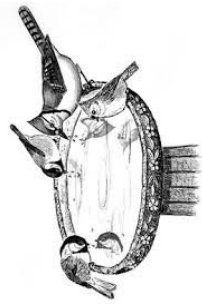


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## The "Holtzschwamm Hotline"



For God so loved  
the world that he gave  
his one and only Son.  
John 3:16

### PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(717) 259-9547

[www.paradiselutheranchurch.org](http://www.paradiselutheranchurch.org)

Wednesday Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship, Holy Communion at  
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

**Who's Who?**  
**Staff, contact info., council members**

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**Secretary:** Julie Maher

**Bookkeeper:** Kris Gabel

**Treasurer:** Donna Shaffer

**Sexton:** Vicki Boone

**Council President:** Pat Zech (880-0206)

**Council Members, Liaison Committees**

Vice President/Endowment: Dave Cassel

Secretary: [open]

Property: Dean Bentzel and Bill Sterner

Stewardship: Verla Gosnell

Social Ministry: Brent Toomey

Evangelism: Barbie Becker

Worship and Music: Chris Davis

Christian Education: Elaine Thomas

Social Activities: Deb Fulton

Youth: Dave Cassel

Finance: Ike Hileman



**Some early Holy Humor goodies...**

**Question:** What do you get when you cross a praying mantis with a termite?

**Answer:** An insect that says grace before he eats your house.

**So there!!**

After the funeral of one of his oldest parishioners, Father John Fetterman (Grace Episcopal, Madison, WI), noted in the church bulletin that Hazel had left very specific handwritten instructions for her funeral service. The woman, who had never been married, wrote, "There will be NO male pallbearers. They wouldn't take me out when I was alive; I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

"When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon titled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether!"

*Rev. Bernard Brunsting*

"The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable."

*Pastor Ralph Mineo, Ohio*

**PEOPLE AT PARADISE**



**April Anniversaries**

*If we miss yours or make an error, please call the office!*

- 4/3 Larry and Joann Luckenbaugh, 52 years
- 4/3 Joe and Cindy Zurat, 1 year
- 4/6 Greg and Karena Bankert, 26 years
- 4/8 Mark and Christine Foore, 28 years
- 4/10 Bill and Kay Brady, 18 years
- 4/13 Larry and Becci Stair, 32 years
- 4/23 Dan and Robin Hoff, 23 years
- 4/23 Michael and Cherry Sweitzer, 30 years
- 4/23 Charles and Mariam Bechtel, 51 years
- 4/24 Bill and Heidi Pero, 18 years
- 4/24 Albert IV and Shonna Crisamore, 18 years
- 4/28 Rick and Joyce Hoff, 33 years
- 4/29 Brent and Kristi Hoschar, 22 years



**Shut-in Birthday Girl for April:**

4/3 Audrey Hafner  
 SpiritTrust Village at Sprengle Drive  
 1802 Folkemer Circle, #113  
 York, PA 17404



**PASTOR'S PAGE**

**Praying through Holy Week**

The season of Lent begins: remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.

We are mortal.

We will die.

And we learn not to be captive to the fear and terror of death.

Holy Week is the time when we practice and pray the dying of Jesus. On Good Friday, we ponder how Christ was ground into dust.

We see how Jesus faced death with faith-- and not fear. He trusted that the Spirit would recreate him from the dead dust.

On Saturday, the Easter Vigil, we read through the "greatest hits of the scriptures" as they lead up to Christ's resurrection.

Then we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Christ is risen indeed. God's perfect love casts out our fear of death.

The bottom line truth: God loved YOU before God made you. God's love FOR YOU has never wavered. And God's love FOR YOU will never end. Period.

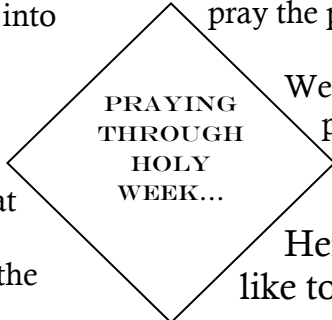
This year I plan to PRAY THROUGH HOLY WEEK WITH YOU.

We will meet at the church to pray the Holy Week prayers.

We will visit with homebound members, together as a team, and pray the prayers.

We will meet in homes, and pray the prayers.

We will even find public spaces and pray the prayers.



Here is a hope: I'd like to pray these prayers with every Jesus-follower of our church — and — with our neighbors.

Remain in One Peace +  
*Pastor Tim*

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## The Breakfast Club

will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, at the Lyndon Diner, Route 30 and Kenneth Road.



## The Paradise Book Club

will meet on April 6, 7 p.m., at Donna LeVault's house, 5930 West Canal Road. This time we're reading "The Girl on the Train" and Verla's all set to bring the goodies.



## Look ahead to the

**summer...** May's book (for May 4) is "Skinny Dip" by Carl Hiaasen with Donna on for refreshments. June's selection (June 1) is "The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Bradley Alan, and Kris is doing snacks for June. For July 6, we've picked "For the Love" by Jen Hatmaker. We'll meet on Julie's deck

(78 North Ridge Road; she has the snacks for the evening) for that meeting... and you know what that means...!



If you're unsure, join us to find out...

## First communion

classes for children and their parents will be held on March 29 (already passed), April 5 and 12 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room with Pastor Tim. Please let him know if you will be coming.



**Laundry Love** will be held on Tuesday, April 18, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thanks to all who helped with Laundry Love in February and March. In February, we had 19 volunteers who helped guests do 75 loads of laundry. Big thanks to Bill and Heidi Pero who picked up laundry from a guest who was recovering from cancer surgery. Thanks also to all who shared stories during the Laundry Love presentation at Paradise on March 5. God is at work!



## (Thank you, continued)

*Cody Elliott, Elliott Maher); lenders of finery (Louise Stambaugh, Kris Gabel, Donna, Jean, Janet, Amy Ocampo, Cody, Gloria, Dolores Tarez, Sandra*



*Peter); greeters/seaters Linda and Jess Eisenhart; food prep and dish washing and drying and re-packing crew ("Vix," Elliott, Cody, Hannah Wright, Karena Myers, George and Elaine Thomas, Barb Musser, Lori Stambaugh, Amy, Aaron, Delaney, and Gavin Ocampo, Angie Mazer, Kathy Poole, Linda Elliott and Destiny, Jeff Fulton, Pastor Tim and Ann Seitz-Brown; servers with very tired feet (Karena, Elaine, Hannah, Lori, Aaron, Gavin, Elliott, George), and those who attended the Tea and made donations. We had enough to cover all of our expenses and to make a donation to the church's Endowment Fund. Your generosity is overwhelming, and we thank you! Next year's Tea on March 17, at 4 p.m. is... **full already** with a waiting list! Blessings to you all.*



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

*In memory of Dawn  
Sheaffer*

Given by  
Roy and Donna Shaffer  
An anonymous donor  
(Youth program)

*In memory of Clair and Doris  
Myers, given by  
Roy and Donna Shaffer*

*In memory of Pat Barnes,  
Given by  
Julie Maher, Amy Ocampo, and  
Angie Mazer*



## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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## THANK YOU!

### Thank you TO:

HVAC technician and plumber extraordinaire *Joe Zurat* for fixing the problem with the heat in the Fellowship Room, just in time for the Tea in March! Bless you for sharing your skills with your Paradise family;

*Sinclair Trump* for her violin solos;

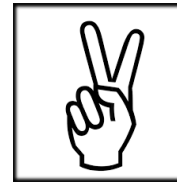
our Jazz Ensemble members—*Neal Riley, Andy Maher, Wayne Trump, Sr., and Erin Sterner* AND to *Devyn Riley and Erin Sterner* for singing “Kum-Ba-Yah”

*All who helped with the March Tea* — flowerpot pansy set-up queen *Shirley Trimmer*, the set-up decorators and tear-down crew (“*Vix*” *Boone, Donna LeVault* (*super “garden” set-up!*), *Janet Mansberger, Gloria Myers, Barb Musser, Jean Spahr*; Friday night cooks *Linda Eisenhart,*

(Around the Church,  
continued)

### Guest presenter!

On Tuesday, May 9, Paul K. Chappell will speak on peacemaking from the view of an army veteran at the Friends of Paradise group at 11 a.m. **and** at a public lecture at Paradise at 7 p.m.



Pastor Tim and Deacon Ann are funding this talk, bringing Paul from California, to mark Pastor Tim’s 30th anniversary as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Tim asks for lots of “presents” for his 30th anniversary by having **your “presence” at one or both of these talks.**

Nobel Prize Winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, describes the work of Paul K. Chappell: “Captain Chappell gives an insightful look at war and peace from the unique perspective of a soldier. His new ideas show why peace is both possible and necessary in the 21st century.”

### Pictorial directory:

Thanks to Pastor Tim and Nicole Stormes for their willingness to take informal photos for a

**new pictorial directory.**



Pastor Tim will take pictures at church on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to noon and on Sunday, April 23, when he’s not leading worship. Nicole will take them on Sunday, May 7, during the morning. [Oh, good, now we all have a time frame within which to lose those pesky pounds, get the haircut/color, find a shirt in a flattering color... !!] We will send out a link to an online signup sheet, which we will then put in the narthex for those who are not online.

Our gift bag preparers need donations, please, **of Hershey Hugs, Hershey Kisses, and microwave popcorn** for the gift bags for our visitors. Please put your donations in the room beside the church office.  
Thank you!

(Around the Church, continued again)

### Backpack program kudos:

Thanks to *Teresa Weaver*, guidance counselor at Spring Grove Middle School, for her presentation on the backpack program. We are now providing food for the weekend to 55 students at three school buildings. Thanks to *Linda Eisenhart* for making the menus and setting out the food, *Ann* for getting fresh fruit (with a grant from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Spring Grove), *Pastor Tim and Tom Kinard* for unloading the truck, and *Tom* for delivering the bagged food to the different schools. **Fed people feed people!**



**Way to fill that bin, Paradise people!!** For the fourth quarter of 2016, we received a check for **\$181.00** — just for putting clothing, shoes, and household items in the Community Aid bin on our parking lot!! We get paid a percentage of the total weight of the items donated, so keep filling that bin! FYI, if you have small breakables that you don't want to just toss in, we have the key to the bin in the office, and we can open it up for you. Good to know!



**The April website** is sponsored by *John Mummert* in memory of his wife Barbara's birthday (4/2). **July and September** available to sponsor at \$50 for the month.

The deadline for the next *Hotline*: April 15 for the **May** issue. Please put your info. in the basket outside the office or e-mail Julie at church: [paradise.lutheran@verizon.net](mailto:paradise.lutheran@verizon.net). Thanks.

(Social Activities, continued)

**Friends of Paradise** (our group for senior and not-on-your-life senior citizens; they meet the second Tuesday of most months, 10 a.m.)

After hibernating for January and February, the Friends of Paradise finally met in March, a week later than scheduled because of The Big Snow. The program on civil war attire was all set... until the speaker was called out of town the day before the meeting! Fortunately for the group, Linda did NOT have to do any impromptu entertainment (whew!!), as she found someone to present a program with very short notice! We listened to Dr. Joe O'Donnell's information on easing our aches and pains with chiropractic practices. Our tummies were well satisfied with our New Year's meal of delicious pork, sauerkraut, and St. Patrick's Irish soda bread. Thank you Kitchen Angels!



On April 11, we will be enjoying our Anniversary Luncheon at Hoss's on White Street in York starting at 11 a.m. Please let Gloria (259-1076) or Linda (259-0649) know you will be there, so we know how many tables to set. We will have trivia, games, favors, and prizes. Bring a friend! If anyone knows of possible programs, speakers, or entertainment that we could present at our monthly gathering of seniors, not-so-seniors, and friends, please let us know! And don't forget, in May we'll enjoy the presentation by Pastor Tim's buddy, Paul Chappell.



**Public dinner!** Mark your calendar for the next dee-lish Paradise public roast beef dinner — Friday, May 19, 4 to 7 p.m. More details to follow in next month's *Hotline*, but for now, get it on your calendar! We need lots of help AND lots of desserts, so think about that, too.

(Social Ministry, continued)

**Harvest of Hope Pantry needs:**

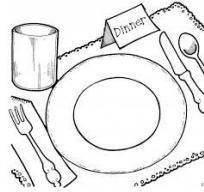
- Apr.: Easter meal items
- May: Dry pasta, soup
- June: canned tomatoes  
boxed cereal
- July: canned pasta  
canned fruit
- Aug.: spaghetti and sauce
- Sept.: canned vegetables  
rice
- Oct.: Thanksgiving meals
- Nov.: mac & cheese, tuna
- Dec.: peanut butter, jelly

**Place your donations in the box outside the church office. Thanks so much!**



**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Holy Humor Sunday** is on April 23, the Sunday after Easter. Join us for a luncheon after the late worship service. **We would love your help** with the prep work on Saturday, April 22, starting at around 9 a.m. We need some fun ideas for desserts and side dishes! Please come; we'll have a hilarious time that day, too! No kitchen skills necessary; we will guide you!



**TREASURER'S INFORMATION**

**How was February? Check these numbers...**

	February's needs for God's Mission	Your gifts in February	Difference
Current	\$22,095.00	\$18,217.08	—\$3,877.92
Benevolence	\$1,125.00	\$1,183.00	+\$58.00
Action 2000	\$2,274.00	\$2,552.95	+\$278.95
	Our needs, to date	Total gifts, to date	Difference
Current	\$41,205.82	\$38,889.12	—\$2,316.70

Interest paid 2017: \$675.61

Principal paid 2017:

\$3,863.39

Building debt principal owed:

\$189,208.74

February Special Offering for

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry: \$226.00



**Special Offering Envelope —**  
**April's** Special Envelope will go to the **Hammer family** to help with their Tanzania trip expenses. **May's** envelope will go to **our VBS program.**  
 Thank you for your generosity.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### What's happening at worship?

Be sure to join us for the continuation of our Lenten journey to the Cross of Easter... regular worship on Palm Sunday (April 9), Holy Wednesday worship at 7 p.m. on April 12; Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. on April 13; Good Friday worship at 7 p.m. on April 14; and regular worship at 8 and 10:15 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16!



*From Minister of Music,  
Allison Trump:*

### Wanted...Brass Instrumentalists for Palm Sunday and Easter!

Paradise Brass accompanies the opening hymn "All Glory, Laud and Honor" for Palm Sunday (April 9) at the 10:15 service AND the hymns and liturgy for both the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services on Easter Sunday (April 16 - and yes, we will have donuts in the choir room!). We will be rehearsing Saturday, April 9 and 15, at 10 a.m. If you are interested, please see Allison for music.



### (Youth, continued again)

that we are all called into the world to serve their neighbor and share the good news.

**Youth currently in grades 8-11 are invited to attend, as well as extremely mature 7th graders who have been approved by the planning team.** Adults should let Ann know if they are interested in going. If more adults would like to go than we have room for, a team of youth and adults will select the adult chaperones. There are also volunteer roles at the Gathering for those college age on up.

We are working to find a date for an informational meeting. The cost for the trip is estimated at \$1100 per person. We are asking families to cover the \$350 registration fee, with \$150 due this summer (due date TBD). If that is a financial stress, please let Ann know. She will apply for financial aid from the ELCA on July 15, but will need information from the family for the application form before then.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Pretty posies!** Order your geraniums for Mother's Day! Proceeds benefit the SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary. Red and salmon colored geraniums are each \$3. Order deadline is April 16; flowers will be at church on May 14 (Mother's Day). Thanks to Nancy Sprenkle and Sandra Peter for handling this project. **ALSO, SpiriTrust Lutheran dues** will be collected during April and May. Pick up an envelope in the narthex.



Mark your calendar for the blood drive on

**Thursday, April 6**, which was rescheduled from the snowy one in March. The next one after that will be Tuesday, **June 27 from 3-7 p.m.** No appointment necessary!





**(Youth, continued)**

Please sign up in the narthex to attend, to help, and to donate food items. We will be making egg dyes and prepping the tables on Thursday, April 13, at 6 p.m. before the Maundy Thursday service.

**Broad Street planning session**

– Ann will send out a *needtomeet.com* schedule link to find a time that works for us to meet.

**Watch the bulletins and your email inbox for the date of our next yummy sub and whoopee pie sale!!**

**Sign up for the 2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING!!**

From June 27 through July 1, 2018, we will be gathering in Houston, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through



days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The theme is This Changes Everything, based on *Ephesians 2:8* “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” Grace is a foundational part of the Lutheran faith. This gift, undeserved and freely given, changes lives and perspectives as people realize that **they are enough because of what Christ has done** and

**(Worship and Music, continued)**

**He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Join the Sanctuary and Grace Notes Choirs as they sing Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” (a relatively new Paradise tradition!) and “The Strife is O’er” on Easter Sunday (April 16) at the 10:15 a.m. service. We will rehearse Sundays, April 2 and 9 at **11:30 a.m.** and on Sunday, April 16, at **9:30 a.m.** If you are interested, please see Allison for music!



**APRIL Choir Rehearsal Schedules At a Glance**



- Sanctuary Choir:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m., April 5, 12, 19, and 26; AND on Sundays, April 2, 9, and 23 with the Grace Notes at 9:40 a.m.;
- Grace Notes:** Sunday, 9:40 a.m., April 2, 9, and 23 with the Sanctuary Choir; and on Sunday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m.;
- Praise Team:** Sunday, 9:15 a.m., April 2, 9, 23, and 30;
- Cherub/Children’s/Youth Choir:** during Sunday School, every Sunday
- Easter Choir:** Sundays, 11:30 a.m., April 2 and 9; and on April 16 at 9 a.m.;
- Tone Chimes:** **No Tone Chimes in April**
- Paradise Brass:** Saturday, April 8 and 15 at 10 a.m.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Sunday School Scoop!

#### Kids' Laundry Love

Grades 1-6 are hitting the road to be God's hands in the community. All youth and their parents are invited to help with Laundry Love at a new time: Sunday, April 2, from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet at The Sudz laundromat in the Kennie's plaza in Spring Grove at 8 a.m., or come to the church at 8 a.m. and get a ride (drivers needed). Parent/child teams will help guests bring in laundry, provide detergent if needed, put quarters in the washers and dryers, and chat or color with guests while the laundry is being washed. We'd like to have some breakfast items and coffee to share, so let me know if you can bring something. We'll head back to the church for



the 10:15 service, where kids and parents can share stories from the morning during the kids' message time.

#### Did you say 'consent'?

On Easter Sunday (April 16) at 9 a.m., Marybeth Seitz-Brown will do a presentation on consent for youth in grades 7 –through 12 in the Youth Room. Consent is all about learning how to communicate with others so everyone is comfortable engaging in activities together. We will explore where our ideas about consent come from, answer frequently asked questions, and talk about ways to have healthy communication and interactions in relationships.



#### (Christian Education, continued)

#### And the learning continues...

We'll continue our study of Daniel and the Lions in April. On April 9, (Palm Sunday) the kids will make *hand prayer*



*books* to help deepen their prayer practice. On April 16, (Easter Sunday)

they will do a *computer program* on Daniel. They won't want to miss April 23 – when they will be wrapped with bubble wrap, painted red, yellow, and orange, then Stop Drop and Roll down the ramp, painting the backdrop we'll use in our drama about Daniel's friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Such a clever idea and quite fun!!

#### Confirmation!!

Our Confirmation service will be June 4 with rehearsal at 8 a.m. and worship at 9 a.m. Youth, parents, and mentors are asked to attend two preparation for confirmation classes on April 30 and May 14 at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room with Pastor Tim.



## YOUTH

**Paradise will host a community Easter Fun Day** on Saturday, April 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Each child should bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs to color. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by Easter craft time. There will be separate egg hunts for pre/k and elementary students at 1 p.m., followed by a visit from the Easter bunny. ➤➤➤

