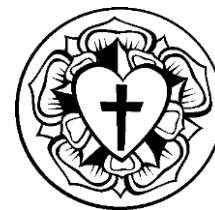




The Epistle of St. Paul's
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Lutheran Church, Summer Hill
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From the Pastor:

Easter is early this year-

April 5th

Actually, Easter can be as early as the end of March all the way to mid to late April. We all know Lent ends with Palm Sunday and the following Sunday is Easter, but all these dates move around!

It's because the date for Easter is not ruled by the calendar, but by the phases of the moon. I have very little understanding about how Easter is determined and you see I like things to stay the same, but Easter messes me up every year. Do I need my winter coat or just a light sweater?? And we have already had a snowstorm!

But Jesus comes into our lives at different times as well. What I mean is that feeling we get when we feel God with us. As we continue our Lent Journey to the cross, we need to feel God with us as we come to worship on Wednesday, just as we feel God with us on Sunday morning.

Lent is a time of repentance, it is a time of looking over our lives and remembering that although we may ignore God on occasion, or just forget that we are children of God, we are reminded in the scripture and in our daily lives that God is always with us.

Through the gift of Jesus life death and resurrection. So, what are we to do with these feelings?

Not to mention Lent and Easter is a very busy time with extra services, and spring break as well,

whenever that comes around! It is easy to be distracted by so many things, this year we also had St Patrick's day in the mix!

Happy Easter!

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.

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.

Check Out Our YouTube Channel

We're trying something brand new – we'll soon be **livestreaming our worship services** on our very own YouTube channel: @summerHillLutheran!!!

No need to worry about missing a thing — once we launch, we'll share the livestream link on Facebook every week. You'll still be able to chat, comment, and worship together *live* just like always.

Our website now features a direct link to our YouTube channel, where you can already find

recorded services beginning in February. 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>

Helping Harvest

Helping Harvest donations will take place the first weekend of every month. This organization has put food trucks in areas to help the needy in place of the closed Pottsville Soup Kitchen.

Holy Week

There will be a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing on **April 2** beginning at 7:00pm.

A Good Friday service will be held on **April 3** beginning at 7:00pm.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on **April 4**. It begins outside at 6:45pm and then moves inside at 7:00pm.

We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, **Sunday, April 5** during the 10:30am worship service.

Easter Cross

On Easter Sunday we will have the Cross at the front of the church again. We will have flowers available, but you are welcome to bring your own. We will put the flowers on as we come down from Communion. Let's see how beautiful it turns out this year!!!

Donations for College Students Needed

The Social Ministry's schoolhouse will be in the narthex **until Sunday, April 12th**. We will be accepting donations of items to be sent to our college students, to have while they are studying for their

final exams. Items to be donated include snacks, pens, pencils, or any other small appropriate items. The packages will be given to the students, whose families have provided us with their names and addresses. We thank everyone for their continuing generosity in donating to our project.

VBS Planning Meeting

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and St. Paul's United Church of Christ will once again be combined for Vacation Bible School. It will be held **June 22 through June 26** from 6:00 to 8:30pm each day at the UCC church. The theme will be Rainforest Falls- Exploring the Nature of God.

There will be a Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting on **Tuesday, April 14** at 7:00pm in downstairs room B1 at the UCC. Anyone interested in helping at VBS is invited to attend.



The Gift of Life

Do you want to learn about Organ Donation? Come to church on **Sunday, April 19** for the 10:30am service to hear Ali Jenan speak about his journey as a Donate Life Recipient. A salad bar luncheon will be held following the service. Donations will be accepted. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Women of the ELCA Cluster Meeting

There will be a Women of the ELCA Cluster Meeting on **Saturday, April 25** beginning at 9am in the pavilion. The cost is \$10 per ticket, which includes breakfast and lunch. Please speak to Holly Maldonado or Karen Curtis for more information.

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.

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.

Thank You, Thank you!!

-Dear Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for opening your hearts to help end domestic violence. Thank you for all of the warm clothing donations. We greatly appreciate it.

Schuykill Hope Center for Victims of Domestic Violence

-to the Thrivent clients directing \$256 in Thrivent Choice Dollars®



- 1 - Grace Bright
 - 2 - Holly Maldonado
 - 5 - Debbie Dowell
 - 6 - Gary Lehman
 - Sallie Ann Sandler
 - 7 - William Swiger
 - 8 - Elizabeth Hand
 - 11 - Cheyanna Middleton
 - 12 - Wendy Paxson
 - 15 - Ashley Brown
 - 16 - Sally Brensinger
 - 17 - Joshua Iverson
 - 18 - Rachyl Sholly
 - 20 - Julianna Reber
 - 22 - Gregory Raudenbush
 - 24 - Jennifer Henning
 - Michael Troxell
 - 25 - Zachary Brooker
 - Kathleen Faust
 - Tobias Lileck
 - 26 - Kevin Kahl
 - George Sholl Jr.
 - 27 - Stephen Felty
 - Angela Murphy
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The Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

April 2- Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 3- Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

April 4- Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

April 5- Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

April 12- Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19- Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

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

Following Christ’s Example of Humble Service



On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate the Passover. During the supper, Jesus rose from the table, poured water into a basin, and went from man to man washing the disciples’ feet and drying them with a towel. Peter protested, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Peter relented and asked Christ to wash his hands and head as well (see John 13:1-16).

Afterward, Jesus said to his friends, “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:14-15, NKJV).

On Maundy Thursday, let us remember Christ’s command and his example of humility, service and love.

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The best mathematical equation ever given:
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.



Special Dates- April 2026

- Holy Week Continues, *March 29-April 5*
- Maundy Thursday, *April 2*
- Good Friday, *April 3*
- Easter Sunday, *April 5*
- Earth Day, *April 22*
- Administrative Professionals Day, *April 22*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Council Meeting- 7:00pm	2 Bell Choir- 6pm Worship-7pm Maundy Thursday	3 Worship- 7pm Good Friday	4 Easter Vigil: outside-6:45pm inside- 7:00pm Holy Saturday
5 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am Easter Sunday	6 Church offices Closed Easter Monday	7	8	9 Bell Choir- 6pm	10	11
12 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am Second Sunday of Easter	13	14 Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting (UCC)- 7pm	15 Property Meeting- 6:00pm Newsletter Deadline	16 Bell Choir- 6pm	17	18
19 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship with guest, Ali Jenan- 10:30am Lunch following Third Sunday of Easter	20	21	22	23 Bell Choir- 6pm	24	25
26 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am Fourth Sunday of Easter	27	28	29	30	1	2 Saturday Spoken Worship Service- 5:00pm

A Brief Look at Some Summer Hill History

By Harry Schwenk

After our new church was built and dedicated in 1961, our Lutheran Church Women sponsored "Everybody's Birthday Party" for several years during the 1960's and 1970's. Each month's birthday tables were decorated by two women of the group for their respective birthdays. Following is an article about the party in 1965.

The Lutheran Church Women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Summer Hill held a birthday party on Wednesday, April 21st in the fellowship hall of the church for members and invited guests. The tables were set for each month of the year.

The following attended:

January table- Ethel Bernheisel, Bertha Crowe, Rick Crowe, Thorne Woomert, Esther Reber, The Rev. Clarence Steigerwalt, Ann Fessler, and Mike Pohronezony.

February table- Jean Moyer, Dolores Weller, Elyse Weller, Leslie Weller, Susan Weller, Joseph Crowe, John Schwenk, Leonard Unger, and Edna Unger.

March table- Virgie Gaydos, Louise Hand, Della Bartolet, Vera Boyer, Minnie Krammes, Richard Freeman, Wayne Brensinger, William Berkheiser, Sadie Phillips, Mamie Shoener, Karen Dreher, and Shelly Hesse.

April table- Mabel Steigerwalt, Lucinda Bartolet, Nancy Bartolet, Betty Tobash, Edna Staller, Nancy Staller, Fern Staller, Debbie Freeman, Helen Frey, William Honicker, and Alice Honicker,

May table- Lottie Clauser, Betty Fessler, Tami Jo Heinbaugh, Sharon Freeman, Betty Freeman, Helen Freeman, Amy Reber, Alma Smith, Mrs. John Nagle, and Elona Trumbo.

June table- William Koch, Joe Crowe, John Nagle, Thelma Brensinger, Gladys Reed, Phyllis Shoener, and Vera Driesbach.

July table- Lillie Berkheiser, Russell Berkheiser, Katie Bowers, Joan Berkheiser, Karen Berkheiser, Hannah Lea Krammes, and Laverne Frey.

August table- Violet Trumbo, Verna Schwartz, Elaine Frey, Aletha Heinbaugh, Oneida Fessler, Paul Krammes, Craig Staller, and John Fessler.

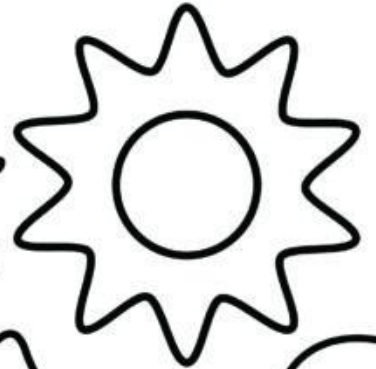
September table- Emma Phillips, Ruth Schwartz, Marion Bartolet, Alice Krammes, Quentin Frey, Mr. G. Pohronezony, Brian Staller, and Kenneth Trumbo.

October table- Sadie Morrison, Edna Schwartz, Dale Reed, William Crowe, Jim Reber, Paul Kalny, Terry Ferrence, Helen Reed, and Adam E. Heim.

November table- Edna Moyer, Quentin Frey Jr., Eva Koch, Helen Strauch, Erma Ferrence, and Ruth Miller.

December table- Sandy Berkheiser, Lillie Heim, Lewis Hand, Allen Reed, Edna Reber, Patty Reichert, Joyce Hesse, Judy J. Moyer, Esther Rhine, Jeffrey Freeman, Mabel Schwenk, and Orna Moyer.

Have A



Blessed Easter



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**Communion service every Sunday: 10:30am
First Saturday
Holy Communion Service: 5pm**

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday,
9am - 2pm (closed Friday)

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