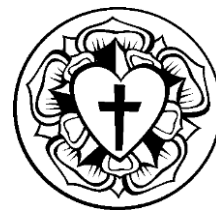




The Epistle of St. Paul's
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Pastor's Page

Well, it is almost September, and we are beginning the season of fall, the last gasp of summer. September is one of those transition months, it's not really fall and it's not summer either. The weather can be sunny and hot, or chilly and raining, or anything in September!

We at St Paul's, members and visitors alike, hear and share God's message of love through Jesus. This August we had heard from the gospel of Luke some uncomfortable things Jesus has said.

Do you remember in a previous newsletter article I invited you to read the Gospel passages for August in Luke? Well, I am not sure that was a good idea. As we have been hearing, in the gospel of Luke and the last couple of weeks, Jesus seems a little cranky.


"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit."

Fall is also a time to regather at worship either in person or online. We will also begin Sunday School and Confirmation classes. If you have been away, I urge you to walk around our building and look at the bulletin boards for new and exciting events and opportunities to serve others. I especially urge you to go and see the Sunday School art that has been put up right by the stairs by the Sunday School classrooms!

Can we take Jesus' call to action and the beginning of our fall activities together, absolutely!! We need to remember Jesus calls us to be ready to help those in need, and Sunday School, Adult forum and Confirmation are some of the ways we prepare to go out into the world with love and determination to share Gods love.

Pastor Marie



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
of Summer Hill
1185 Summer Hill Road, Auburn, PA 17922

Welcomes Musical Guest Artist
Nashville Songwriters Association International
Singer/Songwriter

**DAVE
HARTMAN**

Saturday Evening Service
September 6 at 5pm

†
Fellowship, food & music by Dave
to continue after the service.

EVERYONE WELCOME



There has been a lot going on at church this summer.
Lots of sharing of ideas & plans!

WE'RE VERY EXCITED!

and looking forward to an interesting fall!

God & Fellowship are a top priority!

Join us as we welcome
Singer/Guitarist

Dave Hartranft

September 6, @ 5:00pm
Special Music Saturday Service

Fellowship, food & a variety of music
to continue after the service

We can't wait to see you! Bring a chair & a friend! ☺

Donations are welcome! If you would like to donate items for this event, we are asking for salads with no mayonnaise, baked beans, pierogies, and desserts. Cases of water are also needed. Please see the signup sheets on the bulletin board. Thank you!!

Fall Worship Schedule

The Fall Worship schedule will begin on **Sunday, September 7**. Sunday School will be held at 9:15am. The Worship service will begin at 10:30am. Please Note: Council has made the decision to discontinue the 8:00am service. The Saturday Spoken service will continue to be on the first Saturday of every month at 5:00pm.

Confirmation Class Meeting

On **Sunday, September 7** following worship, there will be an informational confirmand, parent and mentor meeting about the upcoming Confirmation classes. Please speak to Pastor Marie for more information on this important meeting or if you are interested in registering.

Prayer Requests

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

Please Join Us For...



**We'll gather after church for light
refreshments and fellowship.**

September 14

October 26

November 16

December 14

If you would like to make and share a dessert item at any of the fellowship times, it would be greatly appreciated! We would also love for you to share the recipe for the treat you bring! There will be a theme for each month. September is fulfilled; October is apples; November is pumpkins; and December is Christmas cookies. Please speak to Sandy Wentz (570-573-4532) for more information or if you would like to help in any way. You can also check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

All are welcome!!

75 & Over Birthday Party Luncheon

On **Sunday, September 28** at 12:00 noon, the Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring their annual 75 and Over Birthday Party Luncheon. All church members who are 75 and over will be receiving or already have received invitations to the event. The RSVP date is **Thursday, September 18**. If you are a church member who is 75 or over and have not received an invitation, please contact the church office or Harry Schwenk, Committee Chairperson.

Sunday Lectionary Readings:

Sun. Sep. 7 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sun. September 14 — Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sun. Sep. 21 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sun. Sep. 28 — Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Sun. October 5 — Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Save the Date For Dinner and a Movie!

A “Dinner and a Movie Night” is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1** beginning at 5:45pm (following the church service). We hope you will join us for fun and fellowship! Please speak to Karen Curtis for more information.



-The Social Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone for their back-to-school donations to our schoolhouse. The items were divided between Schuylkill Hope Center and Schuylkill Children and Youth. The items collected were; 8 back packs, 2 scissors, 3 lunch bags, 16 folders, 26 notebooks, 1 binder, 6 binder pouches, 1 pencil case, 8 glue sticks, 18 erasers, 3 white outs, 1 pack of index cards, 1 pack of sticky notes, 15 packs of crayons, 10 packs of pencils, 3 packs of colored pencils, and 2 packs of pens.

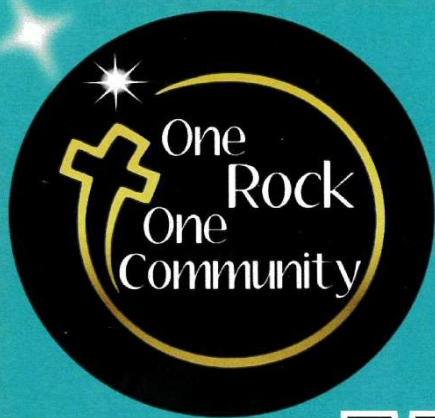
-Thank you to everyone who called, sent cards and/or gifts, as get well and retirement. I really appreciate you thinking of me during this huge transition. It has been a pleasure working for your congregation for over 12 years. Thank you again,

Linda Angstadt

-Pastor Meeks and St. Paul's community,

After proudly serving his country in the US Marine Corps for the last eight years, Justin Weller is now a civilian. He has transitioned to a full-time college student at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. We all thank the pastor and members of the congregation for your support and prayers.

Sincerely, The Weller family



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CRAIG SMALLWOOD

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We are an organization of multiple churches called together for the common purpose of spreading the Gospel and reaching out to share the message of salvation.

All activities are subject to change.

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day	2	3 Council Meeting- 7pm	4 Bell Choir- 6pm	5	6 Music Worship Service with guest artist, Dave Hartranft- 5pm/ fellowship & food to follow
7 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am Confirmation Introduction Meeting- following worship	8	9	10	11 Bell Choir- 6pm	12	13
14 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am Faithful Fellowship Time- following worship	15 Newsletter Article Deadline	16	17 Property Meeting- 7pm	18 Bell Choir- 6pm	19	20
21 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am	22	23	24	25 Bell Choir- 6pm	26	27
28 Sunday School- 9:15am Worship- 10:30am 75 & Over Birthday Party Luncheon- 12pm	29	30				

A Brief Look at Some Summer Hill History

by Harry Schwenk

This month we will take a look at some modern history, with events that happened at St. Paul's Church since the turn of this century.

In the year 2000, several changes were made in the life of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Air conditioning was installed in the church, helping to make summer Sunday morning worship services more enjoyable and comfortable. In August, the congregation voted favorably to approve an addition to the church building. This addition was to be called the Steigerwalt Annex, in honor of Pastor Steigerwalt, pastor of St. Paul's from 1927 until his death in 1965. The annex would provide extra space for Sunday School classes, committee meetings and storage space for music supplies and other items. When a funeral is held at the church, the annex would provide a viewing area prior to the service. A handicapped lavatory and an elevator were included as part of the annex project. The lower level of the annex became the meeting place for the Teens and the gathering place for the Jolly Quilters. Ground was broken for the Steigerwalt Annex in the summer of 2001, and the dedication of the annex took place in the summer of 2002.

A new exterior plexi-glass cross, replacing the old iron cross, was purchased and placed on the church. It was given in memory of John Schwenk by his family and friends and was dedicated on January 27, 2002. The old cross was relocated to the southern end of the cemetery.

In the year 2003, several changes to the morning worship services occurred. Communion services were held on the first and third Sundays of each month and at the Saturday evening service before the first Sunday of the month. A sign language interpreter was hired to sign the 10:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month.

In January 2004, the first sign language class, taught by Pegi and Charity Staller, was held at St. Paul's. The ten church members attending the class, met weekly for three months and graduated on Palm Sunday by signing the anthem, "Here I Am Lord" in front of the congregation. Over the next few years, other signing classes were held. Today, the sign language group, "Signs of Faith" signs a new anthem during the monthly Deaf and Hearing- Impaired service and has signed at other churches and nursing facilities. Pastor Fisher was instrumental in forming a Contemporary Worship Team, consisting of vocalists and instrumentalists in the summer of 2004. The Contemporary Worship Service was held on the fourth Sunday of each month.

In September 2004, The Rev. Frederick Fisher announced his upcoming retirement, effective at the end of October. The confirmation class that was to be confirmed on Pentecost 2005 wanted to have Pastor Fisher confirm them. The young people faithfully attended extra classes to have their work done and to be able to be confirmed by Pastor Fisher on the last day of his preaching at St. Paul's. The evening before Pastor Fisher's final Sunday at St. Paul's, a surprise retirement dinner and celebration was held at Pine View Acres in Pottsville. Over 200 church members and former members of St. Paul's and family and friends of the Fisher family attended the event.

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Pastoral Visits

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



Happy Birthday To:

9/4 Jilliam Krammes
9/5 Derek L. Reber
9/7 Lean Ferrence
9/7 Emma Fessler
9/7 Brian Kahl
9/7 Jennifer Lileck
9/8 Sheryl Deal
9/8 Ashley Frankenstein
9/14 Christina Durik
9/15 Kylinn Hollenbach
9/17 Elizabeth Moyer
9/20 Bud Paxson
9/24 William Ennis
9/26 Jennifer Platt
9/30 Maggie Moss

September Special Dates

- Labor Day, *September 1, 2025*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 7, 2025*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2025*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2025*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2025*