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**500 YEARS OF WHAT?.....**

On Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The anniversary is of Martin Luther's publication of the "95 Theses" which were arguments against a particular practice in the medieval church of offering the forgiveness of sins through the sale of a papal letter called an indulgence. The church was in the middle of a building project, the present St. Peter's in Rome, and got a little aggressive with the indulgence sales and a bit irresponsible with their marketing campaign. It was the excess of this that first caused Luther's complaints.

But this was only the beginning. When you read Luther's statements in the 95 theses you get no sense of the wider argument the Reformation would become against, not only the Roman Catholic Church, but the medieval religious system and European society. Clearly Luther did not realize the full implications of the argument he was getting himself into. You could say the dam of hundreds of years of theological and societal disagreements burst when pricked by Luther's pen. This was not Luther's intention but the ideas' time had clearly come.

Because of the magnitude of the effects of the Reformation on society, culture, science, thinking – you name it – there seems to be no end to the discussion of its impact. In fact, we are still coming to grips with what society looks like after the Reformation. Equally complex is the analysis of the man Luther, his biography, theology, psychology, etc. But our celebration of the Reformation isn't dependent on our comprehension of either of these things. This is my message in this newsletter.

What we celebrate is the declaration of the Scriptures which had become obscured by Luther's day. That God favors us ...not just Lutherans... but humans. God is on our side, pulling for us, helping us, loving us. This is what Jesus made manifest as God in our midst. Jesus' death signaled the world's rejection. His acceptance of the inevitability of death showed God's commitment to the message of His love and forgiveness. The resurrection of Jesus is God's rejection of the world's rejection of Jesus and God's renewed covenant with humanity based on life, peace and hope. This is the *Gospel Truth* which we celebrate.

Of course Lutherans or even Protestants are not the only ones who have this truth. After 500 years of battles and enmity we have reason for optimism that the declaration of the Gospel which once drove Christians apart might become, more and more, that proclamation of unity Christ intended it to be. That is why such care has been taken, during this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, to emphasize the work of reconciliation we have been undertaking with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters especially over the last 50 years.

Martin Luther did not intend to leave the Catholic Church when he posted his 95 Theses. In fact, he seems to have very much believed he was serving the Pope of his day by bringing the abuses he was witnessing in the church to his Holy Father's attention. Although this was not how Luther's actions were interpreted and Luther's attitude toward the church of his day hardened into a bitter enmity, I believe Luther would be very pleased by the work of reconciliation which continues between Lutherans and Roman Catholics. And I know it is what Jesus desires (see John 17).

So we are right to celebrate the progress toward reconciliation in this anniversary year. But our ecumenical advances are not what we celebrate in our marking of 500 years of reform. Instead, we celebrate that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. We celebrate that the forgiveness of Christ sets us free from the guilt of our past and the fears of our future to love and serve God and our neighbors' right here and now.

In a sense the timeless quality of the Gospel is precisely the point. Unshackled from the constraints of a particular time and place the good news of Jesus Christ is free to confront new situations and realities. It is

no wonder society lurched forward as a result of the Reformation, although that was not its intention. You could certainly say that the road to modernity, with all its advantages and liabilities, began on the door of a Wittenberg church on October 31, 1517.

Yet our celebration is absolutely centered, not on an historical event or person, but in the *Good News* of Jesus Christ; God for us, God with us, God acting in us. It is the Gospel that gives the context and the content of our celebration. And we will give thanks to God that through Martin Luther and so many others we have caught a glimpse of God's love and favor in the proclamation of this Gospel. That's a celebration worth having.

If you would like to learn more about Martin Luther, the Reformation and this tumultuous time in the church please join with the Adult Sunday School class September 24 – January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:15 AM in the church library.

--Pastor Frey

**--WORSHIP IN OCTOBER--**

October 1	8:00 AM – Holy Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School 10:30 AM – Holy Communion & Installation of Deacon Joy Gerhart
October 7	6:00 PM – Holy Communion
October 8	8:00 & 10:30 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School
October 14	6:00 PM – Holy Communion
October 15	8:00 & 10:30 AM – Holy Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School
October 21	6:00 PM – Holy Communion
October 22	8:00 & 10:30 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School
October 28	6:00 PM – Holy Communion
October 29	8:00 & 10:30 AM – Holy Communion 9:15 AM – Sunday School

**FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....**

**Baptism:** Oct. 8 – **Parker Andrew LeGrand**, son of Adam & Katie (Centrella) LeGrand

**Funeral:** Sept. 1 -- **Pearl E. Miller**

**REFORMATION THOUGHTS.....Joy Gerhart**

It is October, the month of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. We have carried a “flat Luther” around the country and the world and have displayed his travels on the wall. We have displayed and sold books about Martin Luther, acted out the major events of his life and made bobble-head Luthers and replicas of his seal.



What does the Reformation mean to you? Is it really important to you? In a confirmation class, as well as in a skit, we talked about how Luther never wanted to create a new denomination or have it named after him. The name came from people wishing to insult Luther and his followers. (The name Christian originated as an insult too. We do hear of names of other reformers associated with Reformation movements and denominations like Wesleyan and Calvinist.)

I am a life-long Lutheran, and I feel the concepts Luther raised are very important to me and make sense to me. One concept that really connects for me is that we are at the same time saved and sinner (simil Justus et peccatur). The vicious cycle of sinning repenting and falling back into sin is very real in my experience. And sinning isn't always committing a specific bad deed, but turning away from God. I remember teaching a first communion class and having the children create 10 commandment tablets. I heard myself saying something about “making our own commandments.” Although I didn't mean it the way I spoke it, I was struck by how often we do want to make our own commandments and be like God ourselves—the first and worst sin. Anyway I always felt I understood how Luther felt and he understood how I feel.

The changes in worship in the Roman Catholic church following Vatican II also affirmed in my mind that Luther was on the right track. Changing to worship in the common language, receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion with bread AND WINE, increasing participation in the mass—these and many other changes sounded very similar to changes Luther instituted in the 1500's.

Luther's emphasis on the Bible is also very important to me. Maybe that's why I like to study and teach about the Bible. I also appreciate our Lutheran perspective on the Bible which is that the Bible is the inspired word of God, but as Luther said, it is the manger in which the Christ is swaddled and laid. Jesus, the Word of God, is presented to us through the Bible. The Bible isn't our Savior, but helps us meet our Savior. (As Dr. Mark Allen Powell says in comments in the Lutheran Study Bible, you can love the Bible, but the Bible can't love you back. You can love Jesus and Jesus can love you back.) We don't view the Bible as inerrant, meaning having no mistakes, but rather the work of God through human beings which can be understood through study of context and history. (For example, we don't believe Jesus rode into Jerusalem on two animals—see Matthew 21:1-7.)

Salvation or justification by grace through faith is another essential teaching I cling to. (See Romans 1:17 and Ephesians 2:8-10) I think the medieval mind was so swayed by the church that Luther had to over-emphasize that works do not save us, so much so that he considered the Epistle of James an epistle of straw. James said "Faith without works is dead." Today we need to see that faith is foremost of importance, and it in itself is a gift of God's grace, God's love, BUT, our response of thanks can and should be one of good works. (I remember a chaplain at Muhlenberg College saying we teach that all we need is faith, not works; so students don't do good works.) We can never earn our forgiveness, and Christ has already secured our forgiveness, but we can act out of love to serve God and our neighbor. At times it seems like it's all too good to be true, since we're trained that we have to earn everything else; but at other times we have to be careful we are not sitting on our laurels and soaking up cheap grace since we must never forget the price Jesus paid for our forgiveness. How can we ever give enough thanks?

We know Luther wasn't perfect and in his later life came out with some unpleasant comments. However, his amazing faith and devotion to God

helped develop an understanding of God and relationship with God which makes sense to me.

## YOUTH NEWS!!



Calling all current 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders to consider the ELCA Youth Gathering

This is a last call to youth to express interest in the ELCA Youth Gathering 2018, "This Changes Everything," to be held in Houston, Texas June 27-July 1. Several youth are interested and we will have an orientation meeting very soon since the deadline for early registration is November 15. Please contact Joy Gerhart if you are interested in attending this exciting event for youth!

## SPLAT and SPYY in October

We had a perfectly beautiful day on September 10 to harvest potatoes in Fleetwood and a wonderful turn out of families with youth of all ages to help with this service project. We filled at least three big watermelon tubs with potatoes, each weighing about 850 pounds. Everyone enjoyed the fresh French fries and hotdogs. Potatoes go to the Food Bank to be distributed to people in need.

**Youth in SPYY** (Grades 1-6) and **SPLAT** (Grades 7-12) are encouraged to participate in the CROP Walk on October 8 which follows our church/community picnic at 12:00 noon at the Daniel Boone Homestead. Registration starts at 1:30 PM and the walk at 2:00 PM. Confirmation students are strongly encouraged to participate. Our goal is to raise lots of money to help fight hunger, and another of our goals is to draw many walkers to win back the golden shoe award for participation! Please get some sponsors and join us on Oct. 8!

## SPLAT Event in November

Parents and Youth --Mark your calendars --On November 12, John Lauer from Thrivent will present a program, "uPLAN," on planning to finance college expenses. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall and more information will be coming soon.

## WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Though Sunday school started last month, we wanted to announce our teachers and say a little about our classes. Sunday school meets from 9:15 to 10:15 AM every Sunday. The classes for Ages 2-3, 4-5, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade meet on the entry level in the day care rooms. There are signs outside each door. The class for grades 5-6, grade 7, grades 8-9, and grade 10 meet on the lower level of the building and are also marked with signs.

Classes for children and youth ages 2 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade study the same lesson (primarily the gospel) that we hear in church on Sunday. (We call that a lectionary -based curriculum.) Seventh through tenth grade classes follow a special curriculum for confirmation. A survey of the Old Testament is covered in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Eighth and ninth grade alternate between a survey of the New Testament (this year) and topics from Luther's Small Catechism (next year). Tenth grade is using new Lutheran curriculum called Colaborate which covers Lutheran History and Catechism in the fall into the winter and Lutheran Living from the new year into the spring. We have at least 27 youth enrolled in the confirmation program, including 8 in tenth grade.

Pastor Frey started an adult class on September 24 entitled "Reformation Roots" covering the life of Luther and other aspects of the Reformation besides the Lutheran movement. The class consists of DVD's presenting well-known Lutheran professors and spokespersons followed by discussion. All are welcome to join the class held in the library each Sunday.

When you see the following people, tell them thank you for serving as teachers!

Age 2 and 3 class: Beth Jablonski

Age 4 and 5 class: Kendra Day, Michele Fisher, Rich Saylor, Rosa Crichton

Grade 1-2 class: Faith Casciano, Erin Mooney

Grade 3-4 class: Deb Smith, Lauren Sarro

Grade 5-6 class: Christine Raber, Donna Meloy

Grade 7 class: Cindy Matosky

Grade 8-9 class: Meridith Gaskins, Kathy Jablonski

Grade 10 class: Joy Gerhart, Pastor Frey



## RALLY DAY THANK YOU'S.....

Thanks to everyone who helped create an exciting Reformation experience on Rally Day! Thanks to our actors Luke and Marley Yambor, Henry and Mark Smith, Katie Sarro, and Everett Frey. Thanks to Meridith Gaskins, Donna Saylor, and Deb Smith who helped with scenery, costumes and prompts, and Kitty who accompanied the Luther carols. Thanks to Sieglinde Fretz for photographing the event. Thanks to all our craft and game helpers including Susie Kresge, Oivia and Christine Raber, and thanks to Michele Fisher for snacks! Hopefully everyone learned a little more about Martin Luther's life and ideas.

## STILL LOOKING FOR BEAN BAG CHAIRS.....

We still need bean bags chairs and big pillows for the media room used for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. We'll take any color. Please let Joy Gerhart know if you have something to contribute.

## WOMEN'S GROUP.....

### Presentation on Health Directives

On Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 PM, the Women's Group will hold their next gathering. Rob Levensgood will help us gain an updated understanding of health directives including living wills, DNR, health care and enduring power of attorney issues. All are welcome to attend, including men, and there is no fee to attend. Please join us on September 24 in the Fellowship Hall.



## FESTIVAL OF HARVEST – October 1.....

Join us to celebrate the Festival of Harvest and to thank God for giving us all the things that we need for our daily lives. We are accepting donations of canned goods to be given to the food bank at St. Paul's UCC in Amityville.

**WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....**

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support innovative solutions that fight poverty in more than 60 countries around the world including the United States. In West Chester, PA Mary Grace Asuncion has accomplished tasks that some may considered mundane: working, managing money and paying bills. She has learned how important it is to be self- sufficient. She immigrated from the Philippines four years ago. Mary is deaf, and is learning American Sign Language. She is studying for her citizenship and driver’s license. This was a dream come true for Mary Grace, who now calls Christ the King Deaf church her “church family”. Our contributions have helped her reach her dreams.

In Peru, Every weekday morning 120 elementary school children receive a warm breakfast. Each child has a different story. They all have one thing in common; they all come from an area off extreme poverty. The school, with support from ELCA World Hunger, has been able to change the lives of many “little important person(s)” and their families. They receive primary education, meals, and snacks, along with training in trade skills that they can use in the future to support themselves and their families.

Please continue to remember the less fortunate with your contributions to ELCA World Hunger. Donations can be put in your weekly envelope marked WH. Thank you for your continued support. -- Mary Graefe

**ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY – NOV. 5.....**

We will be placing lit votive candles in front of the church in memory of those who have died over the previous year (since November 1, 2016) and invite you to give us the names of friends and family members who have died (during the past year) who you would like remembered in this way. These people do not have to have been members of St. Paul’s. We will place a candle in their memory and list their names in the bulletin. Please call the church office (610) 385-6616 to add the name.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**  
**Sunday, November 12, 2017**  
9:15 A.M.

**CONGREGATIONAL WORK DAYS...Sat., Oct. 21 (inside work) & Sat., Nov. 11, from 8 am - 12 noon (outside)**  
**Raindate: Nov. 18**



Painting and indoor cleaning will be done on Oct. 21 and on Nov. 11, bring your garden gloves and rakes to help with the outdoor projects. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for you to let us know you can help. Help is needed for the full time or just an hour. Youth, this is a great event for your service hour requirements.



Blessing of Pets

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Oct. 7—10 AM**

The commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, as Francis called the animals his brothers and sisters. Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome.



**Apple Festival  
Saturday, October 7**

*Join us for a bushel of fun at our  
annual autumn event!*



**Fresh festival food all day!**

Breakfast begins at 8 am

Apple pancakes and sausage, apple cider donuts  
apple dumplings, apple tarts, pulled pork sandwiches, burgers,  
hot dogs, chili dogs, hoagies, vegetable soup, ice cream

**Fun for kids!**

Pony rides and a unicorn 11 -2, Two all day moon bounces  
Face painting 10-2, Art bus 10-2, Unusual animal show 1:30

Two rooms of free games including Pumpkin Ring Toss,  
Apple Tic Tac Toe, Apple Bean Bag Toss and Pumpkin Golf.

**Fun for kids of all ages!**

Craft show, Two large model train displays  
Quilt show, Fall flower display, Book sale

**Continuous indoor free music all day!**

9 am Boyertown Alumni Band  
10:30 am Whiskey Kreek Acoustic  
11:30 am Exeter Community Band  
12:30 pm Guitarist David Cullen  
2 pm Crow Hill Bluegrass Band

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Muhlenberg Greene Architects, Thrivent John Lauer,  
Levengood's Flowers and the Boone Area Library

Used books may be donated and placed near Joy's office.

Help us expand our Quilt Show by adding yours.

**If you are able, please park in the American Crane lot.**

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAPPENINGS.....**

The school year is off to an amazing start. The children are navigating their way through their new schedules and routines. During the month of October, we will be celebrating Fire Prevention Month. We will be having a visit with the Amity Township Fire Company to learn about fire safety. We will be offering individual and class photographs by Elaine Adam on October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn about apples by sampling a variety of apples, preparing delicious apple treats, and cooking applesauce. The children will explore the many signs of fall, carve pumpkins, and learn about nocturnal animals. In addition, we will be hosting a Halloween costume party and parade. We will also be offering the Mighty Kicks Program for the children to learn the fundamentals of soccer and stay fit. Registration forms are available in the office.



Just as a reminder, we currently have space available in the 3 year old and 4 year old afternoon Preschool Programs. Please call or stop by the office anytime for additional information. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you.

--Sherry Gardner, Director

**ANNUAL CROP WALK**

The Annual Southeast Berks Ministerium CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 8th at the Daniel Boone Homestead. The afternoon begins with a community picnic in the North Pavilions of the Homestead. Registration for the walk will be at 1:30 at the North Pavilions and the walk will begin at 2:00 PM. It is a 6k walk, 2x around the perimeter of the beautiful Daniel Boone Homestead!



Looking to make a difference in our community and around the world, the Southeast Berks Ministerium CROP Hunger Walk has set a goal of 125 walkers and hopes to raise \$11,000 to help stop hunger and poverty here in our community and around the world, through self-help initiatives. Last year over 100 walkers from seven local churches raised over \$10,000. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in this walk go to the Ministerium Emergency Fund and the Amity and Birdsboro Food

Pantries. The remainder is used by Church World Service to fund domestic and international poverty and disaster relief.

Anyone interested in walking should contact Cindy Matosky or Pastor Frey to sign up and get a Walkers Packet including an envelope to collect sponsor donations. Donations may be made to walkers or online at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org). You can also register to walk online at: [www.crophungerwalk.org/birdsboropa/getthatshoe](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/birdsboropa/getthatshoe).

Help us win back the golden sneaker by having the most walkers! Show your participation by planting a crop in our St. Paul's garden display in the Narthex. Choose a name for your fruit or vegetable - such as Emma's Eggplant or Len's Lettuce. You can email the name to [CaroleARenner@aol.com](mailto:CaroleARenner@aol.com) or fill out the form available in the Narthex and place it with your offering.

#### **MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE EVENT.....**

Don't miss this special of the new Martin Luther film!  
The newly renovated State Theater, Boyertown  
Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 PM

This special screening is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to share the message of your Lutheran heritage. It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran!

Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, and life-or-death showdowns! At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

The only place you can see the film is in the theater on the night of our church's special event. Strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of the Protestant Reformation.

Signup sheet and free tickets are available in the church office and table in the Narthex. Movie and Door Prizes – Limited Seating

#### **WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICE -- WEDNESDAYS--9:00 AM**

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: David Focht, Judy Focht, Angela Fonte, Al Forster, Jeanette Forster, Madalynne Forster, Keith Forster, Kevin Forster, Kevin Frankenfield, Faye Freedman. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Cesar Bartra, Alyse Charlesworth, D'Orazio family, Kevin Fisher, Dave Focht, Greg Godon, Jerome Hiesler, Connie Hunter, Jordan family, Daniel Light, Pauline, Tom Matthews, David Norman, Gerald Rohrbach, Calvin Sheeler, Ashley & Derek Smith, Ricky Young, family and friends of Grace Reiss, Pearl Miller, Steve Baldwin, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Alexa, Jeff Alexander, Dominic Ali, Delphine Altland, Bryan B., Mary B., Mary Bauer, Bob Beard, Deb Beaverson, Betty Breidegan, Tom Campbell, Ron Christman, Alicea Cook, Jeannie Crass, Jeffrey Cremi, Kimmy Cremi, Audrey Crone, Mr. & Mrs. Davidson, Liz Daugherty, Ann Dollhopf, Linda Domergue, Ron Donachie, Michael Dotterer, Amy Dougherty, Mary Ellen Eidell, Cindy Fake, Melissa Flannery, Joan Fleming, Meg Ford, June Geiger, Eleanor Geyer, Ida Gilbert, Ron Glaser, Judy Grabowicz, Robert Graeff, , Mary Jane Greusel, Gene Grubbs, Dave Hackett, Steve Hackett, Michael Haring, Mike Harris, June Henninger, Sarah High, Richard Hoar, Marie Hoar, Ken Hofmockel, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Jack Keenan, Jim Kline, Cindy Kurtz, Jack Lebo, Sandy Leinbach, Gary Leister, Nikkie Leuthe, Vinnie Lubrano, Gloria Lutz, Lewis M., Marianne, John Maicher, Ronald McCarraher, Adrianna Marchewski, Charles Marquette, Jr., Donna McCarthy, Eleanor McKeon, Gina Meloy, Dorothy Miller, Laurel Miller, Lucille Muller, Sandy Murphy, Ron Mutter, Carol Nocera, Gail Norris, Carol Pearson, Beth Porreca, Heather Powers, Kay Protesto, Patti Pyle, Mike Reinert, Arletta Reisch, Carole Rhoades, June Rhoads, Lori Rielly, Richard Schneider, Gabriel Schulze, Carol Sherman, Allison Shirker, Jacob Speakman, Steven Spitko, Nancy Steffy, Dale Szajek, Stephanie Szajek, Jeanie Templin, Jay Trauger, Sandy Wamsher, Millard Watson, Joan Wendel, Lee Wendel, Sherri Weston, Darlene Wilson, Tom Yetto, Christopher Youse, Parker Youse, homebound— Geraldine Barbone\*, Jennie Clouser, Grace Frey, Jan Haas, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale. \*Non-member



*Happy  
Birthday!*

10/1	Briella Eisenhard Everett Frey Justin Frey Ethan Himonitis Irene Lecki	10/14	JoAnne Merkel Kitty Varady Cooper Vernon
10/2	Tara Bologna Taylor Davidheiser Debbie McCoy	10/15	Brian Gougler Thomas Lynagh Gerry Trauger
10/3	Kristine DePrefontaine Peggy Emery Wendi Strain	10/16	Karen Marquette Alexander Stanley
10/4	Isaac Cope Rich Saylor	10/17	Darby McCleary Evan Miller Tom Morrow
10/6	Pat McClafferty Judy Trout Cooper Walt Marian Zaffary	10/18	Cheryl Overly
10/7	Jennie Clouser Carolyn DiSandro	10/19	Hayden Hainsey Katelin Hendricks
10/8	Jack Cooke Kaitlyn Venn	10/21	Bea Mohr
10/9	Zachary Freitag Matthew Poole	10/22	Karen Schreier
10/10	David Lau	10/23	Paul Muschick Paul Reber
10/11	Jonathan Wlajnitz	10/24	Russ Hartline Barbara Keim Len Trauger
10/12	Nathan Vernon	10/25	Frank Jablonski
10/13	Carole Barbary	10/27	Barry Oxenford Lauren Sarro
		10/28	Sally Rhoads Emma Serrian
		10/31	Barry Eidell

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO –**

Matthew & Karen Brown	10/1	34 yrs.
Al & Janet Suglia	10/1	62 yrs.
Brandon & Denise Price	10/2	7 yrs.
Barry & Faith Casciano	10/3	36 yrs.

Brian & Rebecca Miller	10/4	20 yrs.
Carl & Lois Wenzel	10/5	
Gerald & Pat Levengood	10/9	68 yrs.
Tim & Rebecca Oister	10/9	8 yrs.
Evan & Jenna Dominick	10/11	9 yrs.
Jerry & Suzanne Kupp	10/13	33 yrs.
Al & Jeanette Forster	10/18	20 yrs.
Larry & Lauri Barr	10/19	32 yrs.
Anthony & Jennifer Beers	10/21	11 yrs.
Dave & Cassandra Johnson	10/22	23 yrs.
Andrew & Rachel Weiler	10/24	2 yrs.
David & Sue Childs	10/27	27 yrs.
Claude & Mary Shaner	10/27	61 yrs.
Guy & Marianne Graefe	10/28	39 yrs.
Matt & Cindy Matosky	10/28	28 yrs.

**--YTD Giving thru August, 2017 --**

	<u>Jan-Aug, 2016</u>	<u>Jan-Aug, 2017</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 229,780	\$ 228,197	-1,582	- .07
Renovation Contr.	<u>51,126</u>	<u>59,377</u>	<u>8,250</u>	<u>16.10</u>
Total Giving	\$ 280,906	\$ 287,574	\$ 6,668	2.3
Mortgage Balance		<b>\$472,490.67</b>		

**THANKS** to all who donated school supplies for the Lakota reservation in South Dakota and the Daniel Boone Middle School.

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE FLOWERS:** Nov. 12 & Dec. 31. Cost is \$34. Call the church office if interested.

**OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE BULLETINS:** Nov. 26, Dec. 10 & Dec. 24 A.M. Cost is \$25. Call the church office if interested.



## IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR....

The Greens Committee for the Annual Bazaar needs your help!! One of our biggest concerns each year is getting fresh greens. As you look around your property now and have "evergreens" that need trimming or should be cut down, think about doing that pruning the week of November 12th. If you prune them in 2 to 4 or 5 foot lengths, bundle them and bring them to the church that week we would be most appreciative. No bundle is too small or too large! If you have any questions call Judy Trout, 610-689-5263.



Help will be needed in all areas of the bazaar:

- Making and decorating cemetery boxes and wreaths
- Baking here at church the week prior to the bazaar
- Your donations of cookies, cakes, breakfast cakes, candy you make at home
- Your donations of attic corner items **(please do not bring them before Sunday, Nov. 26.)**

More information to follow next month.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
<b>1</b> 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm./Festival of Harvest 9:15—Sunday School	<b>2</b> 7 PM—Christian Ed.	<b>3</b> Quilting 9:30—Bazaar crafts 2 PM—TOPS 6:15--CDC	<b>4</b> 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7 PM--Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8—3--Fall Festival 10 AM—Blessing of Animals 6 PM—Holy Comm.						
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