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PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship, Holy Communion at

8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

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Faith Formation: Georgetta Kreitz

SALT: Valerie Diehl

Finance: Chris Garrett

Care and Connect: Linda Eisenhart

Stacy White



PEOPLE AT PARADISE



April Anniversaries

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

4/3 Larry and Joann Luckenbaugh, 59 years

4/3 Joe and Cindy Zurat, 8 years

4/6 Greg and Karena Bankert, 33 years

4/10 Bill and Kay Brady, 25 years

4/28 Rick and Joyce Hoff, 40 years



THANK YOU!

Thank you TO:

Linda Eisenhart, Valerie Diehl, and Jodi Shaffer for setting up and cleaning up the light refreshments for the Heart to Heart gatherings.

Council members for a great council retreat and all the creativity and energy they bring!

Property Committee members who faithfully see to all the little bits and pieces of work that this building requires.

Auditors Karl Mincemoyer, Reona Cassel, and Chris Garrett for checking the financial records. Hooray, Bookkeeper Kris Gabel stays out of jail for another year ☺ Well done, all!



All the worship participants each month / Sunday — altar guild members, tech people, acolytes, lectors, usher captains, assisting ministers, and greeters — thank you for helping worship run smoothly!

Pastor Hipkiss for leading us with words of wisdom and good examples, and for reminding us of our purpose statement and guiding principles.

Thank you FROM:

Joyce Hoff for the cards and calls and prayers before, during, and after her surgery.

Julie Maher to everyone who helped with the March Tea. Too many to list, but suffice it to say that each little bit of help was appreciated for sure! Thanks also to all the women who attended — it wouldn't be the same without you!

PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:11)

One of the most precious gifts we receive through our baptism into Christ is one another. Living in community with other people can bring its challenges, for sure—we are all beloved and forgiven sinners. But belonging to Jesus means belonging also to one another, in one family, one body. We become for each other reflections and expressions of Jesus' own love, in good times and hard ones. The apostle Paul urges us, just as he did the church in Thessalonica, to “encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”

A beautiful example of this building up and encouraging that I experienced at Paradise over Lent was our “Heart to Heart” gatherings between

services. For five Sundays, folks gathered around tables in small groups (usually 4-7 people) and participated in some really meaningful sharing. Each person shared a high and low from the last week. Then the group discussed a few questions that related the theme of the day to our own lives. Finally, participants prayed for each other in their groups, lifting up particularly the joys and concerns that had been named in their time together.

I was able to join a group for most of those Sundays. It was a privilege to hear what people shared, and to have my own sharing held in grace. I heard lots of laughter, saw a few tears, and was witness to so much encouraging and building up. Quite a few people who participated have remarked on how much they enjoyed the experience, naming how good it was to get to know people on a deeper level, and what a gift it was to pray for one another (even if that felt awkward at first).

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We need one another, that's for sure. In a world where we can be pretty isolated, and where people often seem too busy to sit and share what's in their hearts, being church together gives us an opportunity to bless one another in this way. I encourage everyone to come to the potluck supper we're going to have on April 26 (find more information on page 5 in this newsletter) for another chance to sit and talk and eat and grow in relationship. And let's plan to resume Heart to Heart this summer, when we have one combined service at 9:00. The first Sunday of June, July, and August, we'll be worshipping outdoors, followed by a fellowship time under the trees. On the other Sundays, come down to the fellowship room after worship, gather around the tables, and spend some time talking and listening, encouraging and building up one another. Your presence will be a gift and a blessing, to yourself and to those you spend time with.

Thank you for the ways you show up for one another, in the church and outside of it, the ways you love like Jesus, and the witness you give to the companionship we share in Christ. Keep on encouraging and building up!

In Christ's peace,
† *Pastor Sigrid*

AROUND THE CHURCH



**Meet
for
Breakfast**

The Breakfast Club will get together again on Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 a.m., at Dover Valley Restaurant, 3720 Carlisle Road in Dover. Feel free to join this fun bunch!

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

(Memorials, continued)

Edna and Larry Rinehart
Ralph and Fran Nace
Joan Huffman
Larry and Shirley Trimmer
Wayne, Allison, and Sinclair
Trump
Dale and Lind Lou Hinkle
Doug and Kris Gabel

DIRECTORY UPDATES

**Mark this change in
your directory!**

Charles and Ruby Moyer
51 Amity Road
Biglerville, PA 17307



CARE AND CONNECT

FRIENDS OF PARADISE news ... from Linda Eisenhart

Our first gathering of the New Year was awesome with a fabulous turnout!! We had a great time reminiscing about what we did when our old cars broke down. Some very funny stories. We recapped some humorous highlights of previous gatherings. Sheri's first job of picking cherries for 25 cents a bucket. Donna's old time phone which required a switch board operator. Cindy's first car her Dad bought her while she was in school. The Kitchen Angels topped off the day with a deeeelicious meal of New Year's pork and sauerkraut, homemade mashed potatoes and stuffing, fresh green beans, dyed deviled eggs, Irish soda bread, Washington's cherry pie, and St. Patty's Day cupcakes.

On April 9, we will gather at Hoss's on White Street in West York. You may arrive around 11:15; the restaurant opens at 11:00. We will enjoy a scrumptious meal, play games, try our hands at trivia and puzzles, tell jokes, and have door prizes. This is always a FUN time for all! Please let Linda know if you will be attending, so that there is enough waitstaff available.

MEMORIALS

*In memory of Kim (Eimerbrink)
Gochenauer*
Given by
Pastor and Sue McConnell

In memory of George Thomas
Given by
June and Kathy Smith
Kathleen M. Motter
Donna Shaffer
Richard and Darlene Hoffman
Ken and Jean Stambaugh
Jon and Edie Arndt
Rick and Joyce Hoff

(Around the Church,
continued)

The Paradise Book Club

will meet **at the church** on Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., at the church to discuss "The Truth About Melody Browne" by Lisa Jewell. Bring your own snack if you'd like. For our May 4 meeting, we're reading "We Were Liars" by E. Lockhart. Feel free to join us at a meeting, whether you read the book or not! Any questions, contact Julie Maher at the church office.



Laundry Love will be held on April 18, starting at 5:30 p.m. On duty that evening: Heidi and Ralph.



Property work day
April 20
from 9 to noon. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. Sign up so we know how many might be here to divvy up the work.

Potluck dinner!

We're planning a potluck dinner for Friday night, April 26, starting at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. We know, technically *potluck* means whatever anyone brings is what you're having, but some of us aren't comfortable with the possibility of having nothing but 14 versions of beef stew that night, hence the sign-up sheet. We just want to know if you'll bring a main dish, side dish, dessert, or a to-go-with snack or munchie. We just want to have dinner and conversation, so we'll have some fun 'ice breaker' questions or statements on each table to get us all started. Come, eat dinner with your church family!

(Around the Church,
continued again)

April is for Earth Care!

The stewardship committee's earth care focus this year is on the Horn Farm Center, located at 4945 Horn Road in

York. The mission of the Horn Farm Center is to foster ecological learning through land stewardship, community partnership, and hands-on experiences. To do that, they work to connect people with nature in fun and meaningful ways.

On Sunday, April 21, you're invited to celebrate Earth Day by spending the afternoon at Horn Farm! Anyone interested will head over to the farm after the 10:15 service. We'll get a tour of the farm and the work they do, and then from 1-3 p.m. we'll join others to do some volunteer work. The work we do will depend on what's been accomplished by other groups before us, but most likely we will be helping tend tree plantings, which would include checking tree tubes and clearing them of weeds, replacing dead trees, and placing a rock layer around tree tubes to prevent vole damage. All ages are welcome to participate! If you'd like to come, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by April 14.

To support the farm's work, we are also collecting donations of supplies and gift

cards (see the list below). You can place your donations in the designated area in the narthex **through the end of April**. Look for more information about the Horn Farm at on the bulletin board display and at www.hornfarmcenter.org.

Supplies:

- For painting projects (needed by April 18): Four-inch brushes, six-inch painting pads, paint containers (flat containers to accommodate painting pads, plus for brushes), ladders, scrapers
- Office supplies: Standard printer paper, manilla file folders, address labels, boxes of craft popsicle sticks (for the plant sale), sharpie markers (fine, regular, and chisel point)
- Gift cards: Home Depot, Tractor Supply, Lowes, Staples, Walmart, Amazon, Rutters, Sherwin-Williams Paint Store

(SALT, continued again)

varies each month. It may be the usual 3 or 4 families and it's been as many as 7 families. We operate the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Detergent, dryer sheets, and the quarters for the machines are provided to our guests. For each monthly session, our cost ranges from \$60 - \$120, depending on the families we serve. Laundry Love fosters community participation within a neighborhood through the many layers of connection it inspires. We see people with all kinds of needs. Laundry Love is more than just providing quarters and detergent! If you would like to be a part of the awesome Laundry Love teams, please see Kris Gabel for more information. Love Never Ends... Neither Does Laundry!



Not REALLY SALT, but I was out of room on the Around the Church page!
 ☺☺☺☺☺

Mark your calendar for the East Berlin Community Singers concert to be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Hanover on Friday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. **AND** at Paradise on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. Two choices this year!

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SpiriTrust Lutheran Auxiliary Membership:

Please consider another way that you can support the many residents at Kelly Drive and Sprenkle Drive Villages. The Auxiliary provides this assistance for the various activities and programs for the residents. They also provide financial support to the Benevolence Fund. This Fund is used to help residents who have outlived their financial resources. If you are interested in this mission to provide financial assistance for the residents, please pick up a membership envelope in the narthex, fill in the information, enclose cash or a check made payable to Paradise Lutheran Church with 'membership' in the memo line, and place it in the offering plate or Kris' or Julie's mailboxes. You may also give it to one of our Auxiliary representatives: Vicki Boone, Sandra Peter, or Linda Eisenhart. They will then see that you receive an Auxiliary Membership Card. On behalf of the residents, thank you!!

April Special Offering -

Laundry Love "If I had clean clothes, people would treat me like a human being." An all-too-common phrase heard from those struggling to make ends meet and having to choose between food, rent, medicine, gas, and laundry.

Laundry Love affirms human dignity one load at a time. It is a nationwide movement that brightens the lives of thousands of people through love, dignity, and detergent by partnering with diverse groups and laundromats. We see the laundromat as a place where strangers become friends, people are known by name, hope is hustled, and the worth of every human being is acknowledged and celebrated. For Paradise, Laundry Love is a neighboring movement that partners with the laundromat in the Spring Forge Plaza in Spring Grove. Two teams of volunteers alternate months of service. The number of families who come for help



TREASURER'S INFORMATION

How was February? Check these numbers...

	February's needs for God's Mission	Your gifts in February	Difference
Current	\$19,308.75	\$16,378.06	—\$2,930.69
Benevolence	\$1,000.00	\$1,009.00	+\$9.00
Capital Improvements	\$1,250.00	\$1,347.85	+\$97.85
	Our actual needs, to date	Total gifts, to date	Difference
Current	\$37,470.11	\$38,884.40	+\$1,414.29

February Special Offering, Sub and Soup sale for Harvest of Hope Food Pantry: \$1,693.00!!! Way to go, Paradise and friends! Great donation!



Special Offering Envelope —

**April's Special Envelope will go to
Laundry Love.**

**May's envelope will go to the
Lutheran Camping Corporation.**
Thank you for your generosity.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

What's happening at worship in April?

Sunday, April 7 ~ Second Sunday of Easter, 9:00:

Holy Humor Sunday. We continue to celebrate Jesus' resurrection—with laughter! At one combined service, enjoy skits and jokes and a bit of silliness. You're invited to wear funny hats, ties, socks, wigs, whatever you have!

Sunday, April 14 ~ Third Sunday of Easter:

The risen Christ shares a meal with his disciples and sends them out as his witnesses. When we gather to worship, Jesus feeds and sends us in the same way!

Sunday, April 21 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life and takes it back up again for his sheep, those who know and listen to his voice.

Sunday, April 28 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Through the gifts of baptism and faith, we are made part to Christ the vine. As we abide in him, he feeds and nurtures us to bear fruit in his name.



All Church Together (ACT) on 1st Sundays ...

begins in September! *[Sorry for any confusion about the YEAR; it's this year, 2024!]* From *September through May*, we will all worship together at **9 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month**, followed by a congregational get-together of some sort. Then, as usual in June, July, and August, we will all worship at 9 a.m. for the summer. Put **ACT on 1st Sundays** on your September—May calendar now!

SALT (SERVE AND LOVE TOGETHER)

Proceeds from the 2024 SpiriTrust Lutheran

Mother's Day Geranium Sale will benefit the residents of the Villages of Kelly and Sprenkle Drives. The geraniums come in red, salmon, and white and are \$5.00 per plant. Orders may be placed using the colored envelopes in the narthex.

Fill out the information on the envelope, enclose cash or a check made payable to 'Paradise Lutheran Church', and place in the offering plate or in Julie or Kris's mailbox.

Orders are due by Sunday, April 28. The geraniums will be displayed on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.



YUMMY SUBS, SUBS, SUBS! This is an opportunity for us to help support the resident programs at SpiriTrust Lutheran. R & K Subs and Sandwiches will be sold for your eating pleasure! Orders and money are due by Sunday, April 14. The order forms and envelopes are available outside the church office and at the entrances to the Sanctuary. The items will be available for pick up at the church on Wednesday, April 24, from noon until 1:30, then again from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, April 25, from 8:30 until 1:30. If you need to make other arrangements, please let Linda Eisenhart know. Thank you to everyone in advance for your generous support! If you want to show your support, but do not want to purchase food, you may place your donation in an envelope (mark it for SpiriTrust) and place in the offering plate or in Kris or Julie's mailbox.