



# The Beacon

## ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Issue 11 November 2024

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Council Highlights  
Worship & Music Info



PASTORAL CARE

**Your Pastoral Care** needs may be communicated 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 at on her cell (717) 818-4724, or Pastor Roy Stetler, (717) 350-5057. Pastor Roy's office hours are Wednesday 9-12 noon.

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### Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service. There will be only one worship service that weekend and we encourage everyone to come out to hear a report on the state of the church, approve a 2025 Budget, elect persons to positions on the Congregation Council. Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, December 1st in the Sanctuary.



*If you are in charge of a committee please have your Annual Reports to the church office by November 15th so they can be included in the report. Thank you.*

### Dillsburg Area Library Donation



The Outreach Committee from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dillsburg presented a check to the Dillsburg Area Library in honor of Rev. Ralph Greiman (former Pastor) and his wife Frances Greiman. The offering was collected at a concert that was held at St. Paul's featuring their children Jeff Greiman and Lore Greiman Constantine. "

### Dillsburg Farmer's Fair

Thank you to all the people who helped make the Farmers Fair a success again this year. Those who worked at the church and the fair people themselves from Dillsburg and the surrounding areas. Good Job !





I am enjoying getting reacquainted with St Paul's practices and members this year as I have provided emergency pastoral coverage, and now, as I serve as pastor. I look forward to continuing to get to know you, one conversation at a time. Please be patient as I continue to learn names and stories. The stories will take some time.

My style is interactive, I have a sense of humor, and my faith is fairly simple. I believe in the love of Jesus which transforms our living as we learn by daily practice to trust the One who provides all we truly need. Welcoming love calls us to honor and not resist the dignity of our neighbor. Much vital energy is lost when we resist those whom we are called to love.

I am excited for this fresh opportunity before us, to welcome one another and neighbors in Dillsburg. I trust that as we practice our faith generously and kindly, folks will be drawn to our fellowship.

May we focus anew on caring for one another and for all who come for fellowship, friendship, and compassion. In an age of electronic media and distance between people, it is refreshing to be part of a "live, in person" community in which we journey each week through the liturgy of Christ's love and encounter the annual rhythms of our faith.

At any time if you wish to talk, to be heard, or to share an idea, please reach out to me by text, email, phone call, or in conversation. I will make time for that. Conversations are a priority in our ministry and necessary for me to know you and your gifts.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve as your pastor. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Roy



### *Final Daughters and Sons Concert*



A big THANK YOU to all of the October 27 Reformation Worship singers and players that grew up here at St. Paul's! What a glorious musical praise to God with 22 singers and 5 brass players.

If you missed this worship service, it was recorded and posted on our webpage a link to Facebook page at [stpaulsdillsburg.com](http://stpaulsdillsburg.com)

***Worship at St. Paul's Serving You Today***

***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.

**Assisting Ministers**

**November**

03 Ted Shumaker  
10 Stephanie Miller  
17 Lois Young  
24 Ted Shumaker

**December**

01 Sharon Colvin  
08 Stephanie Miller  
15 Lois Young  
22 Ted Shumaker  
24 Stephanie Miller  
29 Lois Young

**Lectors**

**November**

03 Sharon Colvin  
10 Lisa Torio  
17 Suzanne Sheaffer  
24 Rebecca Buckham

**December**

01 Stephanie Miller  
08 Dave Gerstenlauer  
15 Pam Shook  
22 Karen Peiffer  
24 Dave Gerstenlauer  
29 Mary Lutz

**Live Streaming Technician**

**November**

03 Suzanne Sheaffer  
10 Sharon Colvin  
17 Dave Gerstenlauer  
24 Lisa Torio

**Greeters**

**November** Available

**Ushers**

Randy Stough (Head Usher)  
Dwight Lehman (Assistant)

**Crucifer**

**November**

03 Jeff Griffin  
10 Stephanie Miller  
17 Jeff Griffin  
24 Gerry Schwillie

**December**

01 Sharon Colvin  
08 Stephanie Miller  
15 Gerry Schwillie  
22 Jeff Griffin  
24 Stephanie Miller  
29 Jeff Griffin

**Altar Guild**

**November**

Pat Stough

**December**

Viki Wonders

**Altar Flowers Sponsors**

**Bulletin Sponsors**

**November**

03 Joyce Gerstenlauer  
10 Annetta Zea  
17 Available  
24

Joyce Gerstenlauer  
Annetta Zea  
Available  
Available



**Worship in-person or online**

Don't forget, if you are unable to make it to Worship you can still see Worship online on our Facebook page. So stayed tuned in at church or online each week.



**Please submit articles for the December Newsletter no later than November 15, 2024**



# November

# 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 	<b>4 Church Council</b> 3:00 p.m. (P) AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>5</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH) 	<b>6</b> 10:30 a.m. Dillsburg Ministerium 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>7</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>8</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
<b>10 Harvest Home Sunday</b>  10:30 a.m. Worship & FB w/social hour after worship	<b>11 Office Closed</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 	<b>12</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study(P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>13 6:00 p.m. As-</b> <b>sting Minister &amp; Crucifer train-</b> <b>ing session</b> 6:30 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>15</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (P) Annual Reports due to office	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. First Responders Breakfast
<b>17</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	<b>18</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>19</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>20 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Blood Drive</b> 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Community Worship Service @Calvary 7 p.m. AA	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>22</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>23</b> 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
<b>24</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 	<b>25</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>26</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>27</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>28</b>  	<b>29</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>30</b>

# December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB</b>  <small>First Sunday - Advent</small>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. Ves- pers 7:00 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>5</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>6</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Christmas Concert at Monaghan
<b>8</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB</b>  <small>Second Sunday - Advent</small>	<b>9</b> 3:00 p.m. Church Council AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>10</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>11</b> 10:30 a.m. Dillsburg Ministerium 6:30 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>13</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>14</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service ©</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB</b>  <small>Third Sunday - Advent</small>	<b>16</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>17</b> 2:00 p.m. Bible Study 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	<b>18</b> 6:30 p.m. Bells AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	<b>20</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB.</b>  <small>Fourth Sunday - Advent</small>	<b>23</b> AA 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Christmas Eve Worship 8:00 p.m.  <small>Christmas Eve</small>	<b>25</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  <small>Christmas Day</small>	<b>26</b> 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH) <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service (C)</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Worship &amp; FB</b>	<b>30</b> AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"><b>Office Closed</b></div>	<b>31</b>	<p><b>The Church office is Closed from            December 24—January 1.            It will reopen on January 2, 2025</b></p>			

## *New Hope Happenings Fall 2024*

Well, now that it's officially Fall, it's time to turn our attention to some of the biggest New Hope giving events of the year here at St. Paul's. First, the annual Harvest Home gathering is planned for the weekend of **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**. Donated boxed, bottled, and canned foods for this drive will be displayed in the naïve and will go toward helping the clients of New Hope have a more fulfilling Thanksgiving and holiday season. Please place donated items on the table outside the chapel.



The other main event for the Fall is the Christmas Blessings Express. The Christmas tree will appear On October 28th. There will be "tags" on the tree for a particular gender and/or age group. Please take a tag or two and purchase a gift related to that tag and return the **UNWRAPPED** gift to the appropriate overflow table outside the chapel with the tag that you took attached to the gift. Please return all gifts by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**.

These events represent a large portion of our donations to New Hope for the year. Last year 473 pounds of food and goods were taken to New Hope for distribution for these two drives. With your generosity, I hope we can increase those numbers this year. Please remember that our donations go to people that may not be as fortunate as ourselves. Thank you for your consideration in aiding the Clients of New Hope.

### **Opportunity for Sponsorship**

We are working hard to announce to our community that we are a healthy and serving congregation. We have been placing an Ad in the *Dillsburg Banner* 2 times a month. Would you consider sponsoring an Ad for a week? The cost is \$200/week. You can fill out the form below and give your gift to the church office. You can sponsor a week or contribute to a week sponsorship with others. Make your checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Thank you for considering this important outreach opportunity.

#### **Newspaper Ad Sponsorship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost \$200.00 weekly**



Donation Given \_\_\_\_\_

Giving Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

### **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**

**Evelyn Hildebrand, 301 Clemens Drive,  
Dillsburg, PA 17019**

**Earl & Peg Reitz, 2944 Meridian Lane,  
Apt. 78, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**



## November 20 Thanksgiving Community Worship Service

The Dillsburg Ministerium Group is sponsoring a Community Worship Service which will be held at Calvary Methodist Church on 203 Mumper Lane. All are invited!

5:30 pm Desserts & Fellowship

6:30 pm Worship Service



There will be a joint choir with singers from various churches and our Minister of Music, Joyce, will be directing. We would be happy for you to join this choir, even if you don't sing in our weekly worship choir. A rehearsal will be held on Wednesday November 13th at 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 So. Baltimore St. and the evening of the event at 6:00 pm. Please email or text Joyce with your name, voice part and cell phone before November 10. Please call (717) 514-2935 to sign up.



The Outreach Committee is honoring our First Responders by hosting our Second Annual breakfast on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The Responders invited are those 8 Agencies that would respond to an emergency at our church. However, they most likely would also respond to an emergency at our home!

We are asking for food donations. Items needed are on the sign-up sheet posted in the overflow area. Food donations can be brought to the church and placed in the kitchen on **THURSDAY, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm and FRIDAY, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm OR at 7 am on Saturday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Put items in the refrigerator (if necessary, INCLUDING PASTRIES)

In addition to food donations, we also need help with the event (setup, cooking and cleanup) and to mingle with our guests during the breakfast. The event setup begins at 7 am. Breakfast is served from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Thank you for helping to make this event a success! It was a very enjoyable event last year. We are looking forward to it being even bigger this year!

## October Council Update



- ◆ In October, \$6000 needed to be transferred from investments to cover expenses, which included an insurance payment.
- ◆ The 2025 budget will be ready for council approval at the November meeting, which will then be presented at the December Congregational Meeting. Committees are reminded to have any remaining budget requests to the Treasurer this month.
- ◆ The Knox Box for entrance into the church for emergency responders/police has been installed. The church also has been designated as a safe location for Dillsburg Elementary and Kinder Academy in the event of an emergency situation.
- ◆ A letter is being sent to all inactive members of St. Paul's inviting them to the Harvest Home Sunday service to encourage their meaningful engagement with other members of the congregation.



### Financial Update as of September 30, 2024

	Jan 2024	Sep 2024	2024 YTD	Budget YTD
General Giving Income	\$10,259	\$11,571	\$81,875	\$91,069
Designated Income	\$8,554	\$11,625	\$79,788	\$88,160
Total Income	18,813	23,196	161,664	179,229
From Investments	0	0	31,685	28,097
Expenses	<u>20,758</u>	<u>11,046</u>	<u>157,604</u>	<u>179,228</u>
Balance	<b>-1,945</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>4,060</b>	0

### Notes on Pastor Compensation

Supply Pastor fees: 1 service \$195.00; 2 services \$245.00;  
3 Services \$315.00. Plus, round trip mileage.

Year-to-date we have spent \$23,938.05 on supply pastors, an average of **\$2,992.26** per month.

The 2024 Budget was \$100,358.00 for the year, an average of **\$8,363.17** per month.

For the period of October to December 2024 the compensation for Rev Roy Settler is \$12,719.16, an average of **\$4,239.72** per month.

As you can see, we will be saving **\$4123.45** per month on pastor's salary, although it is **\$1,319.16** more than the average supply pastor cost.

## *Altar Guild Ministry*

The Altar Guild is a group of baptized, worshiping, communing members of the congregation who are responsible for the preparations necessary for corporate worship. The responsibilities of the members include caring for the worship space, its furnishings, linens, vestments, paraments, appointments, and the sacramental elements and vessels. Members also prepare the worship spaces for all liturgies and corporate rites including baptisms, funerals, weddings, and installations along with weekly Saturday and Sunday worship.

Membership is open to both men and women who currently are baptized, worshiping, communing members of this congregation.

If you are looking for a way to be a part of and serve our church community, this may be a way you can contribute to the work of the church. Christ's Spirit fills us with thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. Please consider serving in this special ministry.

For more information you can contact:

Viki Wonders – [victoria52.wonders@gmail.com](mailto:victoria52.wonders@gmail.com) or 717-432-4934

Annetta Zea – [ParishAdmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com](mailto:ParishAdmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com) or 717-432-3202

### *Christmas*



### *Easter*



## *Saint Paul's Merry Quilters*

Our new season has started for the Merry Quilters. We need some helping hands. We will teach you what to do. Please join us on Thursday mornings from 9 –10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We are always looking for more workers. **Everyone is welcome.** Also, please keep us in mind if you are cleaning out your linen closets. We use double, queen & king bed sheets and any stray material you may have from sewing projects. Items accepted all year. And a big thank you to all who have donated to us.



Red & White poinsettias will decorate the nave in celebration of the birth of Christ this Christmas Season.



**All orders are due by Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Poinsettias**

Cost for a 6.5” Red or White Poinsettia Plant is \$11.00.

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, turn it in to the church office, or mail it to the church.

Cash or check payable to “**St. Paul’s Lutheran Church**” must accompany each order form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Env.# \_\_\_\_\_

# of Red Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

# of White Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Wording for bulletin:

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be picking up my Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_.

I will not be taking my Poinsettia \_\_\_\_\_.

***Poinsettias can be picked up at the church on  
Sunday, December 24 after the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.  
Please contact the office at (717) 432-3202 if you have any questions. Thank you.***

***BLOOD DRIVE***

The next *Blood Drive* at St. Paul's will be on November 27 , 2024, 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](http://717giveblood.org)



**Blood Drive Results**

On September 25th we hosted a blood drive with the Penn Central Blood Bank. We did well. We had 40 donors and collected 32 units of blood. So with your help we will be able to save 96 local lives.

# NOVEMBER



## Birthdays November

- 5 Robert Gochenauer
- 7 Karah Anderson  
Brittany Grove
- 8 Baila Shoop
- 13 Tiffany Gross
- 16 Doris Clauser  
Sharon Colvin
- 23 Diane Hallett  
Andrew Swivel
- 29 Sue Grove



## Anniversaries November

- 02 Ron and Sharon Colvin
- 13 Annetta & Dale Zea
- 26 Ian & Claire Markey
- 27 Greg & Viki Wonders



# DECEMBER



## Birthdays December

- 2 Sharon Waltz
- 7 Kathryn Fotheringham
- 11 Brad Bock
- 12 Pat Stough
- 13 Vivian Knaub
- 16 Jillian Zook
- 17 Joseph Levendusky
- 20 Doug Sebestyen
- 21 Christina Martin-Anderson
- 23 Peter Dohner
- 25 Marlene Walter
- 27 Robert Burkhardt  
Howard Walter
- 28 Georgia Kagle
- 29 Stephanie Miller
- 30 Jaxon Zook



## Anniversaries December

- 17 Earl & Margaret Reitz



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](mailto:parishadmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com)

***Save this Date for a Special Event***

***December 7th at 7:00pm.***

***Advent/Christmas Concert***

St. Paul's Bells & Choir joining with other  
Choirs and Dillsburg Brass

presented at

Monaghan Presbyterian Church

**FREE**

***All are invited!***



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