your way. Go to Peter Marty's column on "Praise in an awe-deficient world" to ponder how worship is a weekly opportunity to practice not being God. Think about parenting by reading "Set for launch." And your study group can discuss "Bullying the pastor," incivility is on the rise—in congregations too.

CHECK IT OUT: Each month *The Lutheran* brings you regular columns for reflection or to provide resources. In January, the "Editor" gives you his to-do list for the year ahead. The "Presiding bishop" writes on "Great expectations"—the coming years rest on living word and living it out. Get a review of *The King's Speech* in "Best this month." See how young people brought vacation Bible school to Jacmel, Haiti, in "Youngchurch." Read "Faces" to meet a Florida woman who helped raise literacy with a flash mob. "Two months out" gives ideas on how to build faith during Lent. And learn how earth-friendly practices can help family stewardship in "Pass the Faith."

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the church and beyond? In *The Lutheran's* January issue, **read** a report from the ELCA Church Council meeting ... **learn** how the "God gap" is narrowing, which may give the ELCA an opportunity to grow ... **see** how congregations are "Moving forward" following 2009 Churchwide Assembly actions ... travel to Namibia to visit the

Southwestern Washington Synod's companions in ministry ... **find** out how one woman was inspired to help congregations make Lutheran World Relief school kits ... and **visit** India, where Lutherans broadcast God's love.

Coming up in future issues of *The Lutheran*

- Cover story: Why denominations still matter.
- Ohio church reaches out to homeless women with a makeover.
- Helping pastors, members take healthy steps to avoid bullying, conflict.
- Congregation addresses mental health concerns.
- Dinner tables as spiritual, community opportunities.
- Creating community through dance.

## ~ 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](mailto: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.

### ~ In Memory ~

We remember in our prayers Marianne Schatz on the death of her husband Hal and the Henry Thomas & Tom Landis families on the death of Floyd Landis.

## ~ Chester squeaks - er - speaks ~

Happy New Year to all of you from me and my family! Another year. Time certainly does keep marching on. Maybe you still haven't caught your breath from the holiday rush yet. Or maybe you decided to simplify and not make Christmas such a crazy time. Either way, the new year has arrived. What is it they say (whoever they are), "Time waits for no man" (or mouse for that matter).



So, how many New Year's resolutions have you made this year? I figure it this way, if you don't burden yourself down by making too many resolutions then you won't be bummed out at the end of the month when you realize that you haven't kept a one of them. That's just my own personal mouse-size philosophy, of course.

The family and I are keeping a low profile and staying warm; but I am continuing my rounds of the church making sure everything is flowing smoothly. Of course I am anticipating a lot of noise and activity once the planned elevator project moves into full swing. Since they are planning on doing most of the loud work at night as to not disturb the little ones downstairs in the child care, I gave mother earplugs for Christmas. And we will be looking for the warmest, quietest area of the church where we can rest.

Time is not the only thing that does not stop. Neither does progress. I think St. Paul's having an elevator will be like some of you people who thought you would never need a microwave and now don't know how you ever lived without one. Personally, I have heard several people say they how they mind the steps. And I have been to many child care programs where grandparents

and older people could have really used one. Air conditioned sanctuary and an elevator are just improvements of this day and age. Nothing stays the same forever except the LORD and even He says, "See, I will do a new thing."

Air conditioning or not. Elevator or not, it's people who make the church. People are the church. Not just the church here at St. Paul's, but Christ's body, the universal church. It's not about what we have or don't have. It's about who we are and what we do. Speaking of what we do, thank you to everyone who participated in contributing to the Warm Hearts Tree. You helped others by your generous support. It is such a blessing to see that it is not all about us or me, but that we have the privilege to give and reach out to others, sharing the love of Christ. Thanks again.

Stay warm this January. Curl up with a good book - the Good Book and get to know God better. He wrote the Book for you, you know. Use each day to find a way to bless someone else. And be sure to join together in worship on Sundays. Until next month... remember, the walls have ears!

~ Chester

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## ~ Growing in grace ~

*“For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me. I will be found of you, says the LORD.”* Jeremiah 29:11,13,14a NLT

*“So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don’t get tied up again in slavery to the law.”* Galatians 5:1

Here we are again at the beginning of another new year. Many people are busy making New Year’s resolutions and plans for the new year. We humans seem to be great planners. And certainly there is nothing wrong with making plans and having goals. However, because we are human many of our plans and goals are never reached or accomplished. For this reason a lot of us beat ourselves up and feel like we are failures. Sometimes we set ourselves up for failure because we wish we could stop smoking or loose weight, but we don’t do anything to actually get to that goal. We need more than wish bone, we need back bone to get to our goal.

Of course there is another reason we often don’t reach our goals or our plans don’t pan out. They are **our** goals and plans and we think we can do it or bring it about ourselves. Who makes the plans? Who sets the goals? We do. And we think that we are able and capable of doing whatever we need to do by ourselves. “After all, it’s my life isn’t it. Nobody is going to tell me what to do!” Have you ever heard yourself think or actually say that? Well, that’s pride speaking! And the first one to fall to the sin of pride was the devil. The rest of us were just born with a sin nature and pride is as natural to us as breathing. But we are not on our own.

If we claim to be Christians then we have a King - the LORD God. We are the subjects of His kingdom, but are also His children. Either way, King or Father we need to live according to His ways and be found doing

His will. Proverbs 16:1 says, “We can make our own plans, but the LORD gives the right answer.” We are so busy making our own plans that we don’t stop to consider that the Lord has His plans for us. When was the last time you consulted the Lord before making plans? Ut oh. Did I just hear you say, “It’s my life isn’t it. Nobody is going to tell me what to do!” Well, here’s the thing. The Bible tells us that if we are Christ’s then we were bought with a price. We are no longer our own, but we belong to Him. We are His love slaves so to speak, because we were bought at the price of His precious blood.

When Jesus took our place and our punishment on the cross He set us free from the law of sin and death. He freed us to live a forgiven life flowing everyday in the grace of God. He freed us from trying to keep the law - do this and don’t do that. He freed us to live in God’s grace where we choose to live God’s way with the help of the Holy Spirit. We can not live right on our own, but with the help of the Helper - God’s Holy Spirit, we can make plans and set goals that conform to the will of God. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

Making plans for the new year? Setting goals? Check in with God first. Don’t have God as your co-pilot. He better be the pilot or your plans may just go crash! And rest assured that the plans and goals God has for you are for your good, to give you a future and a hope.

***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 New Year from all of us here at UPCCC. New year brings new changes. Make sure you read your new agreements with all the new changes.

We are always looking for ways

to be more efficient and at the same time to continue to provide the best child care we possibly can. If you have any questions never hesitate to stop by the office and speak to us. We treasure you and your children.

### Here's the news from our classrooms.

**Nursery** ~ Our boat is full this month with 12 little ones. We welcome Alyana and Hunter to our room and Eric will be coming the end of the month. We will be learning about sharing, enjoying music, and playing with blocks. Our theme this month is Winter and our colors are black and white. If we get some snow our older children will be going out to experience it.

**Little Explorers** ~ While we learn about Winter and the colors black and white we will continue to learn that we do not bite. We touch our friends in gentle ways so that we can have fun all our days. We will learn about Winter, snowmen and snowflake and even the number 6. Let it snow so out we can go.

**Twoodles** ~ 14 Twoodles will be enjoying learning about Winter and snowmen. The color of the month is white and we will continue to learn the letters of our names. We will be building snowmen both inside and out - well if we have snow.

**Pre-School** ~ We welcomed Kyla Miller to our class. Our theme this month will be Winter Wonderland Animal Habitat. We will continue to make Guardian Angels for soldiers in addition to other crafts including paper snowmen, lace mittens, ice paintings and snow family collage. We are even going to try to make snow for our sensory table, but we are wishing for real snow.

**Pre-K** ~ will say good-bye to Dana Cahill for the Winter. This month we will be busy learning about Winter and polar animals, white and black, the number 6, and the letters O,A,B, and Z. Our art projects will be snowmen and snowflakes. We are looking forward to a hot chocolate and cookie party.

**Kindergarten** ~ We have welcomed Ian Ferrero and Harris Brown and said good-bye to Tyler Fegely and Mateo Schneidt. This month we will be off to Australia, the Arctic and learning about Winter, black & white, the letters O,A,B,Z and the number 6. We will celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday, paint polar bears, penguins, and make koalas. We are a busy bunch!

**School- Age** ~ will be saying good-bye to Sami Atkins and we have welcomed Jonah Kaiser and Nick Ferrero. Also welcome back to Alexa Aughe.

We would like to thank everyone who participated or came out to see the Christmas musical "Camel Lot". The children practiced with great dedication and enthusiasm for this musical and are very proud of their performance!

We look forward to some winter snow to play in and maybe a snow day or two off from school would be nice.



~ Thrivent ~

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~ Victory House ~

On December 11, 2010, Brenda and Miranda Koder, Kelsey and John Sherran, Elizabeth and Joanne Kuhn, Diane Benner and Bob Foreman all traveled to the Victory House in Bethlehem to serve the residents dinner. The group prepared ham, mashed potatoes, biscuits, salad, pineapple and brownies for dessert. Great conversation was enjoyed along with the warm, home cooked meal. Thank you to all that traveled, served and made the dinner possible with monetary donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We are currently awaiting confirmation from Victory House for our 2011 dates of service. We are hoping to continue serving the second Sunday of each month. Watch the bulletin board and weekly bulletin for upcoming dates to serve at the Victory House. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Laura Foreman at 215-272-1445 or via email at [foreman3@hotmail.com](mailto:foreman3@hotmail.com)

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*  
- Matthew 25:40

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~ Annual Congregational Meeting ~  
Sunday, January 30, 2011

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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!

## ~ Youth Group Caroling ~



On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> the youth and their families, friends, neighbors, some Cub Scouts, and several child care families went Christmas caroling around the neighborhoods surrounding St. Paul's. A joyful time was had by all

as we shared the songs of the season to the glory of God. Upon returning to Fellowship Hall there was pizza and hot cocoa waiting along with a Happy Birthday cake for Jesus. A good time was had by all. Thank you to the Foreman's, the Launder's, the Gabel's and all who came out and participated in this lovely evening.

Keep a look out for more Youth Club events and meetings coming up soon. If you are between the ages of 7 and 11 please come out and join us. If you have any questions please talk to me, Laura Foreman, or Tracy Launder's.

~ Bonnie Bonser

## ~ a thank you ~

Dear Pastor Vanderslice,  
We have received monetary gifts from some members of your congregation. Your support is very much appreciated. This gift will be used in our continuing efforts to serve humanity with donated cornea for transplants which will help restore or improve vision for the visually impaired. They will be put into the Endowment Fund in order to help preserve the Eye Bank's future. Again, we appreciate your gifts.

*Sincerely,  
Richard B. Rader, CEO  
Northeast PA Lions Eye Bank, Inc.*

## ~ Caroling & party pictures ~



After caroling around the neighborhood, there was a party - pizza, Happy Birthday cake, and games. One of the groups favorite games is called Port & Starboard. See the rest of our pictures on the next page. A fun time was had by all.



# From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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| 1. Good   | Righteousness |
| 2. Death  | Children      |
| 3. Go     | Life          |
| 4. Evil   | Come          |
| 5. Adults | Bad           |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_." John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

"I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

"For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

*A happy NEW YEAR*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15 AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	3 Property 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	4 Robotics 6:30 PM	5 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch AA-8 PM	6 Bible Study 1PM Bible study 7PM	7 Girl Scouts 6:30 in FH Cub Scouts Parent's mtg 7:00 PM	8 Robotics 9 AM-1 PM
9 Early service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday School-9:15 Late service-10:30 AM Victory House 4:15 PM Confirmation-4:30 PM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8 PM	10 Praise Team 7:30 PM	11 Robotics 6:30 PM	12 Men's Fellowship 7PM AA - 8 PM	13 Bible study 7PM	14 Girl Scouts6:30	15 Robotics 9 AM-1 PM
16 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Table Talk - 4:30 PM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	17 Cemetery- 7 PM Praise Team 7:30 PM	18 Robotics 6:30 PM	19 AA - 8 PM	20 Bible study 1 PM Bible study 7PM	21 Girl Scouts6:30	22 Robotics 9 AM-1 PM
23/30 Early Service-8 AM Contemporary-9:15AM Sunday school-9:15 Late Service-10:30 AM Bells 7:30 / NA- 8PM	24/31 Praise Team 7:30 PM	25 Robotics 6:30 PM Finance 6:45 PM Council 7:30 PM	26 AA - 8 PM	27 Bible study 7PM	28 Girl Scouts6:30	29 Robotics 9 AM-1 PM

<i>Worship Assistants for January • St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church</i>							
	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Comm Assist</b>	<b>10:30 Ushers</b>	<b>9:15 Ushers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Counters</b>
<b>2</b>	8:00 AM Niccole Oswald 10:30 AM Stephanie Smith Wash: P Walter	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Stan Rose 10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	10:30 AM # 3 Alan Richard Don Dulin Charlie Roth	9:15 AM H Sue Jarrett John Ferrero	10:30 AM Joanne Hersh	Mon 3 - # 3 Charlie Shagg Tom Sands
<b>9</b>	8:00 AM A & D Richard	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Nancy Yerger 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 4 Jeff & Tyler Bird	9:15 AM I Ed & Sheila Kraus	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 10 - # 4
<b>16</b>	8:00 AM Barbara Miller	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Lewis Hill 10:30 AM Jan Woertz	10:30 AM # 5 Brian Stever Frank & Chad Grim	9:15 AM A Ronald & Diane Leister	10:30 AM Jan Woertz	Mon 17 - # 5 Leroy Stevens Betty Treffinger Robert Stevens
<b>23</b>	8:00 AM Sandy Landis	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Cheryl Weiss 10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	10:30 AM # 6 Floyd Treffinger John Hinkle	9:15 AM B Craig & Lori Frank	10:30 AM Debbie Turofski	Mon 24 - # 6 Sandy Bergey C & J Croisette
<b>30</b>	8:00 AM Nicole Walter	10:30 AM -#	8:00 AM Henry Thomas 10:30 AM Robert Walp	10:30 AM # 7 Charlie & Jan Woertz	9:15 AM C Bob & Mary Lou Weber	10:30 AM Robert Walp	Mon 31 - # 1 Sandy Bergey Diane Leister Eleanor King

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