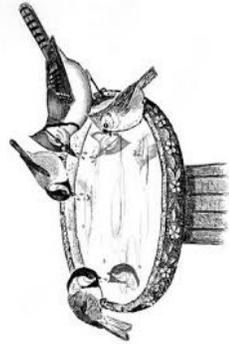


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Worship and Music: Chris Davis

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Social Activities: Linda Eisenhart

Youth: Greg Harrell

Finance: Ike Hileman



PEOPLE AT PARADISE

June Anniversaries

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

6/1 Daniel and Carol Sullivan, 22 years

6/6 Tom and June Boyer, 48 years

6/8 Dave and Sheila Myers, 38 years

6/8 Kevin and Robin Grim, 22 years

6/14 Bob and Sandy Dunham, 49 years

6/19 Dave and Pat Zech, 47 years

6/19 Jeffrey and Deborah Fulton, 47 years

6/20 Richard and Darlene Sanders, 48 years

6/22 David and Amy Shaffer, 22 years

6/23 David and Reona Cassel, 28 years

6/25 Kate and Brad Wolf, 7 years

6/26 Jeffrey and Kay Murren, 25 years

6/26 Warren and Sandra Peter, 47 years

6/27 Larry and Helen Schroll, 53 years

6/27 Nathan and Angie Cheek, 20 years

6/27 R. Bruce and Denise Yingling, 37 years

6/28 Wayne and Ann Meyer, 60 years!

6/28 Bryan and Margo Ilgenfritz, 43 years

6/29 Eric and Michele Becker, 16 years

July anniversaries

7/3 Daniel and Vicki Boone, 32 years

7/9 Pastor and Stephanie Johnson, 12 years

7/20 Robert and Norine Balek, 49 years

7/21 Richard and Joyce McCoury, 56 years

7/21 Rodger and Linda Dubbs, 55 years

7/23 Richard and Deb Kohler, 41 years

7/23 Ronald and Lona Mellott, 41 years

7/29 Philip and Linda Lauer, 41 years

Shut-in birthdays for June and July:

[none in June]

July: 7/7 Deb Ruth

Roast beef dinner helpers who made the May dinner a success! Lots of bread, meat, and taters went through this kitchen! We are glad everyone enjoyed the meal that was made by a truly wonderful and faithful crew of hard-working and dedicated men, women, and youth. You are all such a blessing to this church!

Thank you FROM

Deb Fulton for the cards and prayers and words of blessing she received from her Paradise family following her brother's illness and death. It meant so much to her to know that she was in your prayers and thoughts at this most difficult time of her life. She and Jeff hope to return to Pennsylvania and Paradise by the end of June or so;

Mariam Bechtel for the cards, calls, and prayers during her "irksome recent illness." Thanks also to Pastor Doug for his visits and the delivery of altar flowers from the congregation. Your prayers and thoughtfulness are so appreciated;

Dick and Gloria Myers to Pastor Doug for his prayers and visits during their recent medical

problems. Also, thanks to everyone else at Paradise who prayed, visited, sent cards, etc., and to those who open doors, help them up the steps, etc. "What a church family we have at Paradise!"

Allison Trump — thank you to choir members and friends for the beautiful hanging basket and gift card to "Humble Hen" greenhouse/nursery. WOW! I am overwhelmed by your love and support! I am so blessed to be at Paradise!



INTERIM PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Fellow Ministers of Paradise,

On May 20, we celebrated the Festival of Pentecost, remembering the gift of God's Holy Spirit coming upon God's people. And what a gift! From that moment on, we, as God's people, have access to the very presence and power of God. God's life-giving Spirit comes at our request to dwell deeply within us to guide us, strengthen us, and lead us into the future. God's Spirit helps us when we are weak and facing stiff challenges, and the Spirit increases our joy when we celebrate the good times in life. For all of this we give thanks!

Now I have a challenge for you. The Congregation Council has just elected a Call Committee to guide the congregation through the process of identifying and calling the next pastor to lead us. This committee will be going through a process of discernment. The call committee's challenge will not be to choose the next pastor, but

rather to prayerfully identify the pastor God

has chosen to serve Paradise Lutheran Church in the coming years. We really believe that God will send the right pastoral leader. Our task is to recognize the one God is sending when that person comes to us. In all this we rely on the Holy Spirit. And that brings us back to Pentecost. The Spirit comes to work among us at our request.

So here's my challenge. I ask that each and every one of you join me in daily prayer, **asking for**

the Spirit's guidance throughout this process. That's all. Just pray daily for this process of discernment. It doesn't sound like much, but it will make all the difference in the outcome of the process.

Will you join me in committing to this daily prayer?

Faithfully,

† Pastor Doug



AROUND THE CHURCH



The Breakfast Club will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5,

at the West York Family Restaurant (formerly the Reliance Café), West Market Street in York. For July 3, join the bunch at Cross Keys Diner at the intersection of Routes 30 and 94. Thanks, as always, to Janet Hansen (“The Breakfast Club Queen”) for making the reservations for the group each month.



The Paradise Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m., at Pat Zech’s home,

2568 Cousler Circle, York. Pat’s providing the story-related **dinner!** The book? “The Devil in the White City” by Eric Larson. *We will carpool from church, meeting at 6 p.m. Let Julie Maher know if you’re going along!* AND,

RSVP to either Pat (pmzech@comcast.net) or the church office to say you’ll be there, so Pat knows how much food to prepare. The July 5 meeting will be at 7 p.m. at **Julie Maher’s house, 78 North Ridge Road, Thomasville**. We’re reading “Ladies’ Night” by Mary Kay Andrews. *Everyone’s invited to bring along a story-related (or not!) snack item to share.*

Read ahead for the August 2 meeting back at the church at 7 p.m.—“Everything, Everything” by Nicola Yoon; Sherry and her mom Pat are all set for the refreshments.

Laundry Love has been very busy, and we could use some more volunteers to help with this rewarding outreach!



Please contact Elaine Thomas or Heidi Wolf. You don’t

need to be available every month; we can work out a schedule! Laundry Love will be held on Tuesday, June 19, and Tuesday, July 17, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

(Thank you, continued)

who you are) for the lovely reception afterward;

Shirley Trimmer for using her gardening expertise (and her Cashman’s discount!) to pot up the gorgeous birdbath arrangements for Jane, Allison, and Karen for the Community Singers concert —absolutely stunning work.

Neal, Linda, and Devyn Riley for their many years of service at Paradise. We wish them well as they relocate to South Carolina in June —

Neal—for your faithfulness in participating with the Praise Team every Sunday, EXCELLENCE in all things percussion, using YOUR amazing trap set for years, playing with the jazz ensemble, pageants, special music, Vacation Bible School, “To the Castle” “This is the Feast” (it’ll never be the same without you!!!)

Linda - for being an “auxiliary” member to the adult choirs, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, pageants and skits, special music, “To the Castle”

Devyn - for singing with the choirs, Holy Humor comedienne ☺, pageants, special music, singing “Silent Night” in German!(!) with your mom, piano and organ solos, “To the Castle,” jazz ensemble auxiliary percussionist, and organist for the gospel response!

We are thankful for your friendship and time at Paradise and will miss you! Please keep in touch!

the choirs for Music Sunday — the anthems and extra practices

Karena, Morgan, and Laken Bankert for their beautiful trio “I’ll Be”

Erin Sterner for accompanying the “Kyrie”

Richard McCoury for cleaning the vents in the kitchen/range; *Sandy Detwiler* for painting in the parlor bathroom;

Property Work Day helpers — *Barbie Becker, Mark Bentzel, Ralph Nace, Elmer G, Dean Bentzel, Roy Shaffer, Pat and Dave Zech, Bill Sterner, Linda Eisenhart, Bill Rankin, Sandy Detwiler, Richard McCoury* — great work, all of you!



problem, the Kitchen Angels pulled off some magic with the meal... apologies for the al dente veggies and dandelion greens...

In June, we will have our very own Master of Music, Allison Trump to delight us with a selection of those old hymn favorites. **July** will feature our annual BINGO and picnic fare. Bring a wrapped gift or two for our table of prizes (Dollar Tree's a great place to shop for this event!) There will be plenty of picnic goodies on which to feast, so see you all then!

Linda

Harvest of Hope Pantry needs:

- 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 across from the church office. Thanks so much!

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Mark these in your directory now!

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606 Nauvoo Road
Lewisberry, PA 17339-9323

Heather Baublitz
8956 Maple Grove Road
Abbottstown, PA 17301-8903

THANK YOU!

Thank you TO:

Jane Johnston, Allison Trump, Karen Wire, the singers, and the Eagle Singers for another stupendous community concert in May — what a wonderful opportunity to hear good music sung with gusto! Thanks also to the many people from Paradise and beyond who served as greeters and ushers and other helpers, those who attended, gave their hearty applause as encouragement, and donated non-perishable food as the “admission fee.” Thanks also to *Bill Pero* for recording the concert and making duplicate copies for the Singers; and to *Linda Eisenhart* and her crew (you know

(Around the Church, continued)

Sing out!! Get ready to sing at the old church Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m.



Join those who love to sing those old favorites.

WOMEN'S RETREAT for 2019 is scheduled for Friday, April 5 to Saturday, April 6. Put it on your calendar and join the fun!! Are you putting a dollar a week aside for your registration fee? That's an easy way to make sure your fee is available when it's time to register!

The *June website* is sponsored by **Dale and Barb Musser** in memory of their parents, Gordon and Helen Musser and Robert Zellers and Rosella Buchmyer.

July's website is sponsored by **Ron Sheaffer** in memory of his wife Dawn's birthday (7/28). Many thanks!

To sponsor the website, put your payment of \$20 and sponsor information in the offering plate, the mail, or the basket outside the church office.

The deadline for the next *Hotline*: July 15 for the **August** issue. Please put your info. in the basket outside the office or e-mail Julie at paradise.lutheran@verizon.net. Thanks.



TREASURER'S INFORMATION

How was April? Check the numbers below...

	BUDGET needs for God's Mission	Your gifts in April	Difference
Current	\$18,195.00	\$21,086.11	+\$2,891.11
Benevolence	\$1,167.00	\$1,400.50	+\$233.50
Action 2000	\$2,274.00	\$2,315.20	+\$41.20
	ACTUAL NEEDS to date	Total gifts, to date	Difference
Current	\$62,856.87	\$66,418.99	+\$3,562.12

Building Debt Principal owed: \$142,590.77
 Interest paid 2018: \$1,491.61
 Principal paid 2018: \$8,020.39
 April Special Offering — Camperships — \$205.00

Special Offering Envelopes —

June's envelope will go to the
Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA.
 July's envelope will go to **World Hunger.**
 Thank you for your generosity.

(Social Ministry, continued)

Wednesdays, the time has changed — new time is 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Also needed are volunteers to pick up donations of food from local businesses for Harvest of Hope. Below is the list of **June dates** and businesses:

Weis Markets: 6/1, 25;
Walmart: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
Rutter's (Route 30): 6/8, 15, 22, 25, 27, 29;
Rutter's (Spring Grove): 6/1, 8, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29;
Rutter's (Kenneth Road): 6/1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 22, 25, 27, 29
 If you have questions or can help out, call Keith Bergey from the Pantry (717) 891-9963. Many thanks!



Thanks to all for supporting SpiriTrust Lutheran by purchasing geraniums — 155 of 'em! The organization sold a total of 3,072! What a wonderful way to help the residents with programs and events.

The Share-A-Bear program will be returning this summer! Look for the bears in the pews and then think of someone who could use the love of God through these blessed bears. Take a bear to someone who is grieving, depressed, sad, going through a rough time, etc. Let them know that Paradise is praying for them!

Give a pint, save a life — come for our next blood drive on June 12, from 3 to 7 p.m. No appointment necessary; just walk in.



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—

Well, Linette Mansberger did it again with her Tanzanian Safari program! Beautiful photos — such a gift. Behind the scenes, coping with a gas stove/oven

YOUTH



Heading off to college? Need funds?

[silly question?!] Apply now for the Nace/Stambaugh scholarship funding through Paradise. These scholarships were set up years ago by some caring and future-thinking members of the Nace and Stambaugh families. 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.*



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 _____

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Harvest of Hope help needed! Volunteers are needed for the Harvest of Hope Summer Lunch Program. On Monday, June 25, they need 10 to 12 volunteers — 5 or 6 from 11:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 or 6 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Then on Wednesday, August 1, they need 5 or 6 volunteers for food distribution from 11:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you can be available, let Linda Eisenhart or Nancy Sprenkle know.

Time change for Harvest of Hope food distribution: if you volunteer at the food pantry on

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship notes: Our summer worship schedule of one worship service at 9 a.m. will continue through September 2 (Labor Day weekend).

June 3 is our Confirmation service, and we look forward to confirming five fine young people this year.



Don't forget — June 3 is also Miracle Sunday! We're counting on God working a miracle through us to provide funds to repair our aging and failing steeple. So confident are we that we'll witness this miracle of love and generosity on June 3 that

we have scheduled our Celebration Service for the following Sunday, June 10!! You won't want to miss either of those days!

From Minister of Music, Allison Trump:

Summer Special Music season runs from June 2 through September 2.



If you sing or play an

instrument, please consider sharing your talents with us! Need help choosing a selection? Please see Allison. Remember, no prerecorded music is permitted.

Summer Music Special Guests! This summer we will be welcoming the Lake Meade Orchestra/concert band on Sunday, August 19. The Brodbeck's Band will play for us on Sunday, August 26,



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at our [weather permitting] outdoor service. These groups have expenses such as music purchases, instrument repairs, and rehearsal hall rentals, etc., and they do charge a performance fee (even at a church). Please consider making a donation to support these talented musicians! Thank you.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



VBS is Coming Soon – and We Need Your Help!

Vacation Bible School will be held here at Paradise Sunday evening, July 15, through Thursday evening, July 19. The Planning Team has done a great job of getting things ready. The curriculum this year focuses on all the ways **Jesus rescues us** when life gets difficult. As always, it will be great fun! Now we really need your help! We still need lots of volunteers to do things like being Crew Leaders and Junior Crew Leaders to shepherd small groups of kids through each evening’s activities, people to help with preschool activities like teaching bible stories and

(Christian Education, continued)

helping with crafts or games, people to work at the registration table and help with signing kids in and out each evening, folks to help with the dinners before VBS on Monday through Thursday nights, and lots more.

Also, we need lots of special things to use in activities and to turn our education space into a tropical island theme. Just to give you an idea...we will need to borrow stuff like a plastic loaf of bread, an electric campfire, plastic coins, several rolling pins, ropes and fishing nets, and many more items. You have always come through in the past and we know you will again this year ☺.

Beginning on June 3, watch for the VBS display table located in the narthex. There you will find a complete list of volunteer opportunities and a sign-up sheet for volunteers. And you will also find a complete list of the “stuff” we need to borrow or have



purchased for us – please put your name next to things you can provide!

And, of course, we welcome monetary donations to help cover the cost of curriculum and supplies that we needed to

purchase so that this wonderful opportunity can be offered free to the children and their families.

You can place your gift in the offering plate any Sunday or drop it off at the church office. Just make sure it is clearly marked ‘VBS’.

Thanks in advance for all your help with this wonderful program. **If you have any questions, please give Pastor Doug a call.**

