



## *Praise & Patter – June 2021*

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### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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The month of June brings the end of school and the beginning of summer vacation season. Already there is much excitement in the air because many of the COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted and life is getting closer to feeling normal. For those who canceled or put off travel and activities last year, there is a sense of hopefulness and expectation about making new plans.

As we close out the month of May, there are two important celebrations to note: May 23 is the Feast of Pentecost and May 31 is Memorial Day. At first glance, these two celebrations seem to share very little in common. One is religious and the other is secular. One is connected to the harvest of first fruits and the other focuses on the patriotic sacrifices of loved ones. One comes out of ancient history and the other is part of current events. In fact, the two celebrations seem as distant from each other as Jerusalem is from Washington D.C.

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May. It is a day set apart in honor of the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. First known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Seven weeks after Easter, Christians gather to celebrate the Day of Pentecost – the birthday of the church. Some of the events recorded in Acts 2 include: tongues of fire, speaking in different languages, Peter's powerful sermon, and many baptisms.

Have you ever wondered why so many people are gathered in Jerusalem at the time of these events? They are gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Weeks. According to Leviticus 23, "The LORD said to Moses, "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. These are the LORD's appointed festivals, which you are to proclaim as official days for holy assembly ... From the day after the Sabbath—the day you bring the bundle of grain to be lifted up as a special offering—count off seven full weeks. Keep counting until the day after the seventh Sabbath, fifty days later. Then present an offering of new grain to the LORD." *Leviticus 23:1-2, 15-16*

When you count 50 days from "the day after the Sabbath" (Sunday), it always brings you to the Sunday that falls seven weeks later – the Day of Pentecost. The word Pentecost is the Greek term for "fiftieth."

The events of Pentecost change history forever. God calls a group of people together to be "His own special people" (1 Peter 2:9). Through the Church, God will invite people of all races and nationalities into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. (Romans 9:24; 11:11; Galatians 3:14)

In the 2,000 years since that first Day of Pentecost, thousands of men and women have suffered fines, imprisonment, and death in order to share their convictions about God's truth. We might even say that Pentecost is like a Christian memorial day; it serves as a day of remembrance for those who have gone before us in the faith.

In the coming weeks, let us remember and honor all our heroes. Those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, and those who were persecuted and who sacrificed their lives to share the faith of Jesus Christ with us.

Pastor Lee

### **JOIN US FOR WORSHIP at 9:00 AM EACH SUNDAY!**

**In-Person** – Masks are still required for now.

**Live Stream** – [www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org](http://www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org)

**Facebook Live** – [www.facebook.com/stpaulsfunkstown](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulsfunkstown)

**Conference Call** – Dial in number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 581-113-3494#

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Everlasting Father, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding our steps on your path. Your word says that the earth is yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to you. We recognize everything we have belongs to you. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to you. We now offer back to you a portion of what you have given us. May God the Father prepare our journey, Jesus the Son guide our footsteps and the Holy Spirit watch over us, on every path that we follow. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANK YOU for your faithful & generous giving, which helps us to share the good news of Jesus. Please visit our website [www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org](http://www.stpaulsfunkstownmd.org) and click GIVE to learn about electronic giving options. You can also mail your offerings to the church or drop them off during office hours, which are 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Offerings received in April \$22,638.72

Expenses paid in April \$21,783.29

Principal paid on debt: \$2,046.20

### **Faith Formation**

We will take a break for the summer months (June, July and August) and will resume in September.

**Our Daily Bread** booklets for June, July and August are available for pick up.

### **Prayer Ministry**



The family of **Gary Naugle**, who died on April 26, 2021, a memorial service will be held on May 22, 11:00 AM at St. Paul's.

Peggy Renner's Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, June 10 at 11:00 am at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Remember these brothers and sisters in Christ in your daily prayers:

- June 6 Brenda Hamilton; Tracey Hammersla; Jackie Harbaugh; Cindy Harbaugh; Cynthia Harbaugh
- June 13 Catherine Harris; William Hatton & Jeanne Doney, Amy, Benjamin and Zoe Haught; Delores Hawbaker; Jim & Connie Hebb; Peggy Hebb; Scott Hebb; Brian Hebb;
- June 20 Amanda, Kiersten, Kaitlyn & Kameron Hollinger; Dean & Patsy Hoover; Lauren, Collin, Aidan & Michael Horan; Teresa Hutchens; Adam Hutchens
- June 27 Vivian Hyde; Larry Iseminger; Eric, Teresa, Cameron, Chase & Lucas Jacobs; and Harold James

## June Birthdays

1	Travis Kable	11	Aaron Lighter	23	Sara Jane Baker*
2	Mary Moats Harper Breakall	12	Beverly Welch*	25	Leslie Tritsch
3	Reatha Kline*	16	Paul Crampton, III	27	Lennie Frey Cara Shank Mason Breakall
4	Timmy Shaw	17	Carmela Anjos*		
5	Steve Reichard	18	Richard Brandenburg*	29	Kim Rodgers Jack Newkirk Ashley Reedy
7	Benjamin Haught	20	Nancy Wishard		
8	Karin Enstrom*	21	Kelly Kable Marlina Wolford Adam Hutchens	30	Marlene Barger Stephanie Shank
10	Eric Jacobs	22	Charlotte Miller*		

\*=80 years and over

## June Anniversaries

7	Jack & Nancy Newkirk	17	Paul & Pamela Crampton	26	Tom & Eileen Renwick
13	Bobby & Kim Rodgers	24	William & Tina Davis	30	Jim & Donna Unger
17	Richard & Elaine Brandenburg				

## Newsletter News

The deadline to receive information for the July/August newsletter is NOON on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Your meeting this deadline ensures we can publish the July/August Newsletter by the end of June.

**Signup Charts:** The Signup charts for 2021 Altar Flowers, Eternal Light and Communion Elements are posted on the bulletin board. Altar Flowers are \$60.00 for both vases or \$30.00 for one. Please indicate if you are purchasing one or both. The Eternal Light and Communion Elements are \$10.00 per week.

**Volunteers are Needed!** Are you or your family interested in a volunteer opportunity this summer? We are looking for volunteers to run the Snow Cone Stand at the 2021 Funkstown Park Day's.

Date: July 17, 2021 Time: 11am-Dark

Please email [info@stpaulsfunkstownmd.org](mailto:info@stpaulsfunkstownmd.org) if you are interested in assisting! All proceeds support St. Paul's Youth & Children's Ministry.

## Up Coming Events:

June 8 – Council Meeting

June 15 – Newsletter Deadline

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS SCHEDULED FOR FALL

If your marriage has had some struggles during the Coronavirus, you are not alone! The virus has put a great deal of stress on a lot of marriages, and others just need some time away to just be a couple; so now is the perfect time to sign up to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend designed to renew and revitalize your marital relationship no matter whether you have been married a year or 60+ years.

The registration fee has been waived for this year, so you pay only the amount specified on the website for 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and 5 meals for each of you. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need. Simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which Weekend will work for you:

October 1-3, 2021 -- Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA--Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 -- Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry--spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches--an hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the Weekend. Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org), find your chosen Weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card, or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or call: 724-325-3166.

**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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