

# The Epistle

## June 2009

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### The Pastor's Pen

*“Train a child in the right way, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)* Vacation Bible School begins June 14! Once again, St. Paul's and St. John's Lutheran Churches are presenting a combined VBS program. Volunteers from both churches have been hard at work planning this combined ministry of the Lutheran churches in Littlestown. This year's program is entitled "Studio Go!" A game show theme, the program is packed with activity and interactive ways of teaching our children "the right way" Proverbs calls for. We hope many families in both churches and in

the community will participate in this ministry to our young people.

St. Paul's will send all five of our confirmation students to Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa June 21 to June 26. This is the second year our congregation has participated in this program coordinated by the Hanover and Gettysburg Lutheran Conferences. It gives the students an opportunity to immerse themselves in traditional confirmation studies of Luther's Small Catechism, the Bible, church history and other topics. Daily activities include devotions and worship, skits, campfire

time and the normal camping activities offered at Nawakwa. Being in an overnight camp setting also allows our students to form important friendships as they continue learning the "right way" of living into the covenant God makes with us in Baptism.

With your prayers, your time and your talents please support our young people and the volunteers who make possible these two important ministries.

In Christ,

Pastor Stellhorn



# Birthdays in June

Amy Eader	6/4	Doug Null	6/11	Beth Ann Vasquez	6/22
Margaret Stair	6/4	Bob Wiseman	6/13	Brett Dillman	6/24
Tanya Glass	6/5	Staci Tosh	6/15	Reagan Miller	6/25
Drew Plunkert	6/5	Dolores Snyder	6/16	Mark Sweigart	6/26
Judi Schumaker	6/7	Lindsay Tosh	6/19	Debie Jemison	6/28
Scott Snyder	6/9	Gabriel Schue	6/22	Dolly Markle	6/30
Pastor Stellhorn	6/9	Colby Snyder	6/22	Harry Wildasin	6/30



# Anniversaries in June

Pete & Ruth Pautenis	6/1	Mike & Karen DeGroft	6/20	Jim & Marietta Witt	6/21
Tom & Debie Jemison	6/7	John & Anne Faber	6/20	Wayne & Thongpoon Carter	6/23
Jeff & Robin Caples	6/10	Doug & Jackie Murren	6/20	Scott & Sherrie LaMotte	6/23
Bob & Dolores Snyder	6/11	L. Robert & Dorothy Snyder	6/21	Harry & Linda Decker	6/24
Gene & Sharon Pratt	6/18	Charlie & Rebe Etta Weikert	6/21	Vern & Donna Study	6/27
Larry & Ann Hartman	6/20	Mike & Roxann Kline	6/21	Frank & Esther Basehoar	6/29
				Wayne & Jennifer Friedel	6/30

# Worship Assistants for June

Counters	Don Snyder*, Mark Sweigart*, TBA
Communion Helpers	Don Snyder* & Mark Sweigart*
Altar Guild	Nancy Boyd & Terry Burnette

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Lectors	Theresa Burnette	Nancy Boyd	Ayleen Stellhorn	Tracy Schwartz*
Greeters	Jenni & Dave Holt & Family	Sam & Esther Aulthouse	Jane Cookson Don McKim	Hank & Jessica Roschen
Ushers – 8:00	Fern Bachman Millie Bachman	Ken Smith Linda Smith	Barb Zumbrum Ruth Ann Peart	Barry Cluck Loretta Cluck
Ushers – 10:15	Mel Leidy Barb Sentz Abby Schwartz	Alan DeGroft Ed Windisch Theresa Windisch*	Bob Palmer Karen Palmer Bob Snyder	Wayne Carter* Jonathan Carter Tracy Schwartz*
Acolytes	Jessica Caples	Karissa O'Conner	TBA	Eddie Windisch
Nursery Helpers	Robin Caples Amanda Caples	Barb Schwartz Emily Schwartz	Judi Schumaker Sarah Schumaker	Ayleen, Rachel & Veronica Stellhorn

# Thank You Notes

*I want to thank everyone for the beautiful poinsettia at Christmas, the pastor's visits and the lily at Easter. Thanks ever so much.* —Robert Gouker

*The Property Committee would like to thank everyone who assisted in the cleaning, mowing, opening and closing of our Church during the Sexton's recent time off!! Your help was much appreciated.*



**A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Job Seeker's Workshop, including those who stopped by just to show support to those in attendance.**

*The Service Ministry Committee truly hopes everyone had a very enjoyable and satisfying dinner on May 3 following the 10:15 AM service. There were 73 persons attending. The appreciation gifts for Jacob, the Pastor and also for his family certainly was the surprising highlight to this event. Unending "Thank You" to all of our wonderful congregational members who supplied the delicious deserts. Sincerely, Service Ministry Committee.*



**The women of the Adult Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone for their support, this years Mother's Day Bulletins raised \$118.00 toward the Organ Fund!**

*If I were to try and individually mention my appreciation for each of you, I'd surely overlook someone. That said, I am grateful for all of the prayers, thoughts, support and well wishes I've been gifted with from the beginning of the health speed bump I've recently returned from. Thank you to all of the members of the Property Committee and all who assisted them with openings, closings, cleaning, tidying, paper work patrol and the "little things" no one thinks of until it's noticed that "it" needs taking care of. From the hospital visits by Pastor, to the altar flowers being brought by, to the hanging basket that materialized while I was opening my first Sunday back, I knew I was being thought of and wished well. Thank you!*



# Thank You Notes Continued

Dear Pastor Stellhorn and Congregation,

Thank you Pastor for the visits and communion— thanks to everyone at church for the cards, prayers, beautiful flowers and the food—(all of it) - The food was very good and the flowers made me feel good—just to look at them!

Thank you all for thinking of me—this has been some trip—that I hope I'll never go on again!

Thank you—Love ya all—May God Bless All of Ya!

Love —

Ginny Bentzel



Special thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers, subs and other helpers for a fabulous year. St. Paul's is truly blessed to have this great group of dedicated individuals. In sharing your time and talent, you are helping St. Paul's youth to love, learn and grow in faith.

## Perfect Attendance for April

### 2 & 3 Year Olds

Janiah Knouse

### 4 Year Olds

Nate Holt

Samuel Jemison

### 5 Year Olds

Jarrett Hall

Logan Lanning

### Grades 1, 2 & 3

Abbey Jemison

Janet Cutsail

Jeannette Howard

### Grades 4, 5 & 6

Hannah Jemison

Jan Sweigart

Mark Sweigart

### Confirmation (Grades 7 & 8)

Charlie Bein

Eddie Windisch

### Grades 9-12

Jessica Caples

Melissa Caples



# News You Need

## CROP WALK NEWS



Plans are on track for the 2009 Community Crop Walk October 11. Approval has been received from the Littlestown Borough Council for the event. Information posters are in the process of bidding. Just a friendly reminder that St. Paul's Church Council has allowed a **one time** use of the pink special giving envelope to be used this year for anyone desiring to contribute to the Crop Walk. Your giving will be recorded on your statements. Thank you, and God Bless,  
—Ernie Spamer, Event Coordinator.



Father's Day is June 21. The Coffee and Donuts class will be available Sunday's after the 8:00 service and before and after the 10:15 service to take names to add to our Father's Day Bulletin. The deadline to enter names is June 16.

Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly takes place June 12 & 13 at Messiah College. Sue Strevig and Pete Pautenis will represent St. Paul's at this year's assembly.



Kelley Baxter, our seminarian in 2005-2006, graduated from Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary May 8! Kelley has been assigned to the Allegheny Synod in western PA and is involved in a call process with a church. Wishes may be mailed to 61 Seminary Ridge Gettysburg PA 17325 or via e-mail to [baxterkelley@gmail.com](mailto:baxterkelley@gmail.com).

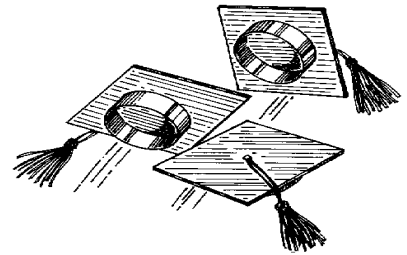


**Come on down to Studio GO! VBS 2009! Please mark your calendars and join us for a VBS game show - where kids will experience real teamwork, real service, and real fun! June 14th thru June 18th 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at St. John's! We NEED kids (4 years old thru 6th grade), helpers and leaders. Last prep meeting is June 9th 7 PM @ St. John's. MANY items needed for crafts and games - lists are in the Kammerer Room. Please sign up to help supply these items. Also, please keep all gallon or half gallon empty plastic jugs and toilet or paper towel tubes - put them in the 4th - 6th grade Sunday School room. Registration forms are also in the Kammerer Room. Forms can be returned to the office. If you can help or want additional info, please contact Jan or Mark Sweigart.**

# News You Need Continued

## Kudos to St. Paul's Graduate!

Garrett Faber graduated from Delone Catholic High School plans to join the Air National Guard where he will be taking technical classes towards becoming a Crew Chief. Garrett will attend college in the spring and plans to major in Computer Science.



## Congratulations Pastor Stellhorn

St. Paul's Congregational Council would like everyone to be aware that June marks the 5th anniversary of Pastor Stellhorn's ordination as well as his 5 year anniversary here at St. Paul's. If you have not already done so, please be sure to thank Pastor Stellhorn for his 5 years of service and dedication to our congregation. Let us give thanks to our Lord for Pastor and his family and all of the blessings they have bestowed upon us! Let us rejoice and be glad!



## **Musical Notes**

During the month of **June** we continue through the season of Pentecost. On June 7, we will celebrate the **Holy Trinity**. Come and learn about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This will be the last Sunday the choir sings until September. Special music this month will enhance the 10:15 services beginning on June 14. **Contemporary worship** takes place at the 10:15 service on June 21.

Summer months are here and we are still looking for people who wish to share their gifts of music. Please sign up to provide **special music** on the sheet by the choir room. If you have any questions please contact Ben Messinger at 359-4556 or [benmessinger@comcast.net](mailto:benmessinger@comcast.net).