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August 2019 The "Holtzschwamm Hotline"

as I have
loved YOU.
LOVE one
another
John 13:34

PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

(717) 259-9547

www.paradiselutheran.weebly.com

Wednesday Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship, Holy Communion
at 9:00 a.m.
(Through September 1)

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Secretary: Jamie Markle

Property: Bill Sterner

Stewardship: Verla Gosnell

Social Ministry: Dean Bentzel

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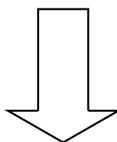
Worship and Music: Michele Becker

Christian Education: Larry Rinehart

Social Activities: Randy Myers

Youth: Greg Harrell

Finance: Tom Hoover



**BUDGET
INFO DUE
August 19!!**

PEOPLE AT PARADISE

August anniversaries

(If we make a mistake, please let Julie know!)

- 8/2 Carl and Fay Gruver, 50 years
- 8/4 Mark and Donna Myers, 35 years
- 8/6 Ronald and Rosalie Dinges, 47 years
- 8/7 Andrew and Julie Maher, 36 years
- 8/11 Jack and Cathy Myers, 46 years
- 8/12 Jon and Edie Arndt, 38 years
- 8/13 Ronald and Deb Myers, 47 years
- 8/16 Leonard and Pat Gardner, 44 years
- 8/22 Matt and Tara Osborne, 27 years
- 8/23 Chad and Jamie Markle, 16 years
- 8/23 Michael and Sharon Myers, 44 years
- 8/25 Charles and Ruby Moyer, 63 years!
- 8/25 Theron and JoAnn Rinehart, 35 years
- 8/27 Jim and Adrienne Hartlaub, 42 years
- 8/30 Ray and Tracey Grudi, 33 years



(Stewardship, continued)

Develop a longer-term strategy to pay off credit cards;

Pray over every expenditure:

Is this a necessity or a want? Will this really bring me happiness? Does this fit into my budget strategy?

Work towards a faith plan

for your income, such as 10-10-80: give away 10 percent, save 10 percent, and live on 80 percent.

Explore “financial literacy.”

Perhaps you could encourage your congregation to sponsor classes!

As you started with prayer, **continue to pray regularly over your finances.**

No matter what our income, our lives are fuller and richer when we confront “the lie of more” and focus on the source of true happiness: Our loving relationship with God and neighbor.



INTERIM PASTOR'S PAGE

church's committees will gather together to re-organize and re-

I'll bet you're like me and have found yourself saying "Where has the summer gone? Wasn't it just Memorial Day...and now it will soon be Labor Day!" So here it is the middle of July, and I'm writing this article for the August issue of the Hotline, and I'm looking at the calendar and realizing that I'm going on vacation in a couple of weeks and when I get back one of my first tasks will be to write my article for the September Hotline, and...whew! Where did the summer go?

But, truthfully, there is always something energizing about looking forward to the fall season. Things come back to life as school starts up and football season begins (Yay!!!), and activities pick up again in the life of the church, too. **This year I want to issue a special invitation to you.** The Congregation Council and several of our dedicated members want to make this fall a time of renewal for our church's committees. Some of these committees have not really been active for years. Others have continued to do their work but are sort of "stuck in a rut," doing the same things one year after another. So...the Council has convened a night when all of the

vision their mission and purpose. This seems especially appropriate as the congregation at some point in the near future will welcome a new pastoral leader.

My invitation for each of you is to consider attending this meeting on Monday, August 5, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. If you have not been part of a committee, this is your chance to start! You will find descriptions of each committee's area of work posted on a bulletin board in the narthex at the rear of the church. If you're not available on August 5, please check out the committee descriptions and plan to attend the next meeting of a committee that interests you. You are always welcome! Give it some thought. And thanks in advance for sharing a bit of your time and talents to renew the ministry of Paradise.

In Christ,

Pastor Doug

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AROUND THE CHURCH

The Breakfast Club

will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, at Round the Clock Diner in East York.



The Paradise Book Club will meet on Thursday, August 1, 7 p.m., in the room beside the church office.



What's the book? "Blood and Ivy" by Paul Collins. Lorna is "reading for food" for refreshment ideas. For September, we're into "By Invitation Only" by Dorothea Benton Frank; October's pick is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

All-Committee Night! As you read in Pastor Johnson's article, the Finance Committee is leading an All-Committee Night on Monday, August 5, 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Room. It will be a time for planning and interaction between committees.

One thing all active churches need are active committees. The work of the church begins within its committees. They provide the vision, and they drive the actions of the church within, in the local community, and in the larger church's mission. Participation in a committee means YOU have a say in what is important to you as a member of Paradise Lutheran. On the narthex bulletin board are descriptions of each committee. Please consider joining one of these committees/groups and attending the planning meeting on August 5. Have questions? Not sure? Come and ask and find out!



Stewardship snippet for the month:

Deceived by 'the lie of more'

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15

"The Andersons" looked uncomfortable as they explained why they couldn't give more.

"We'd like to," Mrs. Anderson said, "but we're getting killed with bills." Mr. Anderson added, "We barely make ends meet."

Swimming with stagnant wages against a tide of rising costs, millions of working families struggle to find even enough, but the Andersons' plight is different. They are blessed with excellent jobs and generous incomes. Sadly, they fall prey to "the lie of more" that drives our consumer culture.

"The lie of more" deceives us into thinking that true happiness, true peace, true contentment is within our grasp – if we only have a little "more." So we grasp for more stuff, more wealth, more experiences. We often end up not only drowning in debt, but also less happy, less peaceful, and less content.

People of all incomes can become ensnared in "the lie of more." In its trap, we squander our abundance for scarcity. Instead of living in the freedom and joy that Jesus spoke about in John 10:10, we live in the bondage of debt and stress.

Here are some ways to free yourself from "the lie of more":

Pray regularly over your finances, thanking God for your income (whatever it is) and asking for wisdom and strength to live within your means;

Use a household budgeting tool or work with a friend who is good with numbers to come up with a plan to immediately match your income with your bills;

DIRECTORY
UPDATES



Mark these changes in your directory

now, while you're thinking of it:

Joel and Aubrie Maher
3231 Trevor Drive
Louisville, TN 37777

Jamie Kohler
12415 Big Valley Pike
Mill Creek, PA 17060-9645

THANK YOU!

Thank you TO:

Steven Gautsch for his wonderful piano solos! What a surprise!

Kris Gabel for her vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer"—so moving...gave Allison goosebumps, she said!

Erin Sterner for her patriotic piccolo, "Stars and Stripes Forever" and vocal solo, "El Shaddai"... lovely!

Kendall Rose (Bill and Lois Rankin's grand-daughter) for her beautiful piano solo! We are so happy that you could share your talents with us!

We have Awesome Musicians at Paradise!

Thank You!

(Around the Church, continued)

Plastic mat making

Tuesday, August 6, 1 p.m., at church. Join the group for a time of friendship, fellowship, and busy hands serving others.

Women's Retreat!

Ladies, mark your calendars for the spring women's retreat — scheduled for May 1 and 2, 2020! Hope you've started saving your \$1 per week for your registration fee! Further details will follow.



Website sponsor:

The *August* website is sponsored by John Mummert in honor of his granddaughter Abigail's 15th birthday (8/6). Thank you! Sign up to sponsor the website for \$20 per month.



September is the only available month left this year! Put your check in the offering plate or in the mail. Many thanks. Your support of this technology is important to us!

The deadline for the next *Hotline*: August 15 for the **September** issue. Please put your info. in the basket outside the office or e-mail Julie at secretary.paradiselutheran@gmail.com. Thanks.

TREASURER'S INFORMATION

How was June? Check these numbers...

| | June needs for God's Mission | Your gifts in June | Difference |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Current | \$19,066.00 | \$16,703.41 | —\$2,362.59 |
| Benevolence | \$1,167.00 | \$1,581.00 | +\$414.00 |
| Action 2000 | \$2,274.00 | \$2,403.88 | +\$129.88 |
| | Our needs, to date | Total gifts, to date | Difference |
| Current | \$93,122.49 | \$95,645.86 | +\$2,523.37 |

Interest paid 2019: \$1,721.09

Principal paid 2019: \$34,880.93

Building debt principal owed: \$86,154.57

June Special Offering for

Spring Grove Schools' backpack program: \$377.00



Special Offering Envelope —

August's envelope will go to
the Harvest of Hope food pantry.
 Thank you for your generosity.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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.)

From Linda Eisenhart:

Our July gathering brought us picnic food and Bingo! Hot dogs and burgers, homemade ice cream, strawberry shortcake, mint tea... mmm. Thanks to the Kitchen Angels for another job well done. We were thankful for the air conditioning unit in the Fellowship Room for sure.

In August, we will meet on the 13th for.... We don't know yet! Come and be surprised. Gather at 10, get your coffee and a cookie or two, program begins at 11, and the meal will be served at noon.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

In memory of Jim Brodbeck, Pastor and Sue McConnell Dick and Darlene Sanders

In memory of Ruth Reichert, Pastor and Sue McConnell Dick and Darlene Sanders Janet Hansen Edna and Larry Rinehart

IN LOVING
 memory

(Social Ministry, continued)

Build that tower with paper products for New Life for Girls! Throughout August, we are hoping to collect enough packages of toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, Kleenex, and feminine products to build one heck of a tower in the narthex! Let's see if we can engineer and complete that task. Imagine...if every person brought in just one item — what a tower we would have for this worthy cause!



Harvest of Hope food pantry: for August 20, we need *THREE* more volunteers, please and thank you, to serve the clients. Contact Linda Eisenhart at 717-497-0422 if you can help.

Harvest of Hope Update: Thanks to these volunteers who spent time and effort serving at the Pantry for the summer lunch program: Barb Musser, Cindy Zurat, Joan Huffman, Elaine Thomas, Michele and Adam Becker, Dick and Darlene Sanders. They packed and distributed 201 bags of food, one per child for their meals for the week! Way to go, Paradise!

Harvest of Hope Pantry needs:
Aug.: spaghetti, sauce
Sept.: rice, canned veggies
Oct.: Thanksgiving items
Nov.: mac/cheese, tuna
Dec.: peanut butter, jelly
Place your donations in the box outside the church office. Thanks ever so much!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

What's happening at worship?

SUMMER MUSIC!

We still have a couple of dates open for special music: August 11, September 1, and September 8. If you are interested in sharing your talents with us, please see Allison ASAP. As always, special music is welcomed every Sunday!



SPECIAL MUSICIANS!

In August, we will be welcoming the Lake Meade Orchestra on Sunday, August 4, and the Brodbeck's Band on Sunday, August 25, (**at the outdoor service, weather permitting**). Please plan to attend and support these hard-



working musicians. (FYI, Joann Luckenbaugh, Andy Maher, and Wayne Trump, Sr., are members of these groups! Go Paradise people!)

FYI, we will have light refreshments after each of these Sunday services, so if you'd like to help out by donating some breakfast-y items, feel free! Dazzle us with your baking talents! Or amaze us with your muffin-purchasing talents! ☺

At-a-Glance Choir Starts
Praise Team: Sunday, September 8, 9:15 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir: Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.
Grace Notes: Sunday, September 8, 9:40 a.m.

(Worship and Music, continued)

NEED A CLARINET?

Attention parents of elementary school students...a clarinet was donated by Marcine Hoff for anyone who might need it. It is yours for a free-will donation to the church. Please see Allison if you are interested.



THE GRACE NOTES

CHOIR will resume rehearsal on Sunday, September 8, at 9:40 a.m. The Grace Notes Choir is an option for those who would like to practice during the daylight hours. All ages are welcomed! The Grace Notes sing on the fourth Sunday of the month,

Christmas Eve (7 p.m. service), Palm Sunday, Easter, and on festival Sundays. We will begin the season on Sunday, September 22.

THE PRAISE TEAM will

resume rehearsal on Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 a.m. The Praise Team leads worship at the 8 a.m. service with contemporary songs and liturgy. The Praise team also sings Christmas Eve at the 7 p.m. service. We will begin the season on Sunday, September 8, at 8 a.m.



THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

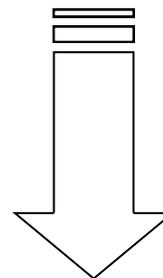
will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4, at 7 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir sings at the 10:15 a.m. services on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month, festival Sundays, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Palm Sunday, and Easter. New members are always welcomed to join! We will begin the season on Sunday, September 15.

The Tone Chimes Choir will resume rehearsals in October. The September newsletter will have more information.

YOUTH

Heading off to college?

Need funds? Apply now for the Nace/Stambaugh scholarship funding through Paradise. The funds available will be divided among all applicants. You must be a first-year college student and a confirmed member of Paradise to qualify. The application form is below, and the **deadline to apply is August 5.**



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our next blood drive: Tuesday, September 3, 3 to 7 p.m. No appointment necessary! FYI, for the blood drive in June, we had 13 donors. Well done, Paradise and beyond.



Scholarship Application Information

Student's Name _____
Address _____
Phone and e-mail _____
Parents' names _____
College attending _____
Complete address of college _____
Student ID Number _____
Start date _____
Date of student's confirmation _____

