

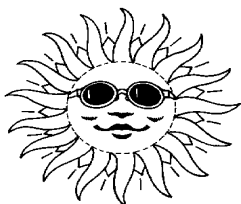


The Epistle

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The Pastor's Pen

NEWSFLASH: Dateline Littlestown—Pastor Stellhorn joins the 21st Century! Yes, the rumors are true. I have established my own Facebook site on the internet!

Facebook and other internet social networking sites have become a popular way for people keep in touch in the computer age . Since setting up my page, I've been contacted by classmates, co-workers from my years in the insurance industry and, of course...other pastors doing the same thing: networking through Facebook!

I also thought it would be a good way for me to stay connected while I'm recovering from my surgery. Just think-- a few years ago, this option would not be available to me. Computers can do wonderful things for us, can't they? A recent issue of the "Lutheran" maga-

zine even ran an article entitled "Is Facebook Church?"

Internet networking sites provide a great convenience, as does e-mail and texting. But all these forms of communication have their limits. Communication scientists tell us that 80% of the information exchanged in communication comes from non-verbal hints such as facial expressions, gestures, body language, tone of voice, the look in someone's eyes. That gets lost in electronic communications. Facebook and the like provide wonderful supplements to personal communication or, if that is not possible as in the case of my surgery recovery, a useful alternative. But there is no substitute for the old fashioned way: face to face.

God thought personal contact important enough that the only be-

gotten Son of God came into our world to teach us, heal us, die to forgive us and rise to lead us into new life--all face to face. In our Sunday worship, we meet Him personally in His word, in His Supper and in the faces of others in whom He dwells.

Lutheran teaching defines the church as the "assembly of believers." As such, church is not so much a thing as it is an event—a gathering of believers in Christ's name. When we gather in Christ's name, we are the church. Belonging to a church means not simply having your name on a membership list. It means coming together! In these quiet summer months, let us continue to seek and find Christ together in our worship.

In Christ,

Pastor Stellhorn



Birthdays in August

Tom Jemison	8/1	Courtney Pratt	8/13	David Dillman	8/22
David Trask	8/1	Hope Groft	8/14	Alex Harner	8/22
Andrea Masemer	8/4	Javier Sandoval	8/15	Robert Snyder	8/22
Katie Bentzel	8/5	Ethan Boyd	8/15	Matthew Denault	8/23
Kara Rentsel	8/5	Sherry Rippman	8/15	Wilbur Reindollar	8/23
Kim Zumbrum	8/5	Linda Smith	8/15	Linda Sandoval	8/24
Emily Schumaker	8/6	Kendall Dillman	8/16	Ann Frock	8/25
Bill Null	8/10	Michael Miller	8/16	Ruth Pautenis	8/25
Sarah Schumaker	8/10	Mary Spalding	8/16	Helen Klunk	8/26
Ann Hartman	8/11	Jeff Caples	8/17	Andre Denault	8/27
Zachary DeGroft	8/12	Erin Schumaker	8/17	Lois Eader	8/27
Dorothy Snyder	8/12	LeeAnn Miller	8/19	Vernon Study Jr.	8/27
Mary Hall	8/13	Jason Smith	8/19	Sue Strevig	8/30
Chandra Pratt	8/13	Brad Kindig	8/20	Mike Cutsail	8/31
		Brian Cavanaugh	8/21	Ben Harbold	8/31

Anniversaries in August

<i>Jon & Linda Newman</i>	<i>Rick & Vicki Masemer</i>	<i>Dean & Rebecca Yealy</i>	<i>Gary & Jen Plattenburg</i>
<i>August 2</i>	<i>August 7</i>	<i>August 18</i>	<i>August 26</i>
<i>Brian & Sara Lawyer</i>	<i>Tom & Julie Williams</i>	<i>Keith & Tonya Baker</i>	<i>Clyde & Ruth Keilholtz</i>
<i>August 5</i>	<i>August 17</i>	<i>August 23</i>	<i>August 29</i>

Worship Assistants for August

Counters	Rich Burnette*, Wayne Carter*, Sue Mauck & Charlie Mauck
Communion Helpers	Rich Burnette* & Wayne Carter*
Altar Guild	Ruth Pautenis & Bonnie Strine

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Lectors	Ernie Spamer	Sue Strevig*	Rich Burnette*	Gary Strevig	Charlie Mauck
Greeters	Anne, John, Garrett & Ryan Faber	Penny, Doug & Justin Null	Rich*, Terri, Jessie & Becca Burnette	Ann Hartman and Ruth Seitler	Cammi, Mike, Kaleb & Jordan MacCall
Ushers – 8:00	Fern & Millie Bachman	Ken & Linda Smith	Barb Zumbrum Ruth Ann Peart	Barry & Loretta Cluck	Jim & Nancy Boyd
Ushers – 10:15	Bob Palmer Karen Palmer Mel Leidy Barb Sentz	Larry Zepp* Alan DeGroft Bob Snyder Regina Snyder	Barb Schwartz Emily Schwartz Ed Windisch Theresa Windisch	Mark Sweigart* Tracy Schwartz* Wayne Carter* Jon Carter	Pete Pautenis Ruth Pautenis Barb Sentz Mel Leidy
Acolytes	Melissa Caples	TBA	Jessica Burnette	TBA	TBA
Nursery Helpers	Ayleen, Rachel & Veronica Stellhorn	Judi & Sarah Schumaker	Barb & Emily Schwartz	Robin & Amanda Caples	Ayleen, Rachel & Veronica Stellhorn

News You Need

Perfect Attendance for May

Adult Bible Class
Clyde Keilholtz
Donald Snyder
Living Hope Class
Gary Strevig
Sue Strevig



Perfect Attendance for June

Adult Bible Class
Donald Snyder
Living Hope Class
Charlie Mauck
Sue Mauck



Jodi Strevig
126 Mallory Street
Philadelphia, PA
19127

Ben Houck
112 Bim St., Apt A
Carrboro, NC 27510

Ruth Sentz
53 Acorn Road
Millerstown, PA 17062-8824

Welcome New Members!

Tim, Linda & Paris Happel
132 E. Summit Drive
Littlestown, PA 17340
359-0813



The social hall will be unable to be used from Saturday Aug. 1– Saturday Aug. 8 due to the stripping, cleaning and waxing of the floor. Please stay off of the floor for the entire week to allow it to cure. Thank you!

Littlestown Area Municipal Band Concert

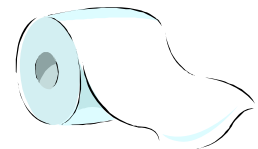


The Littlestown Area Municipal Band, under the direction of Ben Messinger, will present a Summer Concert at Crouse Park on Park Avenue, Littlestown on Sunday, August 2nd beginning at 2 PM. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will take place at St. Paul's. The public is encouraged to attend. Free will donations will be accepted.



Food Pantry Item of the Month

There is a shopping cart in the Kammerer Room for donations to the Littlestown Food Pantry. The item of the month for August is toilet paper.



ORGAN FUNDRAISING NEWS



“YOU ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS.”

On July 12th the Organ Fund Committee began selling Organ Keys in the Kammerer Room before and after the services. The key(s) can be in Honor or Memory of Loved One. The donation is \$100.00. Stop by and get your key(s) for this worthwhile cause.

****Anyone interested in joining the Organ Fund Raising Committee or anyone who has any ideas for the committee, please contact Bob Palmer, Don Schumaker or Larry Zepp****



Musical Notes

During the month of **August** we continue through the season of Pentecost. Special music this month will enhance the 10:15 services by Kate Sweigart, Kim Eckard, Paris Happel, Jessica Burnette, Amanda Kindig, Roxann Kline. On the 16th, we will be having a **contemporary worship** service at the 10:15. Our young brass ensemble, Charley Bein, Will Bein, Jessica Burnette, Veronica Stellhorn, Brady Topper, Jonathan Williams and Owen Yingling, will be providing the prelude at the 10:15 service on Aug. 30.

The fall is quickly approaching and the **choirs are looking for new members**. The **Chancel Choir** is open to anyone who is in 9th grade or higher and would like to sing praises to the Lord. The **Cherub Choir** practices during the Sunday School hour and is open to children in kindergarten through third grade. **St. Paul's Ringer's** is our hand bell choir and we are in need of 2 ringers to fill in the choir for the fall. It is very helpful for the ringers to be able to read music or be quick learners).

St. Paul's Ringer's rehearsals begin on Wed., Sept. 2 at 6 PM and the Chancel Choir begins rehearsals the same day at 7 PM. Rehearsals continue every Wed. PM at the same time. If you have any questions please contact Ben Messinger at 359-4556 or benmessinger@comcast.net.



The **choir picnic** has been scheduled for Sunday, August 30 beginning at 12:30 PM at Ben Messinger's family's cabin. The picnic is open to all choir members and their families as well as everyone in the congregation. Families are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Directions to the cabin from Littlestown are: Take 97 South through Silver Run and as you enter Union Mills, turn right onto Murkle Rd. Once on Murkle Rd. go about 1/2 mile, cross the bridge and turn right in the driveway (the cabin is along the creek on the right).

Youth Group News

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 29th at 1:00 Summer's coming to an end and school is about to begin! Let's start off Our Youth Group's first event with a POOL PARTY. Ed, Theresa and Eddie Windisch have graciously offered the use of their pool, hot tubs and yard for an afternoon of fun in the sun; their address is 88 Georgetown Road. The Windisch family will serve yummy meatball subs and grill up some chicken. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know if you will be there and to sign up for a snack, side dish or dessert. Please sign up by August 22nd so we have a count of all who are coming. Rain date is Sunday, August 30th at 1:00. If you have any questions please call Debie Jemison at 632.4440. Hope to see all CLAY FROGS & SPY there.



Keep an eye on the Bulletin Board for our Regular Meeting schedule starting in September. Have a great rest of your summer!!

Who are we?

* CLAY FROGS stands for Christians Learning About Yahweh to Fully Rely On God. Youth in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to join. (Parents with younger children who are interested in joining, please see Ayleen or Roxann.)

Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village—Anniversary

September 19, 2009 is Anniversary Day at the Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village sponsored by Lutheran Social Services. The celebration runs from 8:00am to 2:00pm. As the volunteer for our congregation, I am asking for members to help with different tables anytime during the day. I am also asking for items such as: baked goods (label item), jewelry, starter plants, books, glassware, handmade items, and white elephant items to be sold at the celebration. Please help me help them....if you have any questions or would like to volunteer or donate items, please contact Jan Sweigart (637-7841).