

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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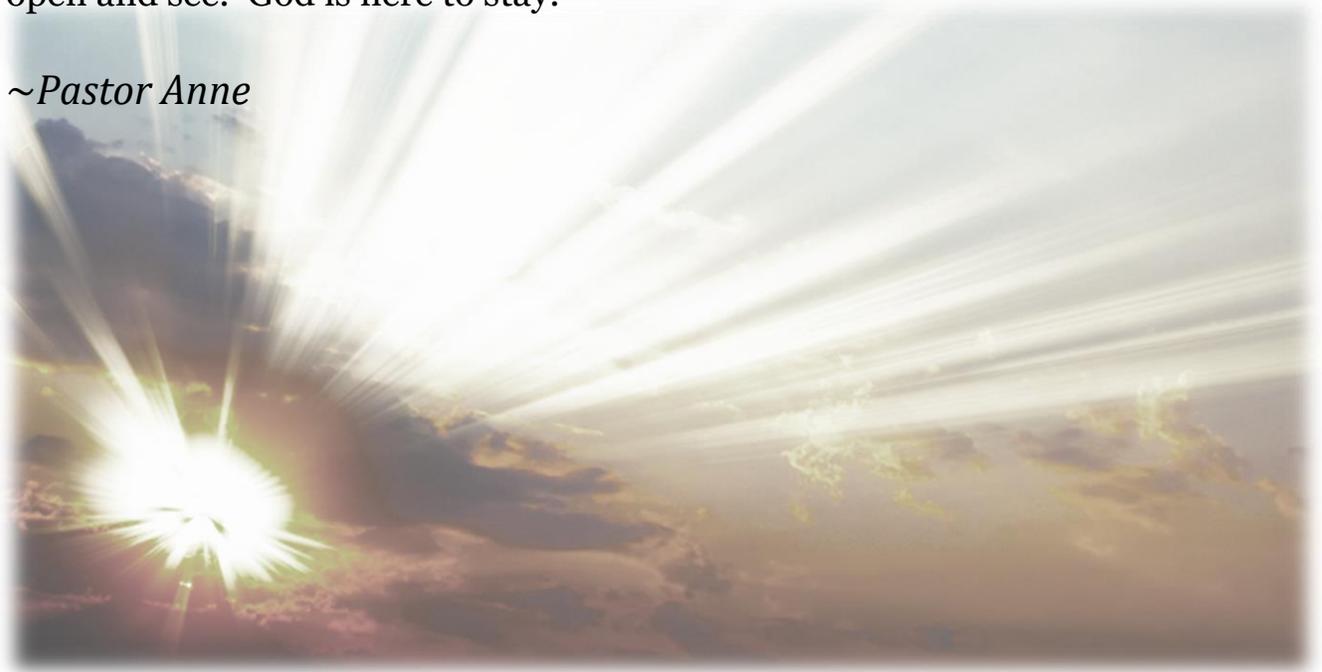
EPIPHANIES

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek epiphaneia meaning manifestation or appearance. The Greeks often used that word when the first light of dawn appeared on the horizon. In these dark winter months, I look for that light as I am out for my exercise walk early in the morning. It means that I can turn off my flashlight, and that my neighbors who are leaving for work will see me as they zoom by in their vehicles. In the church of course, epiphany is meant to tell us that with Jesus' birth in Bethlehem God has made an appearance among all people, not just his own but the Gentile wise men who came bearing gifts.

God appeared and God continues to appear among us. Maybe you had an encounter with God just yesterday or last week. Maybe you see him in the smile of a newborn baby; or the gentle touch of a good friend; or the charitable action of a stranger. This year, we would like to hear about your epiphanies. Every Sunday during the announcement time, we will ask you to write these encounters down. And then at the end of worship, we will celebrate them with you.

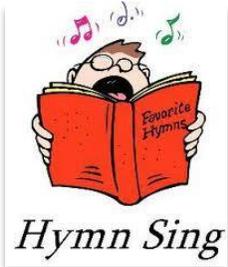
We will do this during the entire season that carries the epiphany name in hope that will make all more aware of God's presence among us. Keep your eyes open and see. God is here to stay.

~Pastor Anne



“Second Favorite” Hymns

Most of us had such fun hearing about your favorite hymns in 2018, that we wanted to give it another go. We all have songs and hymns that we like beyond our absolute favorite, and we would like to hear about those this year. Sign-up slips have been handed out at worship and now we will plug these “second favorites” into our worship music where they will be appropriate. Pay attention to the Newsletter each month as we announce which songs are part of our liturgy.



...to all the sweethearts in the world. May all of us know and experience love in our lives.



WEATHER NEWS...

January has already given us a couple of storms that affect our Sunday morning fellowship. In case of inclement weather please check our website, facebook page, call any Council member, or refer to the following TV channels:

- ❖ ABC – WHTM-TV 27
- ❖ CBS – WHP-TV 21
- ❖ NBC – WGAL 8

THINK SPRING

It's not too soon to think (and plan for) spring! And with spring comes planting. Last year we donated 278lbs of fresh produce to New Hope Ministries from our garden. This was less than previous years. Please consider sponsoring a plot – from seeding to gleaning – so that we can continue this worthwhile mission. Feel free to make it a group event by inviting friends and/or family members to help! If you are interested, please see Ken Getz or Wendy Cekovich.



LENT IS COMING

Yes, it is. Even though the season of reflection and penitence starts late this year, it is on the horizon. Please mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will have our service with imposition of ashes at 7:00 p.m. As in years past, we participate in community and congregational activities:

Ministerium Lenten Lunches

This year, our Wednesday luncheons revolve around the theme “Why Christian”. We are inviting lay people in each participating congregation to tell us why their faith has meaning for their life. All are invited to come. The luncheons start at noon and the cost is \$5.00/person.

Schedule: March 13 – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

March 20 – River of God Church

March 27 – Enola First Church of God

April 3 - Our Lady of Lourdes Church

April 10 - Enola Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Dinner Church for Lent . . .

. . .is happening. Each Wednesday evening during the Lenten season we are gathering in our fellowship hall for dinner church at 6:00 p.m. Soup, bread, and dessert are the food offerings. A devotional reading and the Eucharist frame our service. We will soon ask you to sign up to bring food and, of course, yourself to this wonderful Lenten discipline.

Spud-tacular SUCCESS!!

The “spud-tacular potato bar” to raise money for Tanzanian student Eliezer Mwankenja was a huge success! We secured a Thrivent Action Team grant to get supplies. We had many hands make toppings, bring soup, and bake dessert. The luncheon went off without a hitch at Slate Hill Mennonite Church and enough money was raised to cover Eliezer’s tuition at Messiah College. So now the task remains to get his mom and dad here for graduation in May. Help make it happen so that Eliezer can finally be reunited with his family and so they can share in the joy of his hard and faithful work in college. If you would like to contribute, make a donation to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and note that it is for Tech4Tanzania.

Calling All Cans!

Please don’t forget to bring in your canned goods for New Hope Ministries. Their current needs include canned fruit, vegetables, chicken, and tuna, as well as peanut butter and cereal. You can put them in the basket in the Narthex or upper Sunday School room. Next collection date is Sunday, **February 3rd**.



Happy Anniversary!

Happy belated anniversary to **Joann and Gerald Meek**, who celebrated their anniversary on January 21st. We guess no one else was brave enough to get married during the winter, because we have no record of any anniversaries for February and March. . .

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW OR SHARE?

If you have any ideas or have something you would like to share via the Newsletter, please contact the church office. We welcome all!

Because there was no January newsletter, we are sharing birthdays for that month also. . .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!					
January	4	Seana Miller	February	13	Alecia Clawser
	4	Ronald Shawler		14	Ann Gilbert
	5	Vincent Beaston		14	Patricia Shaffer
	9	Edward Benbow		22	Ernest Clawser, III
	10	Miste Diehl		22	Ann Hoy
	13	Kylie Hunter		23	Ava Clawser
	13	Sandra Moncayo		23	Cooper Umbrell
	15	Julie Foore		24	Barbara Hunter
	17	Shelby Herman		25	Kenneth Getz, Jr.
	18	McKenna Stitzel		27	Lance Diehl
	20	Harold Kramer		28	Kathryn Holderbaum
	22	Karina Keller	March	1	Betsy Treharne
	23	Kenneth Sgrignoli		6	Doris Barneycastle
	24	Joan Kugler		10	Steve Hoffmaster
	25	Bronwyn Glasbrenner		12	Lana Stitzel
	25	Alanis Keller		16	Cheryl Baker
	26	David Wood		17	Mason Miller
	29	Ruth Price		17	Ronald Shawler
	30	Cheryll Hultberg		18	Marlene Atherton
	31	Michael Stoner		18	Brian Verchick
February	1	Anne Messinger		20	Julie Baker-Hitz
	3	Aleah Lumby		20	David Hultberg
	4	Brian Hultberg		21	Patricia Kenes
	4	Donald Putt		23	Scott Maier
	8	Carole Jane Sutch		30	Robert Seiple
	9	Heather Thorn		30	Kaylin Vardzik
	12	Gabriel Stitzel		31	Alvin Sprague



*Please contact the Church office if you see an error in the birthday or anniversary list, or someone is missing!

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