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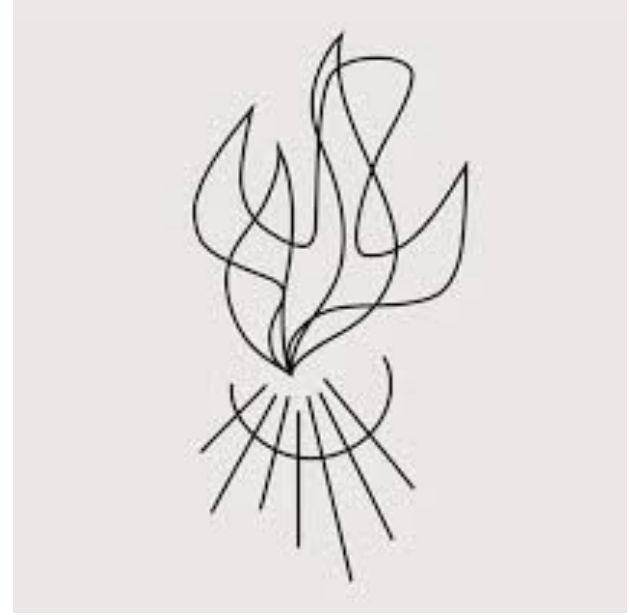
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## The "Holtzschwamm Hotline"



**PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*www.paradiselutheran.weebly.com*

Sunday Worship, Holy Communion at

8 and 10:15 a.m. 5/7 to 5/19;

**9 a.m. 5/26 to 9/1**

## Who's Who?

### Staff, contact info., council members

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#### Council members and liaison committees:

Vice President: Dave Cassel

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Worship and Music: Clay Black

Faith Formation: Georgetta Kreitz

SALT: Valerie Diehl

Finance: Chris Garrett

Care and Connect: Linda Eisenhart

Stacy White

Summer schedule begins on  
May 26:  
ONE worship service at  
9 a.m.

#### (Thank You FROM, continued)

Julie Maher to Allison, Sinclair, and Wayne Trump, Sr., Joe and Donna LeVault, Justice White, Paul and Miriam Hipkiss, Kay Brady, Clay Black, and Steph Kinard for performing/narrating the Holy Humor skits. Such fun! Also to Mike Gautsch for being our expert 'sound man' for that morning, too, fixing us up with the appropriate microphones, etc.

The cast of "The Not Faithful Heroes" — "A big thank you to Julie Maher, director extraordinaire, for fearlessly leading the Paradise Players in our annual Holy Humor skit! Love, your Cast" [aww, so sweet!]

#### PEOPLE AT PARADISE

#### May anniversaries:

- 5/1 Joe and Donna LeVault, 69 years!
- 5/2 Richard and Darlene Hoffman, 53 years
- 5/11 Terry and Teresa Nace, 33 years
- 5/13 Tyler and Carley Shue, 1 year
- 5/16 Greg and Roxann Harrell, 42 years
- 5/16 Leroy and Cheryl Byers, 32 years
- 5/18 Ed and Pat Keister, 56 years
- 5/18 Mike and Mindy Watson, 22 years
- 5/27 Bill and Lois Rankin, 58 years
- 5/27 Joel and Aubrie Maher, 6 years
- 5/28 Chris and Andrea Davis, 26 years
- 5/30 Randy and Dawn Myers, 43 years



**[No shut-in birthday boys or girls for May.]**

## THANK YOU!

### Thank you TO:

our Easter Brass: *Ed and Paul Hipkiss and Wayne Trump, Sr. Ed Hipkiss* for singing “Were You There” on Good Friday AND for coordinating and arranging the brass music. Well done, Ed!!!

*Sinclair Trump* for intoning Psalm 22 on Maundy Thursday, and for adding some rockin’ good drumming to several of our hymns.

*Michele Becker* for singing the “Easter Song” on Easter Sunday.

*Allison Trump* for the beautiful preludes and postludes for the late worship service.

*Mike Gautsch* for climbing the ladder to change the drape on the cross during Holy Week; also to *Larry and Shirley Trimmer* for seeing to all those changes.

*Shirley Trimmer* for filling the chancel area with beautiful Easter Sunday plants!

*All who helped* with all the extra work that Holy Week entails: extra bulletins, altar guild duties, decorating, worship participants, council usher captain duties, extra sermons — what a busy and very rewarding time! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

*Sherry Feeser and Justice White* for teaching the kids' Sunday school class this year and making it such a great experience!

*Brenda Black* for sharing her gifts in leading the heart mosaic project during Lent! Much time, care, and talent went into preparing and completing this reminder of how God brings beauty from our brokenness.

### Thank you FROM:

*Elaine Thomas* for the calls, cards, prayers, and love shown to her (and George) while dear George was on his journey and then following his death, and also for making memorial donations in George's memory. Such a loving church family ♥

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear friends in Christ,

Sometimes the season of the calendar year seems to fit perfectly with the celebrations of the church year. Like with Easter, the season we are moving toward the end of this month—all of the new growth, new life, the renewing of the earth all around us seems to preach its own sermon to us about the resurrection of Jesus and God's ability to create new life.

Other times, though, there's a bit of a mismatch. On May 19, we will celebrate the festival of Pentecost. The date of Pentecost changes year to year, depending on when Easter falls, but it's always somewhere mid-May to mid-June. Which means we celebrate Pentecost when our rhythms are shifting from the busyness of the spring to the slower pace of the summer. This year, Pentecost is the last day of our regular worship schedule before we switch, on Memorial Day weekend, to one service at 9:00 a.m. for the rest of the summer. It's the last day of Sunday school. People start traveling more, and the church calendar gets a little less full.

But Pentecost is not at all about endings or anything slowing down! The experience of Pentecost in the book of Acts is the launching of the church into mission. The disciples have been gathered together, waiting, praying, and then all at once the Holy Spirit arrives. The Spirit blows through the room and sends the disciples out, filling their mouths with words the diverse crowds outside can understand, all about what God has done in Jesus Christ. Many who hear believe, repent, and are baptized. Acts 2 ends by saying, “And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

This is traditionally understood to be the “birthday” of the church. It is how God fulfills Jesus' promise to the disciples from Acts 1:8: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” And indeed, that's what we see happening. The Holy Spirit leads those who have come to believe in Jesus to bear witness, and the church moves out in mission.

We are still today in the age of the mission of the church. The Spirit is still equipping us and sending us out. We do need

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seasons of rest, of course—I'm not suggesting we fill the calendar full of activities this summer. But I invite us all to remember as we celebrate Pentecost this year that God's mission is not taking a break but is unfolding all around us. God is sending us to welcome, to embody Christ's love, to serve, to share our gifts, to love like Jesus, in and through all the seasonal rhythms of our lives. We, like the early disciples, are witnesses to the love of God made known in Jesus; may the Holy Spirit fill our mouths and move our feet to share the good news, wherever we find ourselves.

In Christ's peace,

† *Pastor Sigrid*

## AROUND THE CHURCH

### The Breakfast Club

will meet at  8:30 a.m. at the Lyndon Diner (1353 Kenneth Road, York) on Tuesday, May 7.

### The Paradise Book Club

will meet on Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m., at Julie Maher's house, 78 North Ridge Road, Thomasville. Feel free to BYOB and snack. The book: "We Were Liars" by E. Lockhart.



### Mark your calendars for June and July's selections and meeting dates:

"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V. E. Schwab for June 6; and "A Short History of the Girl Next Door" by local author Jared Reck for July 11 (**NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE, this month only**). Interested in joining the group? Let Julie Maher know (*secretary.paradiselutheran@gmail.com*) and she'll add you to the email list for reminders, etc.

## CARE AND CONNECT

### *Friends of Paradise*

*From Linda Eisenhart —*

Well, our spring gathering at Hoss's was a small, but definitely cheerful group. We had fun with the trivia questions, enjoyed delicious food, laughed at a few jokes, and enjoyed a rousing left/right game which produced two winners of chocolate Easter bunnies and had us laughing a lot!! The group went to work on some challenging puzzles before we ate. Following our meal, door prizes were chosen — thermometers, mini fans, tea towels, gardening items, stepping stones, just to name a few. Everyone went home with door prizes, a pansy to plant, a bag of candy, a bobblehead candy holder, and their pick of a gladiolus bulb to add to their growing garden collection from previous years. Pat Keister won the "guess how many candies" jar. Edna Rinehart won the BIG door prize of a huge petunia hanging basket. Our hostess

turned out to be an old 'young' parishioner, Kelly (Myers) Young who recognized several members of the group. She also recalled Janet Mansberger as her mail lady. Old Home Day! Fun!

Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 14. Feel free to come help us prep the meal on Monday, May 13, starting around 9 a.m. We would love to share a laugh or two while getting things ready.



express how meaningful this service you are a part of is to them and how important you devoting your time and talents are to me. We cannot provide the level of compassion, care, and generosity without your help.

Within the past 6 months, we have not purchased milk for our neighbors, with the exception of 4 weeks to use some grant money. If we were able to get free milk and it was within a usable time frame, our neighbors benefitted. For the Summer Food distribution, I would like to start a "Milk Brigade." How this would work would be through donations from our congregation to Harvest of Hope earmarked specifically for "Milk" distributing chocolate milk once a month and white milk for the remaining 8 weeks for the Summer Food Program. Look for information in the narthex for this upcoming need.

During the first quarter of this year, our connection with Walmart through **Feeding**



**America** netted the food pantry 26,685 pounds of food; 11,794 pounds were meat. That alone is amazing! Weis Market on White Street donated 5,684 pounds of food, of which 4,022 pounds were meat. Rutters Farm Store donated 1,908 pounds of packaged sandwiches, salads, fruit, dessert, and snacks.

While we are very blessed to have these resources available to us, we are still looking for companies and work places to hold food drives, consider corporate donations, and provide grants. If you or anyone you know would be able to help us with this, please let Linda Eisenhart know.

**Mark your calendar** for the next **Red Cross** blood drive here: Thursday, June 13, noon to 5 p.m. Schedule your appointment at 800-RED-CROSS or use the Red Cross donor app.

### (Around the Church, continued)

**Don't forget** to pick up your geraniums on May 12 after each worship service!



♪ ♪ **The East Berlin Community Singers** will be presenting their 2024 concert **TWICE** this year! The first performance will be at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Hanover on Friday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. The second performance will be at Paradise on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. Admission "fee" at Paradise is a personal care item such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, **and/or** a can of food to be donated to New Hope Ministries. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the Paradise concert! **We'll be prepping refreshments on Saturday, May 18, starting around 9 a.m. if anyone can help!!**

**Looking ahead to July** — Mark your calendar for a Sunday afternoon of community band music! The York County Community Band Festival (first of its kind!) will be held on Sunday, July 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. (*rain date August 11*) at Zion Lutheran Church, 2215 Brandywine Lane, York. This **free** celebration of music will include all of the remaining traditional community bands from the county: Red Lion-Felton Band, Twin Rose Community Band, Brodbeck's Band, and The Emigsville Band. A fun afternoon for sure!

**(Around the Church,  
continued again)**

**And one more thing** to put on your calendar: Friday night, October 4, 6 to 9 p.m. — potluck dinner AND a talent show!! Anyone who witnessed last year's talent show will tell you that it was ONE FUN EVENING! Now's your chance to start thinking about how you can share your talent with us! Do you....  
*Tell a great joke?* Bring a selection to tell!  
*Play an instrument?* Practice a song to share!  
*Juggle?* Do it!  
*Dance?* Show us your routine!  
*Sing?* Oh, please do!  
*Anyone want to help with a skit?* See Julie Maher!  
This is for all ages, obviously, and we look forward to seeing and hearing your specialty! Mark your calendar and start thinking!

**The May website** is sponsored by *Greg and Roxann Harrell* in honor of **Allison and Sinclaire Trump and all the other talented musicians at Paradise**. Cost of sponsoring the website for one month: a mere \$20.  
**Open for 2025:** February, March, November, and December.

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

**HARVEST OF HOPE:**

Volunteers for Tuesday, May 14: Valerie Diehl, Kay Murren, Ralph & Fran Nace, Larry Rinehart, Cindy Roach, Dick & Darlene Sanders, Heidi Wolf.

**WOW! SINCERE THANKS**

from **Linda Eisenhart** to a Wonderful Paradise Crew for the Easter meals distribution!! We served over 275 families which was over 1026 individuals!! Woohoo!! It was a beautiful day weather-wise, too, and some of us may have gotten a little more sun than expected! Whoops! ☺  
We teamed up with Paradise ECC to cover the distribution from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with our volunteers starting at 8:30 to begin pulling the items for the bags and staying later than 5:00 to help any "running late" neighbors receive their food.

In looking ahead for this year's **Summer Food Program** for the children, our date for distribution is Monday, June 10, from noon to 5 p.m. There are two shifts: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 1:45 to 5:15 p.m. We overlap the shifts, so that the second shift

can ease into the first shift jobs with no problems. Last year we distributed 2758 lunches. [wow!]  
Approximately 6-7 volunteers would work for each shift. We will be having a potluck lunch at the pantry that day for everyone working. If you would be willing to volunteer for a shift for distribution, please let Linda know. Also, if you would like to bring something to share for lunch, that would be wonderful.

Looking at the first quarter of this year (not including the Easter numbers) in comparison to last year's first quarter, we served about 945 **more** adults, children and seniors! That is a staggering number! Imagine, as volunteers, that the 3 hours a month, MIND YOU, that is JUST 3 hours a month that you are at the pantry, how much of a difference you make in the lives of our neighbors in need. As you see, there is definitely a NEED, otherwise, the pantry would be out of business! The demand for help with food has increased for those who are food-insecure. I cannot

**SALT**  
**(SERVE AND LOVE TOGETHER)**

**Camping!!** Our Special Offering for May will go to the Lutheran Camping Corporation. The camps of the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Pennsylvania (Nawakwa, Kirchenwald, and Wittel Farm) provide summer camping programs for young people and retreats for all ages throughout the year. The mission of the Lutheran Camping Corporation is to strengthen the faith of children, youth, adults, and families; offer opportunities for children and youth to grow in Christian leadership; provide outdoor ministry experiences to all, regardless of their financial capacity; foster Christian fellowship; and nurture God's children of all ages as stewards of God's good gifts. The offering will help provide financial resources to lower the overall cost of camp and provide camperships to assist families with limited financial resources with covering the costs of camp.

**Diaper Drive!**  
St. John's in Abbottstown is sponsoring a **baby diaper drive** during the month of May, and we'd love to help them provide these necessities! Bring any and all sizes of **baby diapers and/or diaper wipes** to our narthex all during May. The St. John's folks will pick them up and distribute to New Hope Ministries. Let's give them lots to collect from Paradise!

**Harvest of Hope Pantry needs:**  
May: Dry pasta, soup  
June: canned tomatoes  
boxed cereal  
July: canned pasta  
canned fruit  
Aug.: spaghetti and sauce  
Sept.: canned vegetables  
rice  
Oct.: Thanksgiving meals  
Nov.: mac & cheese, tuna  
Dec.: peanut butter, jelly  
**Place your donations in the box outside the church office or in the narthex.**  
**Thanks so much!**

**TREASURER'S INFORMATION**

**How was March? Check these numbers...**

|                      | Budget needs for God's Mission | Your gifts in               | Difference        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Current              | \$19,308.75                    | \$28,663.09                 | +\$9,354.34       |
| Benevolence          | \$1,000.00                     | \$1,178.00                  | +\$178.00         |
| Capital Improvements | \$1,250.00                     | \$1,839.48                  | +\$589.48         |
|                      | <b>Our needs, to date</b>      | <b>Total gifts, to date</b> | <b>Difference</b> |
| Current              | \$55,540.01                    | \$67,547.49                 | +\$12,007.48      |

March Special Offering for ELCA Disaster Response:  
\$312.00



**Special Offering Envelope**  
May's envelope will go to  
**The Lutheran Camping Corporation.**  
Thank you for your generosity.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### What's happening at worship in May?

**Sunday, May 5 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter:**

In his final conversation with his disciples before his arrest, Jesus repeats his most important commandment: **love one another**. This is also Music Sunday!

**Sunday, May 12 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Jesus prays for his disciples—including us!—asking that we might be protected, sanctified, and have our joy made complete in him.

**Sunday, May 19 ~ Pentecost:** Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Holy Spirit pours out upon the church, bringing the wideness of God's mercy into human community. **Wear red today!**

**Sunday, May 26 ~ Holy Trinity Sunday, 9 a.m.:** On this day, we celebrate the beautiful mystery of the Trinity, that God is three in one and one in three. This is also the beginning of our summer 9 a.m. worship time, and we will celebrate a baptism!



### Worship Schedule Reminders!

During the summer, we worship together at one service at 9 a.m., beginning on May 26, Memorial Day weekend. On the *first Sunday of each month* (June, July, and August) we will hold our service outdoors. In *September*, we will start our new pattern of **All Church Together (A.C.T.)** on 1st Sundays.

The first Sunday of each month will be one combined service at 9 a.m., followed by an all-church gathering in the fellowship room. To make it easier for us to keep track of these changes, **a calendar of the year, with service times and descriptions, will be available to pick up in the narthex.** Grab one and post it at home!

(Worship and Music, continued)



*From Minister of Music, Allison Trump:* Music Sunday will

be celebrated at both the 8 and 10:15 services on Sunday, May 5. We will be celebrating the service of the 8 a.m. worship leaders: Michele Becker as Song Leader and Sinclair Trump as Percussionist; AND the 10:15 a.m. music leaders, the choirs, assisting ministers, and Pastor Sigrid. We also appreciate the musicians who share their talents with special music: the Christmas Eve concert participants, Jazz Ensemble, Brass, and Summer Special Music.

*(Editor's note: And most of all, we will celebrate our very capable Minister of Music, Allison Trump, for her dedication, preparation, and talent all year long!)*

**Summer Special Music** season runs from Sunday, June 2 through Sunday, September 1. All vocalists, instrumentalists, and groups are invited to participate. If you are interested and need help selecting a piece, please see Allison. Please...no recorded music.

## FAITH FORMATION

This is the last month of the program year, before our summer break! Our **elementary class (K-5)** will meet through the 19th.

**Adult faith formation** will pick up again on May 27 with the return of "Heart to Heart." After our indoor services this summer, come down to the fellowship room to gather with new and old friends. We'll use the same format we did during Lent, sharing "highs and lows," discussing a few questions that connect our lives with the readings for that Sunday, and praying together. All are welcome!