



The Beacon

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Issue 01 January / February 2026

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Council Highlights
Worship & Music Info



Your Pastoral Care
needs may be communi-
cated to the church office
at (717) 432-3202 during
office hours, Monday-
Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In
case of an emergency,
please contact our Parish
Administrator, Annetta
Zea directly on her cell
(717) 818-4724, or Pastor
Roy Stetler, (717) 350-
5057. Pastor Roy's office
hours are Wednesday
mornings by appointment.

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We are currently updating our church Prayer list. If you have someone on the prayer list please contact Annetta at the Church office (717) 432-3202 to let her know if they need to remain on the list or be removed. Names will be removed every 8 weeks if not requested to remain on the list. Thank you.

Our last Church Directory was completed in 2023. We are publishing a updated directory in March of this year. We will be including a form to fill out and return to the church office. Please return by March 1st. So if you are a new member, or have changed your phone numbers or dropped your house phone, moved or changed your emails, please let us know. Form can be found on Page 11. Thank you.



**We're Updating
Our Church Directory**

“Arise, Shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you,” Isaiah 60:1. The returning Jewish exiles were tempted to despair in all the trouble they faced, returning to the homeland of which their grandparents spoke wistfully. Their contemporary reality was far from wistful. The story of the Jewish exiles “returning” to a new home reminded Matthew of Jesus being taken into exile in Egypt after a visit from “wise men” and then being brought back by his parents when it was safe to return.



Epiphany is an annual reminder that God’s brightest, most merciful presence is particularly revealed in the most difficult moments of our lives (being sent into and returning from exile). This year the season of Epiphany is shorter, with Ash Wednesday on February 18. As the light slowly returns with the lengthening days, may our faith likewise be refreshingly grounded in God’s mercy for the difficult seasons of our lives. Peace and healing be with you,

Pastor Roy.

Financial Update as of December 31 , 2025									
	YTD							TOTAL	
	JUN 2025	JULY 2025	AUG 2025	SEPT 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 25	DEC 2025	2025 YTD	Budget YTD
General Giving Income	\$ 65,105	\$12,053	\$13,228	\$12,778	\$10,460	\$15,074	\$ 25,328	\$ 154,026	\$ 110,000
Designated Income	\$ 37,056	\$4,943	\$2,749	\$2,635	\$ 3,414	\$4,305	\$ 9,043	\$ 64,145	\$ 43,082
Total Income	\$ 102,161	\$16,996	\$15,977	\$15,413	\$13,874	\$19,379	\$ 34,371	\$ 218,171	\$ 153,082
Xfer From Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,030	\$0	\$0	\$ 9,030	\$20,822
Expenses	\$ 114,330	\$17,298	\$20,509	\$22,191	\$17,680	\$15,335	\$ 23,389	\$ 230,732	\$211,404
Balance	\$ (12,169)	(\$302)	(\$4,532)	(\$6,778)	\$5,224	\$4,044	\$ 10,982	\$ (3,531)	(\$37,500)

Worship at St. Paul's Serving You Today

Assisting Ministers

Crucifers

January

04 Jill Busch	04 Jill Busch
11 Lois Young	11 Jeff Griffin
18 Sharon Colvin	18 Sharon Colvin
25 Rebecca Buckham	25 Samuel Smith

February

01 Ted Shumaker	01 Mary Lutz
08 Grace Busch	08 Grace Busch
15 Suzanne Sheaffer	15 Suzanne Sheaffer
22 Sue Wenger	22 Not Needed

Lectors

January

February

04 Karen Peiffer	01 Lisa Torio
11 Dave Gerstenlauer	08 Rebecca Buckham
18 Mary Lutz	15 Suzanne Sheaffer
25 Sharon Colvin	22 Pam Shook

Live Streaming Technician

January

February

04 Suzanne Sheaffer	01 Suzanne Sheaffer
11 Sharon Colvin	08 Sharon Colvin
18 Dave Gerstenlauer	15 Dave Gerstenlauer
25 Lisa Torio	22 Lisa Torio

Ushers

Randy Stough (Head Usher)
Dwight Lehman (Assistant)

Altar Guild

January

Sue Wenger & Shirl Busch

February

Yvonne & Kim Sebestyen

Altar Flowers and Bulletins: **Notice:** Altar Flowers \$55.00 and Bulletins \$10.00 will need to be paid at least 7 days prior to the listing in the bulletin, so that the flowers can be ordered on time. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

January

04 Available
11 Lisa Torio
18 Rick & Betsy Swivel
25 Available

February

01 Lisa Torio
08 Lisa Torio
15 Ralph & Susan Wenger
22 Available

Bulletin

January

04, 11, 18, 25 Available

February

1 Jeff Griffin
8 Jeff Griffin
15 Available
22 Lisa Torio

***Please submit
articles for the
March 2026
issue of the
Newsletter
no later than
February 15, 2026***



Council Updates - December

- ♦ The treasurer is drafting a reimbursement and credit card policy so that there are specific guidelines to be followed for church related expenses.
- ♦ YTD income for the Vanguard investments is \$53,660.37.
- ♦ New flooring for the rental property on South Baltimore Street should be installed after Christmas.



Remember Those Who Are Homebound

Sandy Banks, 1271 Gettysburg Pike, Apt.#314, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Bob & Eleanor Burkhardt, 141 Hickory Rd, Dillsburg, PA 17019

Paul & Kathy Eurich, 501 Oak Avenue, Apt.318, Waynesboro, VA 22980

Jay & Vivian Knaub, 956 S. Mountain Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019



Save
THE
Date

Abbie Wood in Concert

•Sunday, May 31, 2026

•4:00 PM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



A Big Thank you!

The Adult Choir and the Handbell Choir meet weekly, over 9 months. The members are very dedicated, attending rehearsals and uplifting our weekly worship.

We are also very fortunate to have Viki Wonders directing our Handbell Choir, as a volunteer. Her faithful music selection is reflective of St. Paul's ministry.

In 2025, both groups shared their talents by participating in combined concert at Monaghan Presbyterian Church.

Please express your thanks to these members:

ADULT CHOIR

Soprano

Grace Busch
Sharon Colvin
Dorcas Eaken
Stephanie Miller

Alto

Rebecca Buckham
Paulette Alexander Broody
Jill Busch
Viki Wonders

Tenor

Pastor Roy Stetler
Larry Shook
Greg Wonders

Bass

Dave Gerstenlauer

HANDBELL CHOIR

Paulette Alexander Broody
Rebecca Buckham
Jill Busch
Sharon Colvin
Dorcas Eaken
Joyce Gerstenlauer
Pam Shook
Pat Stough
Lisa Torio
Suzanne Sheaffer
Larry Shook
Greg Wonders



JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 1, Free Pork and Sauerkraut Luncheon 12 noon — 4 p.m. in Our Fellowship Hall. Office will be closed on January 19 in Observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day 				1 	2 Office Closed	3
4 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	5 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	6 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH) 	7 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	8 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	9 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	10 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
11 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB Outreach Mtg. 11:30 a.m. (P)	12 3:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	13 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	14 10:30 a.m. Dillsburg Ministerium (P) 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	15 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	16 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	17
18 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) Office Closed	20 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	21 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	22 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	23 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	24 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
25 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	26 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	27 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	28 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	29 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	30 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	31

FEBRUARY

2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB Worship and Music MTG. (P)	2 Presentation of Our Lord 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	3 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	4 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	5 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	6 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	7
8 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	9 3:00 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	10 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	11 Blood Drive 9-6 p.m. 10:30 a.m. Dillsburg Ministerium (P) 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	12 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	13 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	14 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
15 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB/ Healing Service 	16 Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 	17 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	18  7:00 p.m. Worship AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	19 9 – 10:30 a.m. Quilters (FH) 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	20 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	21
22 10:30 a.m. Worship / FB 11:30 a.m. Outreach Meeting (P)	23 7:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	24 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	25 Soup Supper 5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Vespers 6:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m.	26	27 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	28 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)

JANUARY



Birthdays

January

January 3 Jane Knott
January 12 Samuel Smith
January 14 Cheryl Depner
January 18 Madison Depner
January 24 Elizabeth Wonders-Saleeby
Josh Gerstenlauer
January 27 Joann Dietz
January 29 James Dormer
Gerry Schville
Denise Thompson



FEBRUARY



Birthdays

February

1 Mark Hallett
2 Tony Santo
3 Claire Markey
4 Cliff Deardorff
10 Timothy Hildebrand
Michael Behney
Alexander Torio
11 Cheryl Levendusky
Skylor Behney
12 Trent Gross
20 Lauren Bagian
22 Kimberly Sebestyen
Trevor Behney
25 Maegan Muir



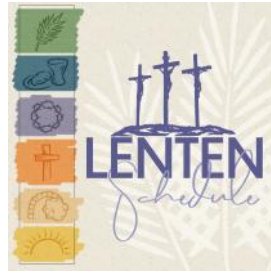
Anniversaries

February

14 Randy & Pat Stough

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary we apologize. Please contact Annetta at the church office to update or add to our records. (717)432-3202 or parishadmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 2026 Lenten Schedule



Ash Wednesday - February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Lenten Soup Suppers

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2026

at 5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. (FH)

Lenten Vespers at 6:15 p.m. in Chapel



Lenten Soup Suppers

We will once again join together for fellowship and nourishment during Lent! The Soup Suppers begin February 25 and are held every Wednesday evening through March 25. Supper will be served from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The supper consists of 2 or 3 different soups, bread and fruit or applesauce. Many hands make this task easy so grab your group (or a bunch of friends) and sign-up to provide the meal one week.



A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board next to the water cooler. In order for those who are providing the meal to plan, there is a sign-up sheet to estimate the number of people who will be attending. After supper, join us in the Chapel for the Mid-week Lenten services at 6:15 p.m.



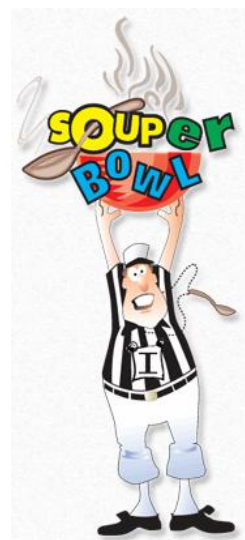
Souper Bowl 2026

With the NFL season having run its course, it's now time for the playoffs culminating with the Super Bowl Championship on February 8th in San Francisco. We will once again, as in the past, participate in our version of that calling ours "The Souper Bowl" benefitting New Hope Ministries.

Starting January 4th through February 8th we will be collecting canned soups of ALL kinds (crackers too) to be delivered to and distributed by New Hope to their clients for a warm mid-winter meal.

Please consider donating generously to this collection as many struggle to find ways to provide the necessary food for their families not only during the winter, but all year long. New Hope is our local source to provide the necessities to help OUR neighbors live a better life.

Any help that you can be is always appreciated. Thank you, Brian Grove



JOIN US FOR A MOVIE MATINEE FEATURING "SAMSON" Saturday, JANUARY 24, 2026

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a movie MATINEE in Fellowship Hall on a large screen. The movie will start at 2:00 PM. (Doors open at 1:30 PM). This 2 hour movie is the version by Sight and Sound that was filmed at their Lancaster location in front of a live audience. Great for all ages!



Folding chairs will be available (or feel free to bring your own chair).

We will be providing water.

Bring a snack to SHARE **AND** bring a few FRIENDS!!!!

SEE YOU THERE!!



Church Directory Update Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you need to include more people copy page or add additional information.



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You Are Invited to Sing in a 100+ Voice Choir

There will be a concert presentation

Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert

May 17, 2026, 3:00 p.m. at

St. Joseph's Catholic Church,

Mechanicsburg, PA

The **Mechanicsburg Ecumenical Choir Concert**,
benefitting New Hope,
will be directed by Joyce Gerstenlauer,
our own Minister of Music.



Rehearsals will begin on January 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
and will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays after that,
at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg,
130 Nittany Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

The music includes a variety of sacred along with
accompaniments including's several instruments.

So, email or text Joyce to sign up and get your packet of music!
joyce.gerstenlauer@verizon.net 717-514-2935

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