



The Beacon

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Council Highlights
Worship & Music Info



PASTORAL CARE

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 available by appointment.

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Dillsburg Farmer's Fair



*Bring your Friends
and Neighbors*

Come One ... Come All!

Saturday, October 17, 2026

11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Children's Crafts & Fun
Walking Taco's & Hot Dogs**

**Organ Program in the Sanctuary
12:30 — 1 p.m.**

**Thank you for Supporting
St. Paul's Christian
Education Program**



*See items needed for Farmer's
Fair on page 12*

Recently I was looking up at a vulture soaring low overhead, only to notice what appeared to be a kettle of hawks flying far above it, riding the wind from a large storm brewing off the shore and to the south. A perfect northeasterly wind is forecast to blow for several days, taking them in the right direction for their annual migration. Their flight appeared as several scattered ribbons frolicking together and apart. Appropriate for the first day of autumn.

Creation is an endless celebration and proclamation of God's presence in mercy and peace for all who give themselves over to it, whether migrating hawks or us in our journeys into grace by faith. May your autumn season be mingled with the wonder of change grounded in the familiarity of God's gracious love. Growing our awareness of

God's Presence requires effort as we filter distractions to see Who is clearly in us and around us for joy, without fail. Thanks be to God.

—Pastor Roy



Financials for August 2026

							YTD	TOTAL
	01/31/2026	04/30/2026	05/31/2026	06/30/2026	07/31/2026	08/31/2026	08/31/2026	Budget YTD
General Giving Income	\$7,046	\$ 11,826	\$ 9,550	\$ 11,156	\$ 6,967	\$ 8,663	\$ 75,890	\$ 83,333
Designated Income	\$ 5,664	\$ 7,878	\$ 6,108	\$ 6,718	\$ 5,220	\$ 3,916	\$ 45,427	\$ 45,864
Total Income	\$ 12,710	\$ 19,704	\$ 15,657	\$ 17,874	\$ 12,187	\$ 12,579	\$ 121,316	\$ 129,197
Xfer From Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$8,040
Expenses	\$ 19,900	\$ 15,655	\$ 16,684	\$ 17,455	\$ 17,728	\$ 17,505	\$ 143,474	\$153,220
Balance	\$ (7,190)	\$ 4,049	\$ (1,027)	\$ 5,419	\$ (541)	\$ 5,074	\$ (2,158)	(\$15,983)
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Worship at St. Paul's Serving You Today

Assisting Ministers

October

04 Grace Busch
11 Sue Wenger
18 Suzanne Sheaffer
25 Jill Busch

November

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

Lectors

October

04 Dave Gerstenlauer
11 Mary Lutz
18 Sharon Colvin
25 Lisa Torio

November

01 Rebecca Buckham
08 Suzanne Sheaffer
15 Pam Shook
22 Sue Wenger
29 Dave Gerstenlauer

Crucifer

October

04 Grace Busch
11 Sue Wenger
18 Jeff Griffin
25 Jill Busch

November

01 Jeff Griffin
08 Sam Smith
15 Sharon Colvin
22 Jill Busch
29 Randy Miller

Live Streaming Technician

October

04 Sharon Colvin
11 Suzanne Sheaffer
18 Lisa Torio
25 Dave Gerstenlauer

November

01 Sharon Colvin
08 Suzanne Sheaffer
15 Lisa Torio
22 Dave Gerstenlauer
29 Sharon Colvin

Ushers

Randy Stough (Head Usher)
Dwight Lehman (Assistant)

Altar Guild

October

Suzanne Sheaffer

November

Sue Wenger/Shirl Busch

Altar Flowers and Bulletins: **Notice:** Altar Flowers \$55.00 and Bulletins \$10.00 Please use the envelopes next to the sign up sheets. Thank you.

Altar Flowers

October

04 Available
11 Available
18 Available
25 Lisa Torio

November

01 Available
08 Available
15 Annetta Zea
22 Available
29 Available

Bulletins

October

04 Available
11 Available
18 Available
25 Available

November

01 Available
08 Available
15 Annetta Zea
22 Available
29 Available



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



For any website updates or additions, please contact Andy Buffington at andrewbuffington1@gmail.com



Trick or Treat Stop

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a “Trick or Treat Stop” at the Church on **Thursday, Oct. 29th from 6-8 p.m.** This is Dillsburg Borough’s Trick or Treat night. We will be on the Baltimore Street sidewalk. The church will not be open. We are asking for the usual trick or treat candy donations. All candy must be individually wrapped. We can NOT accept homemade items. Please leave your donated candy on the table in the overflow area. Last day for donations is **Sunday, Oct. 25th.** Anyone who would like to participate in handing out the candy to the children in our neighborhood, please contact Pam



Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service. We encourage everyone to come out to hear a report on the state of the church, approve a 2027 Budget, and elect persons to positions on the Congregation Council.

**Annual Reports will be available on
Sunday, November 29th
in the Sanctuary.**

***If you are in charge of a
committee please have your Annual
Reports and Budget requests to the
church office by***

***October 31st so they can be included
in the report. Thank you.***



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Council Updates - September

- ♦ While interest earned on the Vanguard investments is ahead of the budgeted revenue, it has been necessary to transfer funds from investments to help pay expenses. YTD offering revenue is below budgeted amount.
- ♦ This year St. Paul's will host the annual Dillsburg Ministerium Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, November 19th. Joyce Gerstenlauer will direct the area-wide choir for this event.
- ♦ St. Paul's received a donation of two wooden church pews which have been placed in the Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ Training will be scheduled on how to use the Defibrillators located in the church. Any interested member is welcome to participate in the training.



BLOOD DRIVE

The next *Blood Drive* at St. Paul's will be on October 21st 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 by calling

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



Blood Drive Results

In August we hosted a blood drive with the Penn Central Blood Bank. We saw 40 donors and we collected 32 pints of blood. So with your help we will be able to save 96 local lives. Thank you for your participation in this important event. Thank you for participating.

OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reformation Sunday, October 25, Joint Worship here at St. Paul's with Quickel Lutheran. Congregational Luncheon following in the parish hall. Bring a side dish to share.				1 9:00 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	2 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	3
4 Creation in Christ Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	5 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	6 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 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 9:00 a.m. Quilters 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	12 Office Closed AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom) 	13 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	14 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	15 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH) 9:00 a.m. Quilters (FH)	16 National Bosses Day AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	17 Farmers Fair 
18 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	19 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	20 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	21 Blood Drive 9-6 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	22 9:00 a.m. Quilters 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 11:30 a.m. Congregational Luncheon 	26 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	27 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	28 Bells 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	29 9:00 a.m. Quilters Outreach Halloween Giveaway 6-8 p.m. 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH)	30 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	31 Halloween 



November

2026

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8 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	9 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom) AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) Office closed Annetta on Vacation	10 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	11 Office Closed 6:30 p.m. Bells 7:00 p.m. AA (FH) 7:30 p.m. Choir 	12 9:00 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. O.A. (FH) Office closed Annetta on Vacation	13 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	14 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
15 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 11:30 a.m. Worship & Music (P)	16 3:00 p.m. Church Council AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	17 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	18 Bells 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	19 9:00 a.m. Quilters 5:45 p.m. Desserts (OFA) 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship 6:30 p.m. O.A.	20 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH)	21
22 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB 	23 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	24 1 p.m. Bible Study (P) 2-4 p.m. Bible Adventure (FH)	25 Bells 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Choir AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) Office Closed	26 Office Closed 	27 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) Office Closed	28 6:30 p.m. Worship Service (C)
29 10:30 a.m. Worship & FB	30 AA 7:00 p.m. (FH) 7 p.m. Bible Study (Zoom)	November 1st  The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving, November 25–27. Needs may be communicated directly to <i>Pastor Roy Stetler</i> at (717) 350-5057, contact our <i>Church Council President</i>, Ron Colvin, (717) 574-8365 or <i>Vice-president</i>, Ted Shumaker, (717) 319-3664. Thank you				

OCTOBER 2026

October Birthdays

1 Michael Hart
7 David Young
9 Eugene Shoop III
11 Randy Miller
16 Scott Bair
17 Joe Tuschak
21 Jackie Coble
24 Kathy Bagian
26 Robert Simpson
27 Randy Stough
29 Timme Buffington
31 Kathy Muir



Anniversaries October

11 Brian & Sue Grove
13 Jay & Cheryl Depner
25 Beth & Gregory Wire
27 Tim & Tamie Hershey

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November Birthdays

5 Robert Gochenauer
7 Karah Anderson
Brittany Grove
8 Baila Shoop
13 Tiffany Gross
14 Gail Stetler
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

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

Learning from Autumn leaves

Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor — mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade.



I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all.

—MaryAnn Sundby



Attention Veterans

The Outreach Committee is planning a card shower to our congregational members and their families for Veteran's Day. Please let us know if you any updates, changes, or additions to last years list, if so please email me the changes and we will update the information.

smsheaf44@comcast.net or text (717) 507-6309

your information by October 15th.

We look forward to honoring you for your Service.

Thank you, Suzanne M. Sheaffer



EXTRA SINGERS INVITED!
REFORMATION JOINT CHOIR
at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
OCTOBER 25, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.



You are invited to sing with St. Paul's Choir & Quickel's Church Choir to help celebrate Martin Luther's contribution to Christianity!



Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays October 14 & 21 from 7:30 - 8 p.m. We will rehearse, two Choir pieces & lead the congregation's worship. Please talk to Joyce in person, or call her at (717) 514-2935 to volunteer!

All Saints Sunday

We will remember our saints on All Saint's Sunday, November 1, 2026.

We will recall with love and fondness for:

If you have lost a friend or family member and would like them remembered during our All Saint's Worship service,

please contact the church office at parishadmin@stpaulsdillsburg.com or by calling (717) 432-3202.

Please respond by October 19th. Thank you.

The Outreach Committee is honoring our First Responders by hosting our Fourth Annual breakfast on Saturday, November 7th. 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 on the Outreach Bulletin Board. Food donations can be brought to the church and placed in the kitchen on **THURSDAY, Nov. 5th from 9am to 1pm and FRIDAY, Nov. 6th from 9am to 1pm OR at 7:30am on SATURDAY, Nov. 7th**. 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 7am. Breakfast is served from 9am to 10:00am.

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

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



West Shore Theatre

**321 Bridge Street
New Cumberland, PA
17070**

When a department store Santa claims he's the real Kris Kringle, his case gets taken all the way to the Supreme Court. Watch the miracle unfold when the belief of a little girl makes all the difference in this iconic story. Adapted from the 1947 Lux Radio Hour Broadcast and staged with live Foley effects and a score of holiday carols, *Miracle on 34th Street* is a beloved musical that will melt even the most cynical of hearts. **Running Time:** 2 hours including a 15 minute intermission



SATURDAY, DEC. 5TH 1:00 PM AFTERNOON SHOW

Please complete the form and return with payment payable to "St. Paul's Lutheran Church". [Forms and payment due by SUNDAY Nov. 8th](#)

The first 26 reservations will be guaranteed a seat. Others will be placed on a waiting list until availability is checked.

NAME _____ Phone _____

EMAIL: _____

ADULTS- \$30.00ea # tickets _____ Due \$ _____

SENIORS (60+) -\$25.00ea # tickets _____ Due \$ _____

STUDENT-\$20.00ea # tickets _____ Due \$ _____

Envelope # _____ Total Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

No refunds will be given after Nov. 8th. If you have any questions please email Outreach@stpaulsdillsburg.com or contact Pam Shook at 717-576-6214

Farmer's Fair info...

We are looking for donation for the supplies needed to make the walking tacos and the hotdogs being sold on the Saturday of Farmer's Fair. Item's still needed are:

- 50 count / Dorito chips,
- individual bags (available at Sam's or BJ's)
- 7 / 14 oz. squeeze bottles of regular sour cream
- 1 Large container of chopped onions
- 80 Hotdogs
- 80 Hotdog Buns
- 10 pounds Hamburger
- 1 Squeeze bottle of Relish
- 1 / 48 oz shredded Colby Jack Cheese
- 1 Large Bag Shredded Lettuce
- 1 Container of Diced Tomatoes

Monetary donations are accepted

Please contact Kathy Muir at (717) 515-7400 for further information or to donate. Deadline for products is October 12. If you are unable to supply a product , but are will to give a donation to help defray cost, please contact Kathy.





Make this craft as a helpful reminder of Jesus' free gift of grace.



What you need:

- Small cardboard box
- Small stones
- Tape
- Wrapping paper and bow
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fill the box with small stones to weigh it down. Tape the box securely closed.
2. Wrap the box and add a bow on top.
3. With marker, write a capital letter on each side of the box and the bottom to spell GRACE.
4. Use this as a decoration or paperweight, or give as a gift.
5. Explain GRACE to someone.
For help, use Ephesians 2:8-9 and the acrostic **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**.



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 1 2 3 4 5
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 6 7 8 9
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 10 11 12 13
 _____ his _____.
 14 15 16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, known, nations, done, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

SAVE THE DATE - October 18

**“Healing Blessing”
at the 10:30am worship service.
Pastor Stetler will bless you,
in the name of Jesus,
with God's healing grace.**



November 19, 2026

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
"Community Thanksgiving Service"
Churches of the Dillsburg
Ministerium

5:45 pm Fellowship time
with Desserts
Followed by
6:30 pm Worship in Sanctuary

If you have any questions
please contact the church office.

Please feel free to bring
cookies or pies to share.

All are welcome!

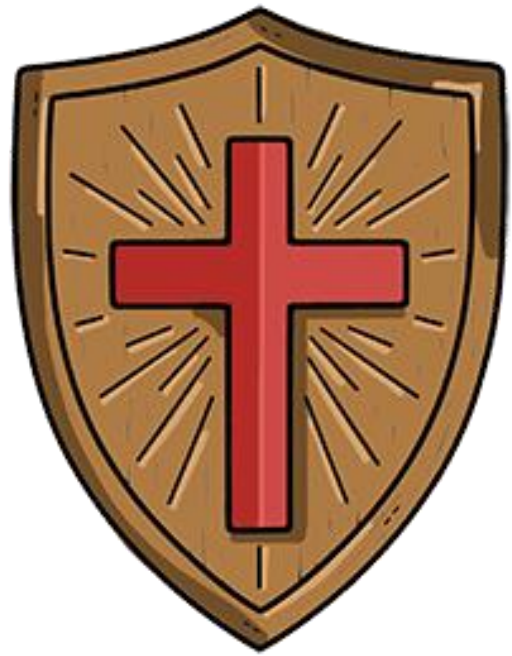


Faithful Witnesses

Many churches observe All Saints' Day on November 1, a time to remember believers who have died in the faith and give thanks for their faithful witness.

The story of Christianity is filled with ordinary people who held fast to Christ in both joyful and difficult seasons. Across the centuries, countless believers have followed Jesus with courage, and many have even given their lives while bearing witness to God's love and the saving grace of Christ. Even today, Christians in some parts of the world continue to face persecution for their faith.

On this day, take time to remember our Christian heritage with gratitude. Give thanks for those who remained faithful before us, and ask God to help us follow Christ with the same courage, hope and steadfast faith.



October 12, 2026



SAVE THE DATES...

October 25, 2026: 10:30 a.m. Joint Worship with Quickel Lutheran Church at St. Paul's
11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up sheet posted in overflow area.

November 19, 2026: Thanksgiving Community Worship, here at St. Paul's
5:45 p.m. Please bring a dessert to share. Will be held in the Overflow area
6:30 p.m. Service in the Nave

December 2, 9, 16, 2026: Advent Vespers
6:00 p.m. In the Chapel

December 5, 2026: *An Advent/Christmas Concert at Monaghan Presbyterian.*
7:00 p. m. Featuring St. Paul's Choir & Handbells joining with Monaghan Presbyterian's groups.

December 13, 2026: St. Paul's Annual Meeting and Budget Approval
11:30 a.m. In the Sanctuary after Worship

December 16, 2026: Volunteer Christmas Luncheon
11:30 a.m. In the Fellowship Hall menu will be announced at a later date

December 24, 2026: Christmas Eve Worship
7:15 p.m. In the Sanctuary



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