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[Since issues of immigration and immigrant relations are very much on our minds these days I thought I would reprint an article I wrote for the February newsletter in 2016. Please note that the Lenten study referred to in the beginning happened in 2016, you enjoyed it and then Marlane retired.]

On Wednesdays in Lent we will be exploring some approaches to Christian devotion and practice that have their roots in Celtic Christian tradition, and Marlane will lead a study on these traditions sprinkled with allusions to her recent trip to Ireland. The fact that these traditions are part of the historic Irish Catholic heritage is not an issue for us. We appreciate and honor this witness to Christian tradition. We even have a national holiday celebrating Ireland's patron saint, Patrick. But this benevolence has not always been the case.

In the December 2015 issue of Philadelphia Magazine I found an alarming article about one of the most significant religious riots to occur in America, and it happened just a few miles from the sports stadiums in South Philly. ([Bullets and Bigots, Remembering Philadelphia's 1844 Anti-Catholic Riots](#), by Sandy Hingston, December 17, 2015.)

By the summer of 1844 tensions in Philadelphia were running at a high level. Much of the tension was related to growing fears among the American population of being overwhelmed by waves of immigration. Between the years of 1840 and 1850 alone more than 1.7 million immigrants flooded into the United States. A large proportion of these immigrants were Irish, fleeing the potato famine and German, fleeing a series of revolutions culminating in 1848. Cities such as Philadelphia received large proportions of these immigrants.

Many Americans, especially those of modest means, resented the Irish and German immigrants coming in and taking jobs that might otherwise be available to them. But particularly odious to these same Americans and others was that a large proportion of these immigrants were Roman Catholics.

Many of the early settlers of the United States had left Europe, in part, to escape frequent and bloody religious wars. Mindful of this, the government formed around the constitution was intentionally not tied to a particular religion. But colonial Americans had been overwhelmingly Protestant and saw their country as, unofficially-officially, Protestant. The growing number of Catholics threatened this historic consensus. As immigration numbers grew in the first half of the eighteenth century "native" Americans (not to be confused with Native American Indians who were definitely not a part of this movement) began to form quasi-secret societies to combat the growing sway, or so it was perceived, of "foreign" influence in American government and society.

On May 3rd 1844 members of a political organization called the American Republican Party (not connected to the modern Republican Party) held a public rally in Kensington, then a suburb of Philadelphia, in the midst of a largely immigrant Irish neighborhood. One of the chief complaints of this nativist party was the belief that Roman Catholics were trying to have the Bible removed from the public schools. The Catholic Bishop of Philadelphia, Francis Kendrick, had complained to school officials about the exclusive use of the Protestant King James Bible among public school students and the studies of this Bible which were essentially Protestant in content. The bishop requested that the Catholic Bible also be available and that Catholic students not have to attend the Protestant Bible studies in school. This didn't sit well with the majority Protestant Philadelphia population who began murmuring of a Catholic plot to remove the Bible from their schools altogether. (An identical argument was happening in New York City around Archbishop John [Dagger John] Hughes).

As might be imagined, the May 3rd nativist rally in Kensington led to violence. What is shocking was the scale of the violence. Two Roman Catholic parishes, the Church of St. Michael and the Church of St. Augustine, were burned to the ground along with two Irish firehouses

and about 30 private homes. The mayor of Philadelphia, John Morin Scott, appeared to plead for calm, was struck on the head by a rock, and rendered unconscious. There were at least fourteen other casualties over four days. Eventually, authorities were able to restore order to the area, the streets were cleared, a curfew enforced and an uneasy calm settled over Kensington. That calm was broken when word came that several nativist groups were planning a Fourth of July parade through the immigrant neighborhoods of South Philly. Unbeknownst to the Philadelphia Bishop, the brother of the priest of St. Philip of Neri Church obtained permission from Pennsylvania governor David Rittenhouse Porter to stockpile weapons from the local arsenal in the church basement in case of attack and form a volunteer militia to guard the church. Word of this arming soon leaked out and was declared as proof of a wider papist plot to overthrow the government and impose Roman Catholic Canon Law on the nation. Nativist crowds besieged the neighborhood around the church.

The violence culminated on July 7th when members of the nativist groups attacked St. Philip Neri Catholic Church with two cannon commandeered from the nearby docks. This initiated several days of skirmishing which left 20 dead and scores wounded before Pennsylvania State Militia troops (4,000 in total) quelled the violence. A grand jury later blamed the Catholics for inciting the violence by stock piling weapons despite the governor's permission. The violent events of this era led Catholic bishops to give up on encouraging their parishioners to send their Catholic children to public schools. Instead, they began the Catholic parochial school system still in existence today.

Kensington was but one violent episode in an expanding anti-immigrant/anti-Catholic movement in the United States leading up to the civil war. The American Republican Party eventually gave way to the American Party which newspaper editor Horace Greely labeled the Know-Nothing party. Party members embraced the designation. Know-Nothings, as a national party, won seats in state legislatures all over the nation in the early 1850's and nominated a former president, Millard Fillmore, as a third party candidate for president in 1856. As it happened, the Know Nothings proved less effective at legislating than they were at channeling anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic sentiment. By the election of 1860 the party had fallen out of favor, swallowed up by

bigger national events culminating in the American Civil War. They rapidly went out of existence.

Unsure of his own political party affiliation by 1855 Abraham Lincoln wrote this in a private letter to a friend, "I am not a Know-Nothing — that is certain. How could I be? How can anyone who abhors the oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes and foreigners and Catholics.' When it comes to that I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty — to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy".

Today, the anti-Catholic vitriol of more than one hundred and sixty years ago is hard to fathom. In fact, the events in Kensington are largely unknown. I was an American history major in college, lived 3 years in Philadelphia, and don't recall hearing of these particular events until last month. But issues of immigration and religious identity are hardly problems existing only in the past, are they? I can't help but wonder what future generations will think when they consider (if they even consider) our immigration and religious struggles of today. Will they stare unbelieving at their computer screens like I did reading about Kensington? Is there something to be learned? Sometimes just learning the stories of our past is a step in the right direction. The fact is ...on almost any issue ... we've been there before!

I can't say for sure what may be learned from this. What I can say is that in Lent we will be exploring Celtic influences on Christian spirituality arising from the early Irish Catholic experience. That we can do this must be a sign that attitudes have changed; right?

--Pastor Frey

--WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY--

February 2	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
February 3	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
February 9	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
February 10	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
February 16	6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
February 17	8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
February 23	6:00 P.M. -- Holy Communion
February 24	8:00 & 10:30 AM. – Worship 9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....

Funeral: January 4, 2019 – **Geraldine Barbone**

Baptism: January 20 – **Christine Marie Godon**, daughter of Jeffrey Godon and Mandy Weller

Contribution to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Gerald Rohrbach** given by Tim Schell.

BRIGHT THOUGHTS FOR A DREARY WINTER SEASON.....

Stars-Candles-Lights. No, I'm not talking about Advent, but Epiphany. Epiphany is an interesting church season. I once worked for a congregation that merged with a congregation named Epiphany, and that Epiphany congregation knew what epiphany meant. Many of us do not. Epiphany is a Christian festival that is celebrated on January 6—remembering the visitation of the wise men who follow the star and visit the child Jesus. Epiphany is also a church season between Christmas and Lent. Since the date of Easter changes each year and Lent is a standard length of 40 days plus the Sundays, Epiphany is an expandable and retractable season, like an accordion, that fills the space between Christmas and Lent. But Epiphany is much more than

just a filler. It is a season of “revelation” and insight. A “showing forth.” A season of shedding light on meaning and understanding.



Remember the commercial where someone has an idea and a light bulb lights up? Epiphany is like that.

Who is the epiphany about? Jesus, of course. Throughout Epiphany, we learn more about who Jesus is. (Hmmm sounds like a course I'm teaching!) We start with the wisemen and the star. They come to worship Jesus, the new king. The stars in the heavens have revealed this to them. The one star guides them. They bring gifts of gold—fit for a king, frankincense—used to scent the air and worship a deity, and myrrh—a sweet ointment used to anoint the dead. Though the wise men are not kings, the song “We Three Kings” does give us an idea of who Jesus is—King and God and Sacrifice. But that's not all. The Baptism of our Lord, always in Epiphany, tells us that when Jesus is baptized, a voice from heaven says “This is My Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased!” and the Holy Spirit descends upon him like a dove. This reveals who Jesus is.

Look at the words of Hymn #310 whose refrain is “God in flesh made manifest.” This is what Epiphany is about—revealing that Christ is God in flesh. The gospel lessons we read in Epiphany continue to reveal Jesus' identity. God's voice reveals that Jesus is God's Son at his baptism. We see the miracle Jesus performs at the wedding at Cana as a sign that Jesus is God. (John 2) Jesus says in the synagogue in Nazareth, reading from Isaiah, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me” . . . “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:18, 21) In Luke 5 Jesus calls his disciples telling them they will be catching people. In Luke 6 we see Jesus healing, teaching and preaching with authority. The last Sunday in Epiphany is always Transfiguration Sunday. We read in Luke 9:28-36 how Peter, James and John see Jesus in all his glory as “his face changed in appearance and his clothes became dazzling white.” Jesus speaks to Moses and Elijah while up on the mountain. Does this make the light bulb turn on that Jesus is God? These are all signs that we read about in Epiphany to point us to the revelation of who Jesus is.

I like the words of the third verse of Hymn #553, “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies.” We sing “Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom

of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.” (Good old Charles Wesley –lyric writer!) May this be our prayer during Epiphany and always.

--Joy Gerhart

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY.....

This winter, Joy Gerhart is offering a course on “Who is God and Who is Jesus?” (The Trinitarian and Christological issues). We have been looking at the church’s creeds and Bible passages that helped the early church fathers determine the doctrines for the Christian church. We are also looking at the ideas of heretics which were considered contrary to the orthodox faith. Come and learn about the journey to creating foundational statements for the church’s faith. We meet at 9:15 am in the church library. (We will not meet on March 3 because of the special church celebration.)

WOMEN’S GROUP.....

The Women’s Group planning meeting is scheduled after the newsletter deadline so look to the bulletin and eblast for the February meeting. We do know that we will be hosting Vali Heist, a certified professional organizer and owner of the Clutter Crew in Mohnton. She had a column in the Reading Eagle and now has a book available to aid in decision-making and finding places to go with our stuff. Downsizing is an important task for many of us and Ms. Heist knows how to guide people in a patient and caring way. Bring a friend and hear what she has to say on March 26 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. (Hopefully we will not fit in the Library.)



SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION FEB. 3.....

Please bring canned goods for the Amity Pantry and/or cash for donations on Sunday, Feb. 3. Youth will be holding soup pots for collection after each service. We will also have a box for each of the competing football teams and you can vote for the team you favor by putting your cans in one box or the other.

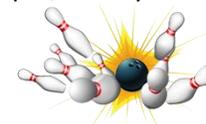
YOUTH NEWS.....

SPLAT goes Bowling on Feb. 10

Our SPLAT ice cream social was a big hit! Our panty hose bowling game was quite a hit too! Marshmallows and jelly beans added to the sweetness of our games event. Now we are gearing up for our Bowling Trip on February 10. We will meet for lunch at church after church and then carpool to Jay Lanes for some exciting bowling with real bowling balls. SPLAT will pay for your games so come and bring a friend. You may want to bring a little cash for snacks. Please sign up on the SPLAT bulletin board so we know how many people to expect. Plan to be done by 2:30 pm.

SPLAT is looking ahead to having an overnight in April, so stay tuned!

SPYY goes Bowling on Feb. 24



Not to be outdone by the older youth, the St. Paul’s Younger Youth (Grades 1-6) will go bowling on Sunday, February 24. We will gather for lunch after the 10:30 am worship service, then carpool to Jay Lanes. Please bring \$5 for bowling and shoe rental and a little extra for snacks. Friends are always welcome so please invite a friend and sign them up on the Youth Board. We should be done bowling by 2:30 pm.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.....

Preschool registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open for church members. Morning sessions for both classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon sessions for both classes are from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Three-year old classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Four-year old classes meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Please call 610-385-3333 or pick up a registration form in the Narthex. We hope to see your child at preschool in the fall!

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: Sophia Lott, Palmer Loughin, Aliyah Lubrano, Arianna Lubrano, Aimee Luo, Christian Luo, Gabriel Luo, Nicholas Luo, Christopher Lynagh, Thomas Lynagh, Mary Lynagh, Jerry MacMullin, Jennifer MacMullin, Nicole MacMullin. 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: Carrie, Elena Demos, Jeff Godon, Mary Jane Greusel, Gary Gutkowski, Bev Hasson, Megan Kunkel, Gerald Levensgood, Zoey Sheetz, Pat Townsend, Ronald Trace, Erna Vroman, John Willman, family and friends of June Willson, and all others listed below or those we name in our hearts: Bill, Diane Cataldi, Courtney, Charles "Skip" Davidheiser, Dawn Donachie, Terry Eberly, Carl Fetterman, Barbara Fletcher, Ron Glaser, Fay Green, Verna Habecker, Rich Jacobs, Jenny, Gary Leister, Ruby Lewis, Charles Marquette, Ronnie McCarragher, Helen McKeever, Charles Merkle, Jr., June Rhoads, Gabriel Schulze, Kelly Stoltzfus, Lynwood Weil, Terry Weiler; homebound— Peggy Burns, Jennie Clouser, Carol DeLong, Jan Haas, Daniel Light, Jeane Rohrbach, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey, Patsy Smale, Ralph Trainer, Pauline Trout, Millard Watson, Richard Wise.

FASTNACHT SALE.....

Fastnachts will be made on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday-- Feb. 25, 26 & 27. An order form is in the narthex or you can place an order by calling Anna Brown at 610-582-4598. Deadline to order is Feb. 18. The fastnachts will be \$8 per dozen and **you will be called for pickup.**



Plenty of help will be needed.

WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....

Holidays are over and now we have the cold and sometimes dreary weather ahead. Many people are hoping to have enough food to feed their families. In the past I have mentioned numbers of those in need.

This time I would like to share, a small portion of, one of the ways our contributions are at work in Muskegon, Michigan. In the midst of a food desert, McLaughlin Grows Urban Farm is meeting a critical need. ELCA World Hunger is supporting their work. They grow everything from radishes to tomatoes in the middle of the city and teach adults and teens how to grow their own food. During the summer, Laurie Wieschowski, the farm's manager, teaches middle schoolers the importance of weeding the farm and picking bugs off plants. The reward comes when the produce grown is served at the public school for lunch. They get excited when they see the kale, lettuce and carrots they have been tending. Some students return after the session to volunteer at the farm.



Thanks to our gifts to World Hunger the residents of Muskegon now have access to fresh, affordable, fruits and vegetables they need to thrive. We are helping a hurt community. Please continue your important support through ELCA World Hunger.

--Mary Graefe

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS.....

Eight families were thrilled to receive baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the generosity of our congregation members and the special treats provided by Ms. Wendy and her CDC students. Thank you. Also, the yams and cranberry sauce collected for Birdsboro Food Pantry was truly appreciated.

We are pleased to announce that there are five quilts completed to be donated to the Lutheran World Relief. Many thanks to Marlane and those who cut squares, helped assemble the blocks and tried their

hands at tying the quilts. Come join us on Tuesdays between 9:00 and 1:00 if you want to participate. If you are not available on Tuesday, we'll have material available in the Fellowship on the third Sunday of the month between services. If you want to help with the project, come and pick up the material and patterns during that time.

Thanks for the socks donated for the Birdsboro Clothes Closet during January. In February there will be a blanket Sunday when donations will be accepted.

Again, many thanks to all of the congregation for making these projects successful. We know that we seem to be collecting items or donations throughout the year, but please remember your generosity is helping those less fortunate.

FEBRUARY 10 IS BLANKET SUNDAY: "WRAPPED IN LOVE"

Your gift of \$10 will be used to purchase special blankets used for a variety of purposes during natural disasters and other times of need. You can wrap those who lost much with a gift of love. It is time to replenish the supply so that we can help the next ones in need.



Use the special envelopes provided in the narthex or include your donation in your regular offering envelope, marked "blankets".

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAPPENINGS.....

Welcome February 2019. Although it is still winter, the days are getting longer and each day brings us closer to spring. Will the groundhog see his shadow? This will surely be one of the questions that our teachers and students will be asking. We will be taking a poll in our classrooms to record the predictions. Most of us are hoping for an early spring!



The CDC and Preschool classrooms will also host Valentine's Day parties on Thursday, February 14. The children will practice writing and making valentine's to share with friends. Parents and family members are welcome to join the celebrations and attend the parties.

Thank you for supporting our GIANT A+ Rewards Fundraiser. To date, we have earned over \$500.00. There is still time to help us earn funds. It's easy to sign up by going to giantfoodstores.com. Our school identification number is 26557.

Just as a reminder, the CDC will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2019 for mandatory staff training.

We are happy to announce that Kindergarten Enrichment and Preschool registration is now open. For more information, please call or stop by the office. I will be happy to answer any of your questions. As always, we appreciate your support. Thank you.

--Sherry Gardner, Director

A BIG THANK YOU....2018 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you to all who helped with another successful Christmas Bazaar. Many, many hands went into making this event a success. This could not happen without the dedicated efforts of many volunteers. In the weeks and months preceding the Bazaar, there were innumerable people working in the different areas. Our success occurred because of you, the volunteers. A special "Thank You" goes out to you for all your hard work and the giving of your time to help make St. Paul's a better place. A "Thank You" also goes out to all who came and supported the Bazaar.

Thank You

Look how many volunteers there were! If we missed your name on this list we are sorry. We know some people did things at home and dropped them off without a name attached. Thank you also to all those anonymous volunteers.

Advertising = Carole Renninger, Susanne Leier and all those who distributed flyers

Attic Corner = Kathy Jablonski, Meredith Gaskins, Alice Sprague, Celeste & Max Fronauer (CDC) Sue Scheifley (non-member), Donna Meloy, Wendy Frey and Joan Wendel

Candy = Gerry Trauger, Joanne Guss, MJ Talbott, Sue Walley, Sue Kresge, Helen Strain, Judy Greenwood, Joan Wendel, Donna Saylor and unknown contributors who did not put their name on donations.

Cookies = Carole Barbary, Arlene Hildebeitel, Darlene Light, Jane Kinder, Mary Graefe, Wendy Frey, Rosa Crichton, Nancy Moyer, Susan Kubovsak, Michelle Hensley, Bea Mohr, Susanne Leier, Nancy Stewart, Eileen Swavely, Barbara Keim, MJ Talbott, Meredith Gaskins, Kathy Meehan, Aja Betts, Marianne Graefe, Barbara Kunkel, Karen Glaser, Joan Wendel, Karen Schreier, Carole Renninger, Judi Greenwood, Mary Shaner, Pat Roland, Stephen English, Kay Bonslaver, Rose Stalnecker, Denise Millard, Wendy Yambor, Missy Woodruff, and all who baked at home who did not put their name on donations

Crafts = Judy Morrow, Joy Gerhart, Herb Schoenly, Marlane Druckenmiller, Caroline Maples (non-member), Carmella Venezia (non-member), Rachel Stack, Faith Conroy (non-member), Barbara & LeRoy DePrefontaine, Donna Saylor and all who made things at home.

Dining Room = Betty Brumbach, Connie Hunter, Karen Glaser, Meredith Gaskins and Judi Greenwood. A Thank You to Barbara DePrefontaine for our beautiful table centerpieces.

Entertainment = Anne Weiser and her wonderful flute students.

Greens = Diane Hartline, Judy Trout, Dave Renninger, Len Trauger, Barry & Sieglinde Fretz, Calvin Sheeler, Sean & Jen Kochert, Frank Jablonski, Fred Hoffert, Barry Leier, Charles Merkle, Rich Saylor, Jeff Duplak, Jim Trout, Jan Schell, Jane Kinder, Phyllis Harwood, Kathy Meehan, Joanne Guss, Norma Godon, Gail Fronheiser and Mary Graefe.

Kitchen = Gary & Cindy Weidner, Chris Weidner, Ashleigh Weidner, Jack & Jeane Serrian, Emma Serrian, Katie Esenwein, Tim Schell, Cindy Manning, Carole & Dave Renninger, Connie Hunter and Kathryn Berger

Money Counters – Joanne Guss, Joe Koury and Dave Renninger

Pantry/Baked Goods = Susanne & Barry Leier, Sue Kresge and our contributors Jan Bause, Amy Bartra, Anna Brown, and Diane Hartline

Pies = Anna Brown, Charlie Brown, Dorothy Brown, Kay & Paul Reber, Gerry Trauger, Carl & Carlene Yerger, Pat Levengood, Nancy Moyer, Jennifer Kochert, Rick & Nancy Centrella, Kay Bonslaver, Joanne Guss, Judy Weiler, Barbara Keim, Ann Myers, Marianne Graefe, Jane Kinder, Kathy Meehan, Cheryl Overly and Kathy & Ron Rhoads

Raffle = Helen Strain, Gloria Rhoads, Mary Graefe, Ann Mengel, Judy Gross and members who sold tickets to their family and friends. Thanks to everyone who helped make our Raffle a success.

Many, many thanks for the donations for our Bazaar Raffle -

- My Dad's Flooring – area rug – Winner Nancy Moyer
- Mini-Vacation – Deb and Tom Longstaff – Winner Sarah Bechtel
- Quilted Wall Hanging – St. Paul's Quilters – Winner Craig Geiger
- \$200.00 Gift Certificate – New Rhoads Transportation - Winner Sandy Yarnell
- Wine Basket – Manatawany Winery- Winner Lisa Donelson
- Framed Photograph – David Bause – Winner Renee Posey
- Abstract Painting – Daryl Szajek – Winner Judi Greenwood
- Marble Chess Set – Jane Kinder – Winner Carlene Yerger
- Gift Basket from Hyses Pest Control – Winner Kim Sarro
- Doll Cradle – made by Richard Christman – Winner Kerns
- Scholastic Book Basket -CDC – Winner Kim Laverty
- Godiva Chocolates – Godiva – Winner Donna Rose

Special thanks to Dorothy Brown for sponsoring the tickets, Dave Bause for making the sheets of prizes so everyone could see at a glance the gifts that were offered, Mary, Ann, Gloria, Carol and Arlene for selling the tickets on Sundays prior to the Bazaar, and Carole, Donna, Chase and Ruby for seeing that the tickets were drawn and the winners were notified.

Soup – Helen Strain, Kathy Meehan, Joanne Guss, Sue Walley, Nancy Centrella, Paul Reber, Anna Brown, Kay Bonslaver, Joanne Guss, Karen Schreier, Ann Mengel, M.J. Talbott, Carol Pearson, Ann Myers and Cheryl Overly

Set-up & Clean-up = Len Trauger, Nancy & Rick Centrella, Bill Kutz, Nick Fretz, Pastor & Wendy Frey, Jeff Duplak, Charles Weiser, Warren & Donna Saylor, Rich Saylor, Kathy & Frank Jablonski, Alice Sprague, Meridith Gaskins, Brian Hicks, Greg & Susie Kresge, MJ & Dick Talbott.

Thank You to Hope Rescue Mission for taking our “leftover treasures”.

It takes the whole church to make the bazaar a success – forgive me if I forgot someone’s name.
Donna Saylor

Bazaar income	
Attic Corner	\$ 1,175.60
Candy	359.45
Cookies	948.00
Crafts	1,144.00
Greens	4,861.00
Lunch	1,869.35
Pantry	1,264.00
Pies	6,316.50
Quilters	545.00
Raffle	1,508.00
Unallocated	314.00
TOTAL	\$20,304.90
Bazaar expenses	(2,122.03)
Bazaar profit	\$18,182.87
Bazaar benevolence (10%) (Split between Hope Rescue Mission, Mary’s Shelter, Opportunity House)	
	(1,818.29)
BAZAAR NET	\$16,364.58



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| 2/1 | Lee Hart | 2/16 | Lynn Grace |
| | Abigail Trombley | 2/17 | Carole Berry |
| 2/3 | Pr. Greg Frey | | Nicholas Chroscinski |
| | Arlene Hildebeitel | | Joanne Guss |
| | Christina Shober | | Alexander Hackett |
| | Nicole Sudall | | Carole Hafer |
| 2/4 | Mark Eisenhuth | | Elizabeth Jablonski |
| | Jay McClafferty | | Gabriel Luo |
| | Ryan Sonon | 2/18 | Marcus Betts |
| 2/6 | Gabriel Gross | | Michael Casciano |
| | Rachel Lau | | Magdalena Nygard |
| 2/7 | Kevin Fisher | | Warren Saylor |
| | Jacob Hasara | 2/19 | Norma Godon |
| 2/8 | Lisa Bowersox | | Emily Poole |
| | Mary Graefe | 2/20 | Shawn Boyd |
| 2/9 | Brynn Hennessey | | Colleen Breen |
| | Ian Oister | | Stuart Crichton |
| | Nathan Shingle | | Morgan Kelly |
| | Gene Stewart | 2/21 | David Barr |
| 2/10 | Kristin Saylor | | Riley Haring |
| 2/11 | Audrey Bokosky | | Gavin Michener |
| | Brad Haring | | Kristopher Moyer |
| | Chase Saylor | 2/23 | Maeve Bartra |
| | Olivia Sypherd | 2/24 | Cindy Dominick |
| 2/12 | Patti Hetzell | | Rebecca Miller |
| | Alma Shirey | | Joan Schaeffer |
| 2/13 | Cameron Hunter | 2/25 | Lori Hoag |
| 2/14 | Sue Childs | | Adrienne Stumhofer |
| | Rich Kucharik | 2/26 | John Dollhopf |
| | John Wolfe | 2/27 | Alexander Maloney |
| 2/15 | Jennifer Bonetz | | Deb Smith |
| | Nolan Breen | 2/28 | Palmer Loughin |
| | Christian Luo | | |

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO –

Darrell & Margaret Reitmeyer	2/1	44 yrs.
Jeffrey & Joan Schaeffer	2/14	38 yrs.
Lee & Sandra Hart	2/21	51 yrs.
Ed & Denise Chroscinski	2/22	22 yrs.
Robert & Marylyne Endy	2/24	29 yrs.

LITTLE LADY HELPING HAND -- There is a young lady in need of our generosity and support. Please place size 2T and 3T clothing, shoes, and socks in the baskets in the Narthex labeled "Little Lady." She is two years of age and would also appreciate dolls, crafts, or coloring books.

Can we count on you? Do things always have to add up with you? If so, we'd like to sum up what we need: **Offering Counters.** The job requires a half hour of your time at the end of the Sunday Worship Service you attend. To help, contact Dave Renninger at DaveTheASC@aol.com.



--YTD Giving thru December 2018--

	<u>Jan- Dec.,2017</u>	<u>Jan-Dec.,2018</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>% chg.</u>
Offerings	\$ 374,773	\$ 382,324	7,551	2.0
Renovation Contr.	96,768	75,462	-21,306	-22.0
Total Giving	\$ 471,541	\$ 457,786	\$ -13,755	-2.9
 Mortgage Balance		\$ 74,968.33		

Open Sundays to sponsor the flowers—February 10, March 10 & March 17. Cost is \$35. Call the church office if interested. Watch for additional openings throughout the year.

Open Sundays to sponsor the bulletins – March 10 & March 17. Cost is \$25. Call the church office if interested. Watch for additional openings throughout the year.

INVITATION FROM PRAYER SHAWL GROUP...Calling all knitters, crocheters and anyone wanting to learn either. We usually gather on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. as the "Prayer Shawl" group. Please join us as we expand our fellowship. Consider this your invitation to join us on Thursday, Feb. 14. We have some yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles if you want to try ours to get some ideas before you invest in your own new gear. Contact Donna at 610-385-6862 or donnaschopsy@yahoo.com if you have questions. Contact Donna also if you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a handmade prayer shawl as we have a nice supply to offer anyone in need.

LET'S GET QUIZZICAL.....



Join us for some smart-nado fun on Sunday, February 10 for TRIVIA NIGHT! You don't have to be a Smarticus to enjoy the event - you may play or watch.

We would love to see a friendly competition between church committees. Who's smarter - the Choir or the Property Committee? The Quilters or the Finance Committee? Sunday school teachers or the Altar Guild? It's also a fun event for your Dining Club! Get a group together of 6 - 8 people and come up with a team name. We'll begin at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a pot-luck Chili Tasting. Our hosts will be The Quizzard of Oz and Trivia Newton John. The event is free and children are welcome.

THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for our third annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner! It was a wonderful evening of delicious food and warm fellowship. We served 157 meals and raised over \$1,500 for the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Many thanks go to Bause Catered Events for donating the mashed potatoes and for providing the scrumptious cake!

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">8:00 Gary Weidner Kathy Meehan June Geiger</p> </div>		<p>--Money counters--</p>	<p>10:30 Bill Kutz Angie Kutz Brooke Eidell</p>		1	2 6 PM—Holy Comm.
3 Souper Bowl Sun. 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15—Sunday School	4 7:00 PM – Christian Ed.	5 Quilting 9:30—Bazaar crafts 2 PM--TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	6 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	7 6 PM—T3 Committee Noon—Amity Fr. Circle 7--Choir	8	9 6 PM—Holy Comm.
10 Blanket Sunday 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Fellowship Com 9:30—Finance SPLAT after 10:30 4:00—Trivia Nigh	11 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr 7 PM—Pastoral Care	12 Quilting 9:30—Bazaar crafts 2 PM--TOPS	13 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15-Executive Com 7 PM--Council	14 7—Choir 7—Prayer Shawl	15	16 7:30 AM—Property 6 PM—Holy Comm.
17 8 & 10:30—Holy Comm. 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—Social Min.	18 Deadline to order fastnachts	19 Quilting 9:30—Bazaar crafts 2 PM--TOPS	20 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	21 7—Choir 7:30 PM—Crime Watch	22	23 6 PM—Holy Comm.
24 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 9:15—New member breakfast SPYY bowling after 10:30	25 6 PM—Bible Study	26 Quilting 9:30—Bazaar crafts 2 PM—TOPS 7 PM	27 9 AM—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7—Worship & Music	28 7--Choir	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">Council persons in charge of services— Joanne Guss, Jeff Duplak</p> </div>	
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center">-----Fastnacht Sale-----</p> </div>					