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*Weekly Worship ~
8 and 10:15 am.*

*Sunday School ~
9 am.*

~ *From Consistory* ~

The Consistory has approved the hiring of Rev. Dave Heckler as our interim pastor during Pastor Patti's sabbatical. This will cover the 3 months beginning June 10th and ending September 1st. Pastor Patti will return to the office on Wednesday, September 4th and begin preaching on Sunday, September 8th.

Rev. Heckler is presently the Pastor at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachsville. He has currently been reduced to half time at his church so he is able to work here at St. Paul's 10 hours per week and preach on Sundays. In order for this to work we will need to change our Summer Service time to 10:30 beginning on Sunday, June 23rd, which will be Pastor Dave's first service as leader.

Come out and meet and greet Pastor Dave on Sunday, June 16th as part of our Celebration Sunday. This service will be held at 10:15 in the Sanctuary. We will have refreshments and food in Fretz Hall to honor our new graduates, confirmands, new members and to welcome Pastor Dave as our interim Pastor.

(Read more on Pastor Dave on page 4.)


Welcome



- **Sunday, June 2nd ~**
Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor.**
- **Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.**
- **Crossroads, 9 am. in Fellowship Hall**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Theme:** Faith of an Outsider
- **Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39
 Luke 7:1-10
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

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- **Sunday, June 9th ~**
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Worship at 8 am. / Rejoice and Praise in the Parlor**
- **Sunday School for all ages, 9 am.**
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Last day of Sunday School**
- **Theme:** Gorgeous Compassion
- **Scriptures:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)
 Luke 7:11-17
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**



- **Sunday, June 16th ~**
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Worship, 10:15 am.**
- **Celebration Sunday**
- **Father's Day**
- **Theme:** Choose Justice
- **Scriptures:** 1 Kings 21: 1-10 (11-14)
 15-21a
 Luke 7:36-8:3
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**



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- **Sunday, June 23rd ~**
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Worship, 10:30 am.**
- **First day of Summer Worship in Fellowship Hall**
- **Theme:** In God's Presence
- **Scripture:** 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15
 Luke 8:26-39
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

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- **Sunday, June 30th ~**
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- **Worship, 10:30 am.**
- **Theme:** Pick Up the Mantle
- **Scriptures:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
 Luke 9:51-62
- **Coffee, Cookies and Conversation**

Don't forget, if you know anyone that is graduating from High School or College, please let us know!! We want to celebrate them on Celebration Sunday!



Meet the Pastor:

(Biography taken from St. Paul's Lutheran Church website)

Pastor Dave Heckler began his ministry among us on August 1, 2009 after serving in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod for 22 years.

In many ways, his ministry at St. Paul's is a return home for Pr. Dave and his family. He was born in Sellersville and Baptized at St. Paul's U.C.C. and was raised in Franconia Township, just across the field from Indian Valley Country Club and down the road from Little Zion Lutheran Church, an active and lively congregation much like St. Paul's. He graduated in 1979 from Souderton Area High School, and received his undergraduate degree in physics from the University of Delaware in 1983. He received his Masters of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1987 and was ordained at Little Zion on June 14, 1987. From 1987-2009, Pr. Dave served in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod in full-time pastorates at St. James in Hobbie, St. Mark's in Pond Hill, Maiden creek in Blandon and St. Paul's in Hawley, and part-time pastorates at St. Mark's in Lackawaxen, St. Luke's in Greeley, St. Jacobi in Shohola and St. Peter's in Hughestown. Pr. Dave also served as the ministry partner and resident musician for the joint Lutheran-Episcopal Saturday evening Eucharists at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hamlin, and has been involved in many other ecumenical partnerships throughout his ministry. Within the wider church context, Pr. Dave has also been a longtime active member of Northeast Penn Synod committees coordinating Appalachian, Small-Town, & Rural Ministries, Mission Partnerships, World Hunger, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Kutztown University and Accessibility Ministries serving as the chair of the latter two committees for several years.

Throughout his ministry, Pr. Dave has been very active in volunteer positions. He served on the board of Wayne County Habitat for Humanity, coordinated or helped to coordinate CROP Walks for Church World Service and 30-Hour Famines for World Vision and has been actively involved with both Habitat for Humanity and the Boy Scouts of America.

Pr. Dave has been married to his wife Joanne Heckler for 25 years. Joanne has had an interesting life journey, including nursing, paralegal studies, and elementary education and currently serves as a social worker involved with adoption, foster care and permanency ministries. Pr. Dave and Joanne have two sons: Stephen, an International Relations Major at Lock Haven University and William, a Pre-Med and Physical Therapy Major and Incoming Freshman at East Stroudsburg University. Pr. Dave and Joanne also have a granddaughter, Chloe Marie, a one-year-old girl.

Here is, in part, his response to the question about his core convictions and sense of call: "To me, ministry's not just a job-it's a calling, a passion, a privilege and a constant challenge. And because the love of God in Christ is always reaching out in forgiving love, I continually seek to stir my people to reach beyond themselves-to grow that they may serve, to find joy in serving others, to live rather than merely survive."



Interfaith Hospitality Network August 2013



We will have a guest speaker here on Sunday, June 30th to present the message of Interfaith and our role as a “Buddy Church” with St. Stephen’s in Perkasié.

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) has been in this community for over 15 years. It brings communities together to help families regain their housing, their independence and their dignity. IHN offers an opportunity for volunteers to transform lives and help those in the community in their time of need. You can help by supplying a meal or two, sleeping overnight, providing transportation or by offering a donation. If you would like to help, please contact Rick Moyer, 215-257-4926.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Dinner Volunteers:

- Bring an evening meal and eat with the family. Give a blessing before each meal.
- You will be asked to stay between the hours of 5:45-7:30 pm. You will need to stay with the family until the overnight volunteers arrive.

Overnight Volunteers:

- Two volunteers are needed every night to “sleep over” at the church and interact with the family. Two cots will be provided, but you are to bring your own bedding. You need to arrive by 7:30 pm.
- At least one female overnight volunteer is needed.

Transportation Volunteers:

- Use own car to drive guest families to and from Day Care Center.
- Times are early in the AM and late in the afternoon. Families with children will have necessary car seats.

Child Care Volunteers:

- May be needed one night a week while families attend meetings. Children and teenagers are welcome to come along with an adult volunteer.

Linen Laundering Volunteers:

- Once a week pick up bedding bundles at each room, launder and return by late afternoon.

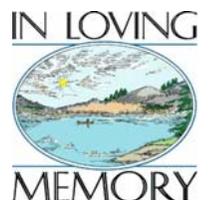
Moving In and Out Volunteers:

- Help set up cots first day and help take down last day and transport to next location at the end of month.

James Frantz Dedication Award

There is still time to nominate a worthy young person between the ages of 13-19 who exemplifies dedication to the church, similar to that which was shown by the late Jim Frantz. Last year’s recipient was Renay Landis.

Nominations can be made by any member of the church by filling out a form found in the Narthex. Please return completed forms to Rick Moyer or place in his mailbox.





Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

When: July 15-19, 2013

Where: St. Andrew's U.C.C., Perkasio

At Kingdom Rock, kids discover how to stand strong for God! Kingdom Rock is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the royally rockin' activities that help faith flow into real life.



VBS Registration

- VBS registration forms are in the Narthex
- Registration deadline is June 9th. Completed forms may be placed in the mailbox of Nancy Ziegenfuss or mail them to the church office.

This year our VBS Mission project will be supporting Pennridge FISH

As most of us already know, FISH has recently had to find a new location. The daily offering that is collected will go towards their building fund. In addition to collecting our daily offering, we will be collecting non-perishable foods for the food pantry at FISH. These items will be donated to FISH to help them in their on-going outreach to the community. We will also be collecting throughout the summer, school supplies for children in need and sending them to FISH. The following list contains some suggested items needed:

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| colored pencils | pencils | pens |
| 1"-2" binders | spiral notebooks | rulers |
| scissors | erasers/eraser caps | dividers |
| notebook paper | folders | highlighters |
| sharpie markers | index cards | composition books/journals |
| crayons | tissues | pencil pouches/cases |
| hand sanitizer | glue sticks | school bags/back packs |
| calculators | flash drives | |

***while all donations are very much appreciated, please note that larger bags for older students, 1"-2" binders and four function calculators are often in short supply.

***collection deadline to be determined.



Still need some Items for VBS

- empty, clean, clear 2-liter soda bottles
- empty paper towel tubes
- wanted silk flower arrangements
- satin ribbon on spools
- paper grocery bags

Please leave donations in the church office at the desk of Nancy Ziegenfuss. Thank You!

Father's Day

Father's Day in the United States is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Did you know that most countries celebrate Father's Day on the third Sunday in June, but some celebrate it as early as February? Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the contributions they make in their child (rens) lives. Some traditions of Father's Day range from large parties honoring all the "father figures", to a simple phone call or card. Whatever you decide to do, don't forget your DAD this Father's Day!



Opportunities to serve. . .

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS for the month of June.

- June 2 - Chris and Cindy Fosbenner
- June 9 - Terri Hawkins and Breanna Barndt
- Last Day of Sunday School**
- June 16 - No staffed Nursery
- June 23 - Begin Summer Worship-**NO** NURSERY until September



COFFEE, COOKIES, CONVERSATION follows late church ~

Dates in June are open ~ June 2nd, June 9th and June 30th. Ask a friend to join you in preparing a small assortment of goodies and a cold drink. Sign up on clipboard in Fretz Hall.

BULLETIN CHART OPENINGS:

Please consider signing up for one or more of the following dates to sponsor the bulletin (\$10.00)

June 30

FLOWER CHART OPENINGS:

Please sign up to sponsor the Altar flowers for one or more of these Sundays:

June 30

This is a great way to remember a loved one, honor someone special, or celebrate an important event in one's life.

~ please sign up on the sheets posted in the Vestibule





“Honor and Preserve All of God’s Creation”

“What Becomes of Recyclables?”

We know that recycling paper, plastic, aluminum and glass is good for the environment, but what happens to them after they leave the recycle bin? Here are a few ways they find new purposes:

Plastic-

Green Toys turns milk jugs into colorful playthings. One pound of recycled milk jugs saves enough energy to run a computer for a month.

Fila Golf designs garments made from 20oz plastic soda bottles.

PET fleece linings are turned into recyclable protective cases for I-Pads, e-readers and cell phones by ReFleece.

Aluminum-

Alcon remelts cans and rolls them into new can sheets. This can be repeated without any loss in strength.

Recycling one can saves enough energy to light a 100W bulb for 20 hours. If every American recycled one more can per week, there would be 17 billion less cans in landfills.

Glass-

Rolf Glass and Refresh Glass turn wine bottles into designer drinking glasses.

Paper-

Purina’s “Second Nature” cat litter is made from recycled paper which absorbs moisture from the bottom up. “Yesterday’s News” makes good bedding material for hamsters, guinea pigs etc. 44 million pounds of paper are recycled annually for these products.

Marcal makes “Small Steps” bathroom tissue, paper towels and facial tissue from recycled paper.

OFIC North America creates Ondura, corrugated roofing made from old newspapers and magazines or cardboard, using 40 to 50 tons of recycled paper.

Buick vehicles dampen sound with ceiling material made partly from cardboard shipping boxes.

Old Tires-

Lehigh Technology freeze-dried discarded tires, pulverizes them into a fine powder which can be used to make new tires, roads and building materials and shoes.

It feels good to know that what we recycle is being put to a good use and preserving God’s creation.

~ Nancy Lyons

News from Pennridge FISH

Come to the Perk, Monday June 17th (501 E. Walnut St., Perkasio)

Hours are from 5:00 - 9:00 pm and 10% of Eat-In only food sales will go towards FISH and their Building Fund. FISH will also be selling raffles for 50/50 and for gift baskets during this time.

Social Media at FISH ~ Check out Facebook for FISH, one where you make ‘like’ the page and one where you may find them. If you are on Twitter, follow them at @Pennridge FISH.

Hours: Mon & Wed. 3-5 pm. / Thurs. 6-8 pm. / Fri & Sat 9-11 am.

Pennridge FISH Organization / 215-257-7616



...**From Mr. Wilmer Wagner** for the opportunity to worship with our congregation and allowing him to share about the Gideon Ministry. He would also like to Thank St. Paul's for their gracious hospitality.

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"Thank you for your generous contribution! Because of your compassion, Church World Service is providing emergency assistance to people who are struggling with destruction brought by Hurricane Sandy." Because of St. Paul's donation, CWS can supply blankets, kits, emergency cleanup buckets, food packages and water to those in need.

~Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO of CWS

(Endowment funds contributed \$1000 towards CWS and their Hurricane Sandy Emergency & Disaster Relief Fund)

...**From Pennridge FISH Organization** for St. Paul's \$1000 donation to their building fund.
"Thank you for helping us as we start the fund appeal."

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...**From Bucks-Mont Coalition for Evangelism** for our recent gift of \$500 that is designated for the support of God's House of Promise. This was contribution from our endowment fund that will help God's House of Promise with much-needed funding

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...**From the Red Cross** for the 18 people who signed up and donated blood on April 24th. Thank You for your continued support and donations.



...**Joyful Noise 5!** Saturday, June 29 from 10 am.- 7 pm. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachsville. 837 Old Bethlehem Rd. Applebachsville, Bucks Co. Free Admission, benefits the Quakertown area food pantries., bring a can food! Help us feed the hungry in our community!

...**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!** The next GOOD NEWS newsletter will cover both JULY and AUGUST. Please email your articles to Stacey or place them in my mailbox no later than June 13th.
(Note change in date) Thank you, Stacey

...**The Quakertown Band 2013 Summer Performance Schedule** ~ One of America's oldest and most entertaining community bands.

Saturday, June 1st (Rain or Shine)
5-7 pm. St. Peter's Tohickon UCC
1050 Old Bethlehem Rd., Perkasio
Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 29th (Rain or Shine)
7:30-9:30 pm. Highland Park Camp Meeting Assoc.
415 Highland Park Rd., Sellersville
Concert in Outdoor Tabernacle

Saturday, June 8th (Concert inside church)
6-8 pm. First United Church of Christ
4th St. 7 Park Ave., Quakertown
Lawn Fete/Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 30th (Shine Only)
2-4 pm., Quakertown Community Pool
Mill St., Quakertown
Poolside Concert

Thursday, June 27th (Shine Only)
7:30-8:30 pm. Bucks County Court House Plaza

More Dates to Come for July/August!

55 E. Court St., Doylestown
Court House Concert Series



MEN'S SOFTBALL IS IN FULL SWING

Tuesday, June 4	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Rockhill
Thursday, June 6	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Heidelberg
Wednesday, June 12	6:30 pm.	@ Christ Lutheran vs. Christ Lutheran
Thursday, June 13	6:30 pm.	@ Pennsburg vs. Pennsburg
Monday, June 17	8:30 pm.	@ Sell. Lower vs. Deep Run
Thursday, June 20	8:30 pm.	@ Telford vs. Scared Heart
Monday, June 24	7:00 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. United Methodist
Wednesday, June 26	6:30 pm.	@ Worcester vs. Schwenkies
Monday, July 1	8:30 pm.	@ Sell. Upper vs. St Helena

Results for Men's Softball thus far ~

Trinity/Bethel Hill 9	St. Paul's 8
Franconia 12	St. Paul's 1
Mountainview 9	St. Paul's 1
Salford 16	St. Paul's 4



Come cheer on your team!

Come join St. Paul's Softball Team for a Family Night at a game ~ Monday, June 24th
Picnic will be from 6:00-7:00 pm. at Druckenmiller Playground in Sellersville. After the game enjoy an Ice Cream with the team! Free will donation.

Please contact Neil Clark (H) 215-257-2584 (C) 267-319-3342 or
Aaron Clark (C) 215-264-9956 with any questions

Thoughts to Ponder

By: Rick Moyer

I found the following article in the Upper Room from the May-June edition. I thought this reinforced the idea that Chris Ziegenfuss and Pastor Patti stated. We as Christians should be celebrating Christ's resurrection on a daily basis, not just at the Easter season.



A DAILY REALITY

There's no doubt about it-people enjoy rock concerts! They can relieve stress as they allow us to lose some inhibitions. For a few hours we can sing loudly, dance in the aisles, and generally have a good time with the music we love. Live concerts are once-in-a-lifetime events, moments in time that will never be repeated. They are unique. The music and the event itself often remain in our memories for weeks.

Is the season of Easter a bit like a rock concert in your life? Do we sing loudly and uninhibitedly dance with joy at the amazing gift that God, through Christ Jesus, offers each of us? Is it our favorite season? How long do we remember Easter once we move into the next period of calendar time?

Every Sunday is meant to be a mini-Easter for each of us. We intentionally try to recreate the same joy and thankfulness during Sunday worship each week so we can carry this event into every day. Our joy can be a witness to the life Christ offers all of us- and that we are meant to offer others. That way Easter can be a daily reality, not just a memory.

Roland Rink (Gauteng, South Africa)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection each
and every day!