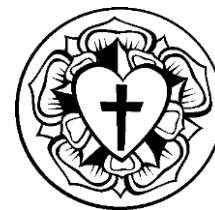




**The Epistle of St. Paul's**  
**A Publication of St. Paul's Evangelical**  
**Lutheran Church, Summer Hill**  
**May 2026**



## From the Pastor:

There is a tree outside my office window. Right now, it has beautiful white flowers on it, I love looking out every day! But when I go outside there is a different tree. I don't mean another tree but the same one from a different angle. From outside it is a tree that is split down the middle. It almost looks like it was hit by lightning or something!

Do you ever feel like that? Not being hit by lightning but split. We are all so busy and summer doesn't really slow down does it? We are split by so many things. We would like to slow down at this time but there is still so much going on!

I used to think that I could be a little lazy at this time of the year, and ease into summer. I don't know about you, but I am still as busy as ever at this time of the year!

I think what we need to do is intentionally pause, take a deep breath, and know that everything doesn't need to be done at the same time. We need to take time to see the new life God gives us at this time of the year. Spring and summer are the time for new growth, so maybe we need to see where God is calling us to be more present in the moment, to grow in faith rather than rushing to pack so much into the day.

My prayer for you is that you find time to stop and look around, appreciate the beauty all around us and thank God for what we have.

*Pastor Marie*

## Pastoral Visits

Pastoral visits and home communions are available any time. Please call the church office at 570-754-7350 or Pastor Marie at 716-353-1610.

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## Prayer Requests

Please email or call the church office with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship services that are livestreamed. You may also give names to the person leading service prior to the start of service.

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## Check Out Our YouTube Channel

We're livestreaming our worship services on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!!

We'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You can chat, comment, and worship together *live* just like always.

Our website features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find recorded services beginning in February, our past livestreams, and our scheduled upcoming livestreams. So head on over, click **Like**, hit **Subscribe**, and ring that little bell 🔔 to be notified when livestreaming begins!

👉 **Check us out here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@summerHillLutheran>

## Saturday Spoken Service

Please Note: The Saturday Evening Spoken Worship Service on **May 2** will be cancelled due to Pastor Marie officiating a wedding that day. The next scheduled Saturday Service will be held on **June 6** beginning at 5:00pm.

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## Helping Harvest

Helping Harvest donations will take place the first weekend of every month, with the next one **Sunday, May 3**. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

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## Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 6** beginning at 7:00pm in the church Annex.

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## Vacation Bible School Sandwich Sale Fundraiser

There will be a sandwich sale to support VBS 2026. Order forms with details are located on the table in the narthex and on page 4. The orders are due by **Sunday, May 10**. The sandwich pick up will be at the UCC church on **Saturday, May 16** from 10-11am or **Sunday, May 17** following worship. If you have any questions, please call either of the church offices or contact Bill Reber at 570-385-5638.

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## Youth Sunday

**Mother's Day, May 10 is also Youth Sunday.** The Confirmation students from both St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's UCC Church will lead worship for us that day, so please come and support them! We have been invited to the UCC church for a combined service which will begin at 10:30am. There will be no Lutheran Church service that day (Sunday School is cancelled). A time of fellowship, with coffee and treats will follow the service in the UCC fellowship hall. Please feel free to bring a treat to share if you would like, but it's certainly not expected.

## Calling All Graduates!!!

Please contact the church office with names of all graduates by **May 15th**. Please include where you are graduating from and your future plans. We will be recognizing graduates during the worship service on **Sunday, June 28** at 9:00am.

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## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next newsletter will be **Friday, May 15**. Thank you.

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## Paper Product Donations

From **May 17** to **June 7**, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a collection of paper products for Servants to All, a homeless shelter in Pottsville. Items needed include paper or Styrofoam plates, cups, and bowls, plastic ware, paper towels, wipes, small packs of tissues, take out containers, and coffee cups with lids. Please place the items in the narthex.

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## Property Meeting

There will be a property meeting on **Wednesday, May 20** beginning at 6:00pm.

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## Join Us In Remembering....

### MEMORIAL DAY



Service at the Veterans Memorial next to the Summer Hill Cemetery  
**Sunday, May 24**  
at 10:00am

We will join with our neighbors from St. Paul's United Church of Christ for this Memorial Service of Remembrance. This is a wonderful and very meaningful way to begin our holiday week, and start off summer on the right note. Children are more than welcome to bring flowers to lay at the memorial.

## Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday

On **Sunday, May 24** we will celebrate the birthday of the church and confirm the baptismal vows of our Confirmands as we welcome them into church membership.

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## WELCOME TO RAINFOREST FALLS.... EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ will once again be combined for Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held at St. Paul's UCC from **June 22-26**. All children ages 4-12 (grade 6) are welcome and invited to attend. Please save the date and share with all your relatives, friends and neighbors. A registration form is included in this newsletter on page 5, and is also available at the church. Forms can be submitted to the church office, or to [wareber@comcast.net](mailto:wareber@comcast.net). No child will be turned away, however, to guarantee that there will be enough supplies for every child, please register each child by **Sunday, May 24**. More information will follow. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

## Movie Night Saturday, June 6



A "Dinner and a Movie Night" is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6** beginning at 5:45pm (following the spoken church service).

The movie is titled "Here Today", a 2021 American comedy-drama film directed, produced by, and starring Billy Crystal. The story follows veteran comedy writer Charlie Burnz (Crystal), who is experiencing the early stages of dementia, and his unlikely friendship with a New York street singer named Emma Payge (Tiffany Haddish).

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Please speak to Karen Curtis for more information.

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## Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule will begin on **Sunday, June 7**. During the summer months, worship will be held at 9:00am on Sunday mornings. Please note: There will be no Sunday school during this time..

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## Outdoor Worship and Breakfast

There will be an outdoor worship service followed by breakfast the first Sunday of each month (June, July and August). The first scheduled one will be **Sunday, June 7** at 9:00am. Please bring chairs or your favorite blanket. Food will be provided.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SANDWICH ORDERS ¶**

**PICKUP: · Saturday, May 16, FROM 10 AM until 11 AM ¶**

**or on Sunday, May 17, after Sunday School or church. ¶**

**Pickup will be in the fellowship hall. ¶**

**Orders are due by Sunday May 10. ¶**

**Orders may be placed at 570-385-5638 or ¶**

**wareber@comcast.net ¶**

**\$6.00 EACH ¶**

All proceeds benefit Vacation Bible School 2026 ¶

Sandwiches are on a soft ATV roll and include 1/4 lb. chipped ham or 1/4 lb. turkey with 1 slice of American cheese. ¶

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**PLEASE CIRCLE ONE · I WILL PICK UP ·**

**ON.....SATURDAY.....SUNDAY ¶**

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**NAME: → ¶**

**PHONE NUMBER: → → → → ¶**

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ITEM ¶	QUANTITY ¶
HAM ¶	¶
TURKEY ¶	¶

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→ → → → → **TOTAL DUE:..\_\_\_\_\_ ¶**

→ → → → → **TOTAL PAID:..\_\_\_\_\_ ¶**



**St. Paul's UCC/St. Paul's Lutheran (Summer Hill) VBS Registration Form  
(One per child)  
June 22-26 6:00 to 8:30  
Closing Program June 26**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best phone number to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email address to contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give your permission to allow any pictures that may contain your child to be posted on social media? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ at phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: Please circle

Child XS(2-4) SM (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

Adult SM (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46-48) 2XL (50-52)

## Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

There are many openings available throughout the year to sponsor the fresh altar flowers and bulletins on a Sunday morning. You can celebrate a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, etc. Sponsorships can be in honor of, or in memory of someone. There are sign-up sheets for a few months at a time on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church office and speak to Kelly to be added at any time throughout the year. The cost of altar flowers is: \$17.50 to sponsor one vase, or \$35 to sponsor both vases. The bulletins are \$10 per sponsored Sunday.

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## Thank You, Thank you!!

-to the Thrivent clients directing \$217 in Thrivent Choice Dollars®

-The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed items for our college students to have in time for their finals. Your generosity and support are always appreciated.

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## The Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

### May 3- Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### May 10- Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### May 14- Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### May 17- Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### May 24- Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

### May 31- Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

### June 7- Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Hos 5:15-6:6  
Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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## The Taste of Our Words



*I try to watch the words I say,  
And keep them soft and sweet;  
For I don't know from day to day,  
Which ones I'll have to eat.*



- 2 - Harvey Sutton III
- 3 - Elona Fromm
  - Harry Schwenk
- 4 - Marvin Moyer
- 6 - Brenda Frankenstein
  - Kenneth Heinbaugh
  - Elaine Moyer
  - Terry Tryon
- 7 - Lisa Hollenbach
  - Christine Nagle
- 8 - Betty Heinbaugh
- 10 - Donald Hand
- 15 - Gregory Phillips II
  - Pegi Staller
- 16 - Kohlby Rollman
- 18 - Scott Thomas
- 22 - Eileen Heffleger
- 26 - Bernadette Trostle
- 27 - Charles Hawk Jr.
  - Kolton Platt
  - Thaddeus Schantzenbach
- 28 - Harry Lord
- 29 - Carly Mullins
- 30 - Betty Freeman
- 31 - Charity Staller

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## Commencing a Lifetime of Learning

What would you tell a young man or woman about to graduate? One of the most common messages commencement speakers share is that graduates are indeed commencing. They are only just beginning to learn.

While they may rightly feel proud of finishing school, a few months in the working world often reveal how much they still do not know.

Christians who love God with their minds understand that truth frees us from ignorance and superstition. They also know that the joy of learning brings deep satisfaction and, in time, wisdom. That wisdom helps us evaluate what we have learned and use it well, so that knowledge becomes a tool for growth and faithful living.

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## Mother's Day: A Legacy of Love

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 10) invites us to honor the women who have nurtured, guided and loved us. We celebrate not perfection, but faithfulness shown in countless quiet moments. May we give thanks for the love that shapes hearts and points us toward God's grace.

*The best inheritance a mother can leave  
her children is a Christian example.*

*Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.*

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**Special Dates- May 2026**

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2026*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2026*
- Ascension of the Lord, *May 14, 2026*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 16, 2026*
- Victoria Day [Canada], *May 18, 2026*
- Day of Pentecost, *May 24, 2026*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2026*
- Trinity Sunday, *May 31, 2026*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
***Paper Product collection: May 17-June 7***					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Sunday 3</b> School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Council Meeting- 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Bell Choir- 6pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Worship 10</b> (Youth led)- 10:30 **at the UCC Fellowship time to follow/ VBS Sandwich order deadline Mother's Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bell Choir- 6pm  Ascension Day	<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline  Graduate Deadline	<b>16</b> VBS Sandwich Sale Pick up- 10-11am at the UCC
<b>17</b> Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am VBS Sandwich Sale Pick up following worship	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Property Meeting-6:00pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Sunday 24</b> School- 9:15am Memorial Service, Monument- 10am Worship with Confirmation- 10:30am VBS deadline Pentecost Sunday	<b>25</b>  Church Offices Closed  Memorial Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Sunday Sch.-9:15 Worship 10:30am Trinity Sunday	<b>1</b>	<b>VBS 2</b> Meeting- 6:00pm (UCC)	<b>3</b> Council Meeting- 7:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Spoken 6</b> Service- 5pm Dinner & a Movie- 5:45pm

## A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History

By Harry Schwenk

Since Mother's Day is observed in this month of May, we will take a look at our church's Mother and Daughter Banquet in 1963.

The annual Mother and Daughter Banquet was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Summer Hill. Mistress of Ceremonies was Mrs. Violet Trumbo.

Welcome to Mothers was given by Miss Jean Moyer, Response to Daughters by Mrs. Edna Moyer, and a duet by Faye Sholl and Beverly Freeman.

Mrs. Paul Feeser spoke on Mothers in the Bible. The program concluded with entertainment by "The Singing Zims."

Prizes were awarded to the oldest grandmother, Mrs. Amy Reber; youngest grandmother, Mrs. Thorne Woomert; oldest mother, Mrs. Amy Reber; youngest mother, Mrs. Peggy Gaydos; mother with the most daughters and granddaughters, Mrs. Alice Krammes, Mrs. Lillie Moyer, and Mrs. Della Bartolet.

The following attended:

Mrs. Emma Phillips, Miss Ellen Schwartz, Mrs. W. Schwartz, Mrs. Glenn Miller, Mrs. Ada Phillips, Mrs. Esther Rhine, Mrs. Betty Fessler, Mrs. Dolores Weller, Elyse Weller, Susan Weller, Mrs. Ruth McMullen, Mrs. Lillie Berkheiser, Mrs. John Griffith, Mrs. Fern Staller, Craig Staller, Mrs. Edith Sholl, Helen Sholl, Faye Sholl, Barbara Ebersole, Mrs. Audrey Ebersole, Robinette Krammes, Mrs. Alice Krammes, Mrs. Peggy Krammes, Mrs. Joyce Hesse, Cindy Krammes, Carol Berkheiser, Mrs. Sandra Berkheiser, Mrs. Marion Bartolet, Lucinda Bartolet, Nancy Bartolet, Mrs. Della Bartolet, Mrs. Grace Long, Mrs. Lottie Clauser, Jean Moyer, Mrs. Pauline Emerich, Mrs. Edna Berkheiser.

Mrs. Helen Reed, Judith Ann Reed, Mrs. Esther Reber, Mrs. Barbara Tretter, Mrs. Thorne Woomert, Mrs. Virgie Gaydos, Mrs. Peggy Gaydos, Mrs. Mary Fessler, Ann Fessler, Janet Fessler, Mrs. Sadie Morrison, Mrs. Marian Steigerwalt, Kristin Dorward, The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt, Mrs. Mabel Steigerwalt, Orna Moyer, Judy Moyer, Emily Luckenbill, Mrs. Dorothy Fessler, Karen Fessler, Mrs. Oneida Fessler, Mrs. Verna Freeman, Beverly Freeman, Mrs. Mamie Shoener, Mrs. Phyllis Shoener, Mrs. Edna Reber, Mrs. Sadie Phillips, Mrs. Vera Boyer, Mrs. Lillie Moyer, Mrs. Sallie Moyer, Mrs. Ellen Fidler, Mrs. Annie Reber, Mrs. Russel Mengel, Mrs. Stella Schwenk, Mrs. Lillie Heim, Mrs. Arlene Wolfe, Mrs. Amy Reber, Mrs. Vera Bowen, Mrs. Gladys Reed, Mrs. Aletha Heinbaugh, and Tamalyn Jo Heinbaugh.

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