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November 2018 ***The "Holtzschwamm Hotline"***

There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
thankful
FOR

PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(717) 259-9547

www.paradiselutheran.weebly.com

Wednesday Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship, Holy Communion
at 8 and 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School at 9 a.m.

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

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 Sexton: Vicki Boone
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 Vice President/Endowment: Marty Rexroth
 Secretary: Jamie Markle
 Property: Bill Sterner
 Stewardship: Verla Gosnell
 Social Ministry: Dean Bentzel
 Evangelism: Barbie Becker
 Worship and Music: Chris Davis
 Christian Education: Elaine Thomas
 Social Activities: Linda Eisenhart
 Youth: Greg Harrell
 Finance: Ike Hileman

FALL BACK
on Saturday,
November 3!

THANK YOU!

Thank you TO—

Charlie and Annie Myers for two huuuuuuge pumpkins and loads of peppers;

Property Committee members for repairing the light under the carport, fixing the youth stairwell door, repainting parking lot lines, and other general maintenance tasks to keep us up and running;

Bill Rankin for trimming the large pine trees out front — oh, there are shrubs and a sidewalk there?!

Roast beef preppers and servers and cleaner-uppers

Ben Kreitz and Erin Sterner for accompanying the hymn “Seek Ye First” on the trumpet and piano;

Sinclair Trump for her violin solos and for accompanying the anthem “Borning Cry” on the violin;



Thank you FROM—

The family of Raymond Stambaugh (Louise, Keldeen, Alexandra, and Dan) for the love, prayers, food, visits, and cards that they received following his death. Special thanks to Pastor Johnson for his visits, prayers, and for just being there when needed.

PEOPLE AT PARADISE

**November
anniversaries**



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

- 11/06 Kenneth and Jean Stambaugh, 58 years
- 11/06 Michael and Susan Parr, 19 years
- 11/08 Jeffery and Debra Ruth, 31 years
- 11/12 Tom and Susan Krout, 35 years
- 11/19 George and Karen Ruth, 36 years
- 11/27 Brett and Catherine Gosnell, 14 years
- 11/27 S. Neal and Linda Riley, 36 years
- 11/29 Marvin and Andrea Lipscomb, 22 years

(Memorials, continued)

Dick and Darlene Sanders
Joan Huffman
Joe and Cindy Zurat
Ralph and Fran Nace
Ron Sheaffer
Doug and Kris Gabel
Andrew and Julie Maher
Larry and Edna Rinehart
Dick and Sandy Walton
PA Gaming Control Board
Rettew
Roy and Donna Shaffer
Ben, Mandy, and Isaac Haugh
Rick and Joyce Hoff
Joe and Donna LeVault

**DIRECTORY
UPDATES**

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Keith Bolinger
(please use this address exactly
as printed; reminder, no
labels, and use your complete
name and return address)
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PADOC**
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(Keith's still at Frackville; the
mail just gets routed
differently now)



PASTOR'S PAGE

**Interim Pastor's Article for
November Hotline**
**"Who needs a synod?..... We
do!"**

In last month's Hotline, I began
a three-part series on the
importance of the Church by
addressing the question: Who
needs a congregation? This
month we continue by asking
"Who needs a synod?"

Paradise Lutheran is a
congregation of the Lower
Susquehanna Synod, which
comprises nine counties in south
central Pennsylvania. The synod
offices are located in Harrisburg.
Our synod bishop is Pastor
James Dunlop. So ...who needs
a synod? Here are five reasons
that I believe we do:

**The synod is able to support
new ventures in ministry by
providing funds to cover start-
up costs for these pilot
programs.** The synod is also in
the best position to encourage
and facilitate partnership
ministries among and between
congregations.
**The synod provides a wonderful
Resource Center in Harrisburg
that is a combination library
and source of program
expertise.** Paradise Lutheran
uses this Resource Center heavily

to access *free curriculum resources* –
such as the video series currently
being used by our Adult Forum
and Senior High Sunday School
classes. Additionally, the **synod
has a great software tool called
Mission Insight** that can help
any congregation understand its
local context by providing
detailed demographic data about
every zip code.
As our Call Committee can
attest, the **synod staff provides
excellent guidance and support
to a congregation during a
pastoral transition.** Pr. Robert
Bleazard, Assistant to the Bishop,
recently met with our Call
Committee to help them finalize
the Ministry Site Profile so that
potentially interested candidates
can learn about Paradise
Lutheran. Bishop Dunlop will
also identify candidates who
match the profile that our Call
Committee has created for our
next pastor.
I can tell you that as a pastor I
have always needed and
appreciated the **support and
accountability provided by the
rostered leaders in the Hanover
Conference**, a group of 21
ELCA congregations in this area
of the synod. We meet monthly
for worship, education, and
support, and we hold each other
accountable for practicing
ministry faithfully.
The Bishop's primary role is to
serve as the Pastor to the

congregations and rostered leaders in the Synod. It's great to have a pastor to consult with in those times when leading a church can be a lonely job. And it's great for a congregation to have a pastor to turn to when its pastor decides to leave, or needs to be removed for some form of misconduct. Can you imagine a congregation trying to find its way through such times without support from the synod?

The word "synod" means something like "on the road together" or "making the journey together." The Lower Susquehanna Synod equips us to travel the road of mission in Jesus' name. And we are stronger and better **TOGETHER.**

Faithfully,
Pastor Doug



AROUND THE CHURCH

The Breakfast Club

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



The Paradise Book Club

will meet on Thursday, November 1, 7 p.m., at the church to discuss the book, "The Museum of Extraordinary Things" by Alice Hoffman. Donna Shaffer's scheduled to provide the story-related snack items. Pick up "1225 Christmas Tree Lane" by Debbie Macomber to read for the

December 13 meeting at Pat Zech's house in York. **NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY!!**

Carpool from church, meeting at 6:30. *Let Julie Maher know if you're riding along.* Feel free to join the group once, whenever, or always.

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:

October's presentation brought a wonderful group of Paradise Friends together. Mikele Stillman gave an excellent portrayal of Alice Roosevelt Longworth. Her accent, mannerisms, dress, and tales of "her" father, Teddy Roosevelt, kept us all captivated! The Kitchen Angels fed us well with a proper Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. Yum!

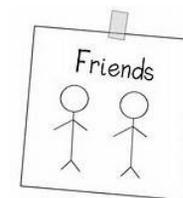
November 13 will be our Christmas luncheon at Hoss's in York. Let's be festive!! Come around 11 a.m. or so and join us for a great time.

There will be no official meeting in December, as we have our bus trip on December 5. Cost is \$92 per person which includes **the show ticket, meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant, coach bus fee, and the driver's gratuity.**

Let Linda Eisenhart know if you're interested!!

January and February we hibernate and store up our energy to return in March for our New Year's meal of pork and sauerkraut. Invite friends! Until then, stay warm and well!!

Linda



MEMORIALS

In memory of Larry Schroll,
Given by
Home Association of
McSherrystown
Glatco Credit Union

In memory of Audrey Hafner
Given by
Pr. and Susan McConnell
Joe and Cindy Zurat

In memory of Raymond Stambaugh
Given by
Pr. and Susan McConnell
Sandra Anderson
Barb and Dale Musser

(Social Ministry, continued)

in a reasonably priced backpack or gift bag, putting the name tag on the outside so it can be distributed easily. The Jesse Tree is usually put up in the sanctuary around the first Sunday of Advent, but we try to have the names a bit earlier so you have more time to shop for the little 'uns. Many thanks for making a child's holiday brighter!

Thanksgiving for Harvest of Hope clients:

In the narthex you will find packs of food items to shop for Thanksgiving for the Harvest of Hope food pantry. Pick a pack, fill a grocery bag with the items, and return the goods to the church by November 11, **OR directly to the Pantry** by November 18. Thanks so much!

What are you doing for Thanksgiving?

Don't forget, we serve dinner here on Thanksgiving day at noon. (Appetizers start at 11:15 a.m.) **We need to know by November 18** if you're coming, so we can plan, and **we must cut off the reservations at 200**. No charge for the meal, but free-will donations are gratefully



accepted to offset the food costs. We will also most gladly accept your donations of turkeys!

Prepping for such a large group requires lots of time and effort (ya think?!), so we need extra help in the kitchen for days before the meal. If you can give an hour or three of your time, we can space out the work so we're not all quite so exhausted. Let Linda Eisenhart know if you can help prep the day before, prep the morning of, help serve the meal, and/or help clean up afterward. Many thanks.

Harvest of Hope food pantry needs 6 people to help with food distribution on Monday, December 17, from 1 to 6 p.m. Feel free to go at noon and have lunch (provided)!!

Harvest of Hope Pantry needs:
Nov.: macaroni & cheese tuna
Dec.: peanut butter/jelly
Jan.: ramen noodles and meal helpers
Place your donations in the box outside the church office.
Thanks so much!

(Around the Church, continued)

The Church Bazaar will be held here on Saturday,

November 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will need *all kinds of help*, from

prepping food for two days before (November 2 and 3, 9 a.m. start), serving food the day of the bazaar, manning the church's stand that day, and cleaning up and resetting the tables and chairs after the event. **If you can give an hour of your time**, we'd love to include you in the crew! If you have items to donate to the church's stand, contact Linda Eisenhart at 717-497-0422 or tropicalb@live.com.

Penguin Project

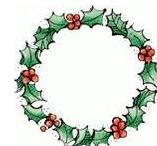
performance: Zane Hausner will be appearing in the Penguin Project's "Wizard of Oz" at the Eichelberger Center in Hanover on November 16, 17, and 18!! Tickets are available now, \$12 each; 717-637-7086 or BoxOffice@TheEich.org. This



is a Gettysburg Community Theatre production and features cast members with special needs and their peer mentors — if you've never seen a Penguin Project show, it's an incredibly moving experience!

Wreath-making this year will again be held at Yorktown Pools, Route 30 in West York, on the following dates:

November 26, 27, 28, and 29, from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. On November 30 at 1 p.m., come help transport the wreaths to the East Berlin Community Center for the Bazaar on December 1.



Richard Hoffman's looking for donations of **boxwood, holly with berries, winterberries, Southern magnolia leaves, Douglas fir, heavenly bamboo (Nandina) berries, dried yarrow, white pine branches and cones from white pine** to round out the decorating project. If you have some of these goodies to donate, **call Richard at 717-259-9179**. Thanks!

(More Around the Church)

The EBACC Bazaar is Saturday, December 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help is always needed to staff the church's stand. We need you!

Have aluminum cans to recycle? Why not donate them to the church? We'll recycle them and put the



money toward the youth programs of Paradise! Bring your bagged cans to the marked can under the carport, and we'll take it from there. Everyone wins! Thanks!

The **November** website sponsor is **John Mummert** in honor of his granddaughter *Jessica's 19th birthday on November 18*. Many thanks! We're now working on the months of **February, March, May, September, and August, September, October, and December 2019** to be sponsored at **\$20 per month**.

The steeple work has begun!! How exciting! We can finally say goodbye to the falling plaster in the balcony! What a project... and again, we thank you all for your donations to fund this major repair to the Lord's house.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Paper tower results: you very generously donated the following for New Life for Girls in Dover during our paper tower collection: 63 rolls of toilet tissue; 10 rolls of paper towels; 14 boxes of Kleenex; and one feminine product package. Many thanks!

Christmas in August and September for New Life for Girls netted \$140 total, which will buy the facility 14 gift cards!! Thanks so much.

Mitten/Mission Tree
Look ahead to the holidays to share with others ... the Mitten/Mission Tree will be set up by the first of the month and will be ready for you to **PUT ON** mittens, hats, scarves, and gloves (all sizes) for New Life for Girls and Bell Socialization and/or for you to **REMOVE** an envelope to benefit one of four missions: **Manow School in Tanzania; New Life for Girls; Hunter's Cottage shelter; or the Paradise Youth program.**



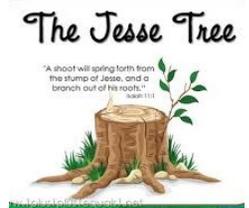
Blood drive here on Tuesday, November 27, from 3 to 7 p.m.



No appointment necessary! Just eat something within four hours of donating, and walk in. Bring a friend along, too! FYI, to catch you up on the information from the past two drives: in June, they collected 8 pints, saving 24 local lives; and in September, they collected 6 pints, saving 18 local lives. Way to go!

In everything Give Thanks
1 Thes. 5:18

Jesse Tree: This year we will get the names of **40** children, from infants to 5 years old. The tag will have the child's name, age, and gender, clothing and shoe sizes, puzzles, games, books, favorite character to help pick books, puzzles, etc. **Suggested donation** is \$35 per child. You may pack your gifts



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School Scoop!
Here's what's going on in Sunday School — there's a class for you to be sure!!

Little ones through Grade 2 will learn about Jesus with Miss Arlene Gruver and/or Michele Becker through exciting songs, Bible stories, and crafts. This group meets in the lower level Sunday School wing Kindergarten Room;

Grades 3 through 6 will continue their journey with Jesus in the upstairs Art Room with singing, scripture stories, and hands-on crafts, thanks to Sandy Detwiler and/or Steph Kinard;

Grades 7 and 8 will meet in the Youth Room to prepare for Confirmation with instruction by Tyrone and Lori Stambaugh and Tracey and Ray Grudi using the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum;



Those in Grade 9 will meet with their mentors OR join the **Young Adults/Senior High Class** with Andy Maher showing/discussing Rob Bell's "Nooma" videos. This class meets *in the upstairs room with the mural*;

The Adults in the **FORUM AND AUGSBURG CLASSES** will meet for group discussions based on video presentations, and Marty Rexroth will function as the "convener" of this group as they hash things out *in the room beside the Sunday School office, upstairs hallway*.

See, there's a class for you, so don't be shy — join the Sunday morning fun at Paradise!

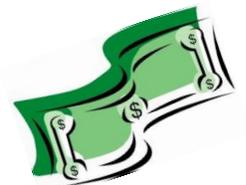


TREASURER'S INFORMATION

How was September? Check these numbers...

	September needs for God's Mission	Your gifts in September	Difference
Current	\$18,195.00	\$16,119.48	—\$2,075.52
Benevolence	\$1,167.00	\$1,129.00	—\$38.00
Action 2000	\$2,274.00	\$2,553.29	+\$279.29
	Our needs, to date	Total gifts, to date	Difference
Current	\$140,776.02	\$136,771.38	—\$4,004.64

Interest paid 2018: \$3,889.15
Principal paid 2018: \$16,992.85
Building debt principal owed: \$133,618.31
September Special Offering for CROP Walk: \$217.00



Special Offering Envelope —
November's envelope will go to our Benevolence contribution to the synod.
Thank you for your generosity.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

*From Allison Trump,
Minister of Music:*

Christmas Music



before each Christmas Eve worship service (which are held at 7 and 10 p.m.). Everyone is welcomed to participate! Remember, only sacred music and no prerecorded music is permitted. If you'd like Allison to help you select music, please see her! Also, please let her know ASAP if you want to participate that night and before which service. Call her at 717-630-8824, or e-mail her at paradiseorganist@yahoo.com



Pageant rehearsals:

This year we will be presenting the pageant "Company's Coming" by Ann W. Yeager on Sunday, December 30, at our ONE SERVICE at 9 a.m. We will be rehearsing some Sundays, immediately after the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The rehearsals will be kept to one hour. Rehearsals are not mandatory, but please try to attend as many as you can, at it does make a difference to the rest of the cast! Rehearsals will be held Sundays, November 18, 25; December 2, 9, 16, 23; and Saturday, December 29 (this one at 9 a.m. — dress rehearsal!). If you are interested in participating in this pageant, please see Allison ASAP!



(Worship and Music, continued)

Jazz, anyone? We will be reuniting the Paradise Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, December 30. We will have ONE rehearsal on Saturday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. If you're interested, see Allison for the music and a practice CD.



At-a-Glance Choir Schedule

Praise Team: Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, right after early church;

Sanctuary Choir: Wednesdays, November 7, 14, 18, 7:00 p.m.;
With Grace Notes choir on November 18, 25;

No rehearsal November 21;

Grace Notes: 9:40 a.m., Sundays, November 4, 11, 18, 25;

Tone Chimes: Wednesdays, November 7 and 14 at 6:30 p.m.;

Cherub/Children's/Youth Choir: every Sunday during Sunday School

Pageant Practice: Sundays, November 18, 25, immediately following the 10:15 worship service

NO REHEARSALS BETWEEN 11/5 AND 11/11;

ALLISON'S VACATION