The Beacon

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Your Pastoral Care needs may be communicated to Pastor Roy, (717) 350-5057 or our Church Council President, Ron Colvin, (717) 574-8365. Pastor Roy is also available by appointment.

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Thank you Abbie !

On May 31st the Outreach Committee hosted Abbie Wood in concert. Abbie is a student candidate of organ performance at the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University. She obtained a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance from Syracuse University. She also attended the Royal College of Organists' 2024 Summer Course, studying with professionals in London.

Abbie performed several of her favorite pieces and hymns. Joining her were her Mother, Susan Wood and Grandmother, Judy Schrack on organ. Her father, Brian Wood, was featured on Trumpet. We thank Abbie for sharing her gifts with us. We wish her all the best in her continued studies.

Remember Those Who Are Homebound

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

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**

In Numbers 11 we find a story about Moses, and Joshua, and 70 elders. All but 2 of the elders are with Moses at the tent of meeting. Moses proclaims the word of God to the people and God descends and shares Moses' spirit with the 70 elders and they all prophesy–"just this once." Two of the elders, Eldad and Medad are out in the camp among the people but the spirit falls on them too, and they prophesy. Joshua learns and complains to Moses that they are unauthorized to prophesy and they should be silent perhaps because they aren't physically close enough to Moses. Moses wisely corrects Joshua and confesses, "Oh, that everyone were a prophet and that the Lord would put the spirit on them!"

Moses' prayer is for the Spirit to descend on all flesh. In the church, that is exactly what we celebrate. The Spirit distributes her gifts freely and without regard to our preferences. As we listen to the deepest rhythms of the Scriptures, we are reminded that the way of the Spirit is not exclusion but inclusion based on God's justice, mercy, and faithful love.

As we welcome the work of the Spirit–in whomever we find it, regardless of our personal preferences– our ministry, our decisions, and our daily experience of God's grace will be complete, not lacking in any way. . .and we will be free. We will be free of being ensnared by our occasionally mistaken judgements.

This Pentecost season we are called to remember that the Holy Spirit does not promise comfort, nor to hold our preferences. May we listen and watch for the evidence of her gifts and support whomever might be practicing them in the mercy of God. Amen.

Pastor Roy

Financial Update as of May 31, 2026

						YTD	TOTAL
	#########	#########	#########	#########	#########	#########	Budget YTD
General Giving Income	$7,046	$8,202	$ 12,480	$ 11,826	$ 9,550	$ 49,104	$ 52,083
Designated Income	$ 5,664	$ 4,113	$ 5,695	$ 7,878	$ 6,108	$ 29,458	$ 30,308
Total Income	$ 12,710	$ 12,315	$ 18,175	$ 19,704	$ 15,657	$ 78,561	$ 82,391
Xfer From Investments	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$5,000
Expenses	$ 19,900	$ 19,228	$ 18,139	$ 15,655	$ 16,684	$ 89,606	$99,007
Balance	$ (7,190)	$ (6,913)	$ 36	$ 4,049	$ (1,027)	$ (11,045)	($11,616)

Worship at St. Paul's Serving You Today

Assisting Ministers

June

07 Sue Wenger
14 Suzanne Sheaffer
21 Jill Busch
28 Stephanie Miller

July

05Lois Young
12 Rebecca Buckham
19 Sharon Colvin
26 Ted Shumaker

Crucifer

June

No Crucifers

July

No Crucifers

Lectors

June

07 Sharon Colvin
14 Lisa Torio
21 Rebecca Buckham
28 Suzanne Sheaffer

July

05 Pam Shook
12 Sue Wenger
19 D. Gerstenlauer
26 Karen Peiffer

Live Streaming Technician

June

07 Dave Gerstenlauer
14 Sharon Colvin
21 Suzanne Sheaffer
28 Lisa Torio

July

05 D. Gerstenlauer
12 Sharon Colvin
19 Suzanne Sheaffer
26 Lisa Torio

Ushers

Randy Stough (Head Usher)
Dwight Lehman (Assistant)

Altar Guild

June

Liana Griffie

July

Pat Stough

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

June

07 Available
14 Available
21 Michael T. Molin
28 Available

July

07 Available
14 Available
21 Available
28 Torio Boys

Bulletin

June

07 Available
14 Available
21 Michael T. Molin
28 Available

July

07 Jeff Griffin
14 James Plank
21 Available
28 Available

Please submit articles for the July 2026 issue of the Newsletter to Annetta no later than June 20, 2026.

For any website updates or additions, please contact Andy Buffington at

andrewbuffington1@gmail.com

Council Updates - May

- While the April offerings collected were more than budgeted, to date offerings are below the YTD budget.
- Due to some administrative difficulties with Members 1st bank we were unable to transfer the church's accounts to them. Council is looking at another local banking option.
- Quotes are being obtained for fiberglass doors to replace the front glass doors.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next *Blood Drives* at St. Paul's will be on June 17, 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m. You can donate anytime by calling the number below to get scheduled. **A form of ID is required.**

SIGN UP—TO DONATE

1-800-771-0059 **or** sign in online at **717giveblood.org**

Blood Drive Results

On April 20 we hosted a blood drive with the Penn Central Blood Bank. Thank you for allowing us to have a blood drive with the church. We saw 45 donors, and we collected 40 units of blood. So with your help we will be able to save 120 local lives.

Thank you for your participation in this important event.

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PASTORAL CARE

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = **M**	John the Baptist = **N**
Solomon = **O**	Jacob & Esau = **A**
Jonathan = **I**	Cain, Abel & Seth = **O**
Jesus = **C**	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = **S**	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = **P**	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = **S**

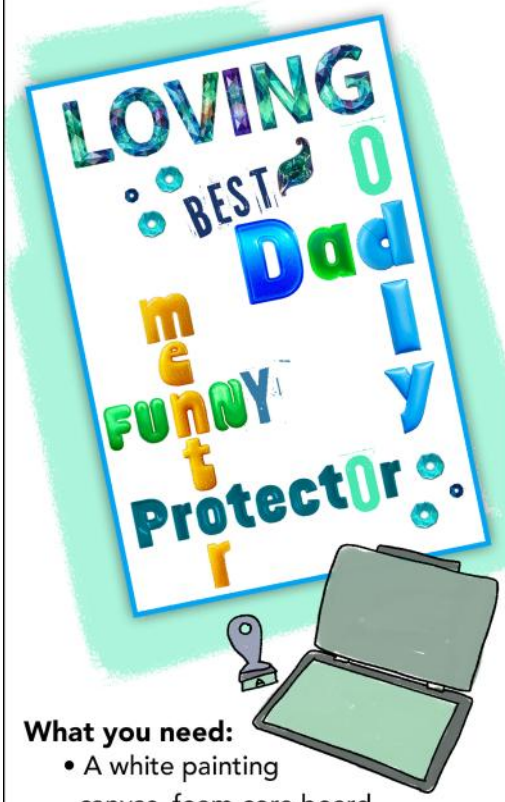
God:	"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."	____
Adam:	God gave him another son because the older killed the younger.	____
Noah:	His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.	____
Abraham:	God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons.	____
Isaac:	His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn.	____
Laban:	He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob.	____
Jacob:	Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.	____
Saul:	His son was David's best friend.	____
David:	He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.	____
Zechariah:	His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.	____

As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*

Answer: compassion

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 p.m. AA	4 9 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	5 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	6
7 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB Outreach Mtg. 11:30 a.m. (P)	8 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	9	10 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	11 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	12 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	13 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
14 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	15 3:00 p.m. Church Council AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	16	17 Blood Drive 9-6 p.m. AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	18 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	19 Office Closed AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 	20
21 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 	22 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	23	24 11:45 a.m. Volunteer Luncheon AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	25 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	26 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	27 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
28 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 11:30 a.m. Worship & Music Mtg.	29 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) Office Closed Annetta on vacation. June 29 –July 3	30				

JULY 2026

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			1 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	2 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	3 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	4
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31 10:30 a.m. Worship / FB	* In the month of July we will be having only one Saturday Night Worship Service.					

Office Closed Annetta on vacation. June 29 –July 3

Birthdays
June

5 Gregory Wire
7 Logan Dohner
8 Susan Radcliffe
10 Tom Anderson
Andrew Buffington
12 Ryan Miller
16 Melania Shoop
20 Dwight Lehman
23 Michael Molin
26 Jennifer Heisey
27 Jessica Lehman
29 Beth Wire

Anniversaries
June

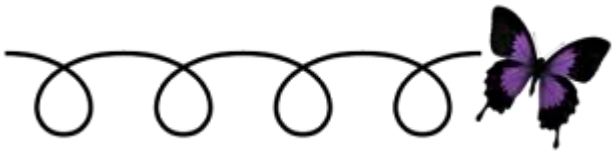
4 David & Joyce Gerstenlauer
Joseph & Cheryl Levendusky
8 Joshua & Ashley Gerstenlauer
12 Paul & Kathy Eurich
24 Frank & Kim Tuschak
Randy & Stephanie Miller

Birthdays
July

3 Rachel Beam
4 Benjamin Nielsen
8 Jesse Coble
9 Pamela Coble
12 Joy Santo
17 Liana Griffie
Linda Gochenauer
Pam Shook
19 Kathy Eurich
21 James Plank
22 Kendall Schwille
23 Douglas Beam
25 Carrie Widdowson
27 Barb Dickert
28 Lisa Torio
29 Theodore Young
30 Leah Schreffler

Anniversaries
July

6 Tony & Joy Santo
9 Matt & Elaine Nielsen
13 Michael & DeLana Behney
20 Brian & Susan Radcliffe



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**

School Bags for Lutheran World Relief

It is the time of year when we gather school supplies during Summer so we are ready to assemble in the early fall. We need help having the "contents" available for them to do so.

This list is ever changing – but we primarily need supplies for 144 backpacks:

Monetary donations for up to

$250.00 to cover the cost of Backpacks.

Item	Original Needed	Have	Still needed
Pens	720	542	178
Pencils	720	623	97
Erasers	144	98	46
Sharpeners	144	102	42
Notebooks	576	104	472
Crayons	144	53	91
Scissors	144	36	108
Rulers	144	100	44
Backpacks	144	144	COMPLETE

Thanks, everyone, for your help with this. Christian Ed. Committee

Summer Cookies & Lemonade

Summer is approaching fast and its time for our Summer refreshments after worship, Lemonade and Cookies. We plan on starting Sunday, June 14th.

If you would like to sign up to provide for a Sunday, sign up sheet is in the Overflow area. You can also call the church office to sign up at, (717) 432-3202. You can also speak to Joyce after worship. For further detail.

Special Summer Music for Worship 2026

Summer worship singers, horn players, ensembles and more are invited to provide inspirational music, during our 10:30 a.m. worship on Sundays. If you would like to share your talent or know of some one who could share their music with us, please let Joyce know right away.

Accompaniment on piano or organ is available for rehearsal and presentation, if needed. There are several open dates listed below. Just pick one or two that work for you and give our Minister of Music, Joyce, a call or text at (717) 514-2935.

June 14 _____ June 28_____

July 5_____ July 12_____ July 26_____

August 2_____ August 23_____ August 30_____

God's Bonus Days

An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special. She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

- Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea*

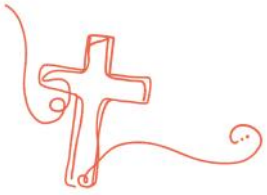
Freedom

Each one of us is born most free
And we alone can choose
To do what God would have us do,
To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
The proud and selfish way —
A life where other gods come first
To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
We find that freedom's place
Is really in God's Will for us,
And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



Christian symbol

SHELL — A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

Looking Ahead…

Quickel Joint Worship & Picnic, August 16, 2026. St Paul's will not be having Worship, we will join Quickel at 10:30 a.m., for Worship, followed by a wonderful time of Fellowship. Details in next Newsletter.

USO "CHRISTMAS IN JULY"

The Outreach Committee is again partnering with the USO to support this campaign of supplying Christmas Cards to go into Christmas care packages provided by the USO for the military. **LAST YEAR WE SENT 496 CARDS TO THE USO! LET'S BEAT LAST YEARS TOTAL!!!!**

There are 2 ways for you to volunteer!!

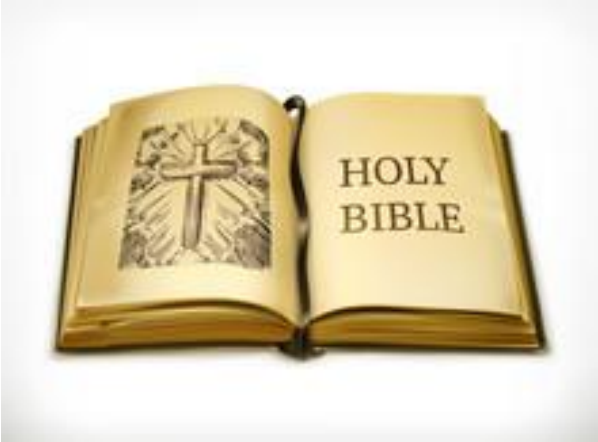
1. Provide Christmas Cards that you sign with "Thank you for your service! St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg, PA." Seal the card in its envelope and bring them to the church for mass collection. {Most helpful!}
2. We will provide 2 boxes in the Overflow Area for the card return - one for signed cards and one for unsigned cards. You can supply as many cards as you want!!

CARDS ARE DUE SUNDAY JUNE 28th

****Also:** We would like to have a record of our congregational members who have served or are serving. If you have not yet done so, please email your name and branch of service to Suzanne Sheaffer at smsheaf44@comcast.net.

Thank YOU for YOUR support in our efforts!

I Am the Bible



I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always — and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible.

Ideas and Thoughts

The Outreach Committee would like you to share with us your service project and event ideas!!! Please place your ideas in our purple box in the back of the church or email us at: Out-reach@stpaulsdillsburg.com

THANKS!!!!!!!

St. Paul's
OUTREACH

From Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.

A Safe Haven in the Storm

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley penned the beloved hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" in 1739. According to tradition, Wesley wrote the words after surviving a violent storm at sea. During the chaos, a frightened bird is said to have flown through a window and sought shelter in the folds of Wesley's coat, a small but powerful image of refuge in the midst of danger.

The opening stanza of the hymn echoes that sense of protection and trust:

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

These words call to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23–27. Tossed by wind and waves, they feared for their lives and cried out to Jesus for rescue. With a word, he calmed the storm and reminded them of his power and presence.

We, too, face seasons when life feels overwhelming. In those moments, we can take refuge in our Savior, trusting that he is our safe haven and that, no matter the storm, our destination is secure.

JOIN US FOR A GAME WITH THE HARRISBURG

SENATORS (VS. READING FIGHTIN PHILS– associated with the PHIL PHILLIES)

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 24TH with FIREWORKS and SANTA!!!

COST: $36.50 for Adults; $25.00 for Children (ages 3-12 years of age)

Cost INCLUDES: ALL YOU CAN EAT Buffet (hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies, tea, lemonade and water). **You can enjoy this from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.** The buffet will be served at our reserved seating area along the 1st Base Line in the Giant Picnic Pavilion. (The game starts at 7:00pm and your seat is also included for the game)

The Outreach Committee was **unable** to secure a school bus. (Please note your interest in carpooling at the bottom of this form).

We have 40 seats available to the first 40 people who submit their form and money.

The cost of parking at City Island is $5.00

DEADLINE: ALL FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

WE ARE COMMITTED TO A MINIMUM OF 30 ATTENDING-

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Contact– Jeff Griffin- jgriffin241@comcast.net OR Outreach@stpaulsdillsburg.com

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From the Staff and Volunteers of St. Paul's, have a Happy Father's Day!

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