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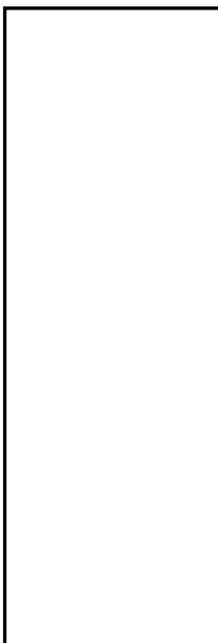
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## *Guiding Thoughts — A Pastor's Ponderings*

In the month of May, I usually write about confirmation or Mother's Day, but I wanted us to think together about prayer at this time. We pray for our confirmands, give thanks for our mothers and our mothers in faith. But so many people, especially in Lutheran churches, are shy about praying, in particular praying out loud. We may pray silently at home, but to say a prayer in front of someone else is frightening. I can relate, believe it or not. I am an introvert and so learning to pray out loud was not an easy thing for me to do. But, we are not the only followers of Jesus who have had that problem. In the gospel of Luke, we are told that Jesus' disciples came to him and said, "Teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." (Luke 11:1) The result is the prayer we pray every week, the Lord's Prayer.

So, what is prayer? First, we need to understand that there are different types of prayer, or really different purposes/reasons to pray. The two types we are probably most familiar with are intercessory prayer and prayers of supplication. I can hear you right now thinking, pastor I don't know what you are talking about. But these words are just "official" ways of referring to certain types of prayers. Intercessory prayer is what we refer to as the prayer of the church. We intercede for others in this type of prayer. In other words, we talk to God, asking God to care for others, the world, our leaders, you name it. We do this in a formal way in church, but we also do it informally when we simply say, God please be with...

If you look up the definition of the word supplication you will see that it means to beg, to ask for something earnestly or humbly. "Oh God, help me," is a prayer

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of supplication. We are asking God for something and with this prayer I generally think of it as something for myself. I come before God, to pray for strength, for peace, for support for myself.

Other types of prayer are prayers of Thanksgiving, Praise and Lament. I think thanksgiving is sort of self-explanatory, we give thanks to God for the good that is in our life and for God's presence during the tough times. Prayers of praise recognize God's creation and redeeming work in the world. "O Lord, O Lord how majestic is your name in all the world," is a prayer of praise (also the first line of a "praise hymn"). The type of prayer that many are not familiar with is lament. To lament it to express our pain and our sorrow—some of the psalms do that well, they mourn the loss of a person, home, etc.

So now that you know that there are a lot of different types of prayer, how do you pray? Well...we normally think of praying as folding our hands, bowing our heads in prayer. But we pray in so many ways. When we sing we pray, when we think about God's creation, focus on the beauty of the world we pray. But that doesn't help us when we are asked to pray out loud. One of my clergy friends said that she was with a group of clergy and one was asked to pray. His response was, I don't have anything prepared. She looked at him and said, "all you are doing is inviting conversation with Jesus." And that is the truth. Prayer is a conversation with God. There is no real formula needed. Talk to God. Whether you are praying silently or aloud, prayer is simply asking for God's presence and then bringing before God what is in your heart and mind.

Luther wrote extensively about prayer. In the Lutheran Quarterly (2016), Mary Jane Haemig has a wonderful article about Luther and prayer. She writes, "Luther emphasized that the language of prayer should be honest, bold, forthright, and even foolish." I can be foolish in prayer, when I can't find words; sometimes it is enough to just be there with God. I also love that she points out that prayer, for Luther, never replaces action but enables and includes action.

But if you need a "formula" for prayer in order to begin your talk with God, here is one, it is call the five fingered prayer.

Look at your hands, when you fold them in prayer your thumb is generally closest to you, so start by remembering and praying for those closest to you, your family, your loved ones. Next is the index

or “pointer” finger. So, pray for those who point the way for you, those who teach. The tallest finger is your middle finger, so pray for those in authority over you. These can be national and international leaders (I generally pray that hearts are open to God’s will). The forth finger, your ring finger, is the weakest finger, so pray for those who are in trouble or suffering. Finally, your little finger—pray for yourself and ask for God’s grace.

Most of all, remember that prayer is conversation with God. When you become comfortable talking to God, then it becomes easier to talk to God with others.

*Yours in Christ*  
*Pastor Shirley*

### Church Family News



Miller Joseph Mensch was born on March 14 to Nate and Allie Mensch. Miller is the grandson of Cathy and Glen Mensch and the great grandson of Betty Mensch. All are doing well!

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, Liliana Grace White was claimed as a child of God in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Liliana is the daughter of Elijah and Stephanie White.

*You are invited to pray for the families and friends of...*

Art Birkenstock, who died on April 1, 2018

Fay Kern, who died on April 7, 2018



Dear Members of St. Paul’s, Many thanks for the Easter daffodils. They brighten up the shelf in the hall outside my apartment. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. May all of you have a great 2018!

*Beryl Kober*

Dear Members of St. Paul’s, Finally we have received some encouraging news about Bill. The last time we had a family

meeting with the staff, they expressed amazement with his progress. They are going to continue therapy with him and think that ultimately he should be able to return to our apartment. We are delighted with that thought! Thank you for all of the prayers and good wishes during this difficult four months.

*Bill and Winnie Murphy*

### **Income and Expenses (past 13 months)**

Month	Offering*	Expenses	Difference	Transfers**
March 2017	\$30,198.25	\$31,676.60	-\$1,478.35	\$0.00
April 2017	\$44,002.10	\$36,157.07	\$7,845.03	\$0.00
May 2017	\$24,607.18	\$37,311.64	-\$12,704.46	\$3,114.00
June 2017	\$28,271.65	\$30,847.20	-\$2,575.55	\$0.00
July 2017	\$36,607.85	\$28,672.58	\$7,935.27	\$0.00
August 2017	\$22,623.00	\$28,000.31	-\$5,377.31	\$0.00
September 2017	\$24,343.45	\$25,263.35	-\$919.90	\$0.00
October 2017	\$37,037.54	\$37,933.57	-\$896.03	\$0.00
November 2017	\$32,819.73	\$27,808.86	\$5,010.87	\$0.00
December 2017	\$52,500.55	\$38,030.87	\$14,469.68	\$0.00
January 2018	\$29,431.53	\$35,101.94	-\$5,670.41	\$0.00
February 2018	\$26,453.25	\$29,963.44	-\$3,510.19	\$426.00
March 2018	\$29,250.30	\$34,399.68	-\$5,149.38	\$0.00

\*Offering includes: Current, Benevolence, Building and Special

\*\*Subsidized from Capital Reserve and Other Sources

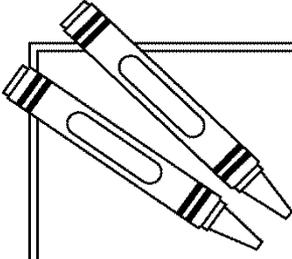
**Reminder!** Please remember that if you have any changes to your address, home phone number, cell phone number, email address, etc., please let Ashley in the church office know so that we can continue to keep our church records as up to date as possible.



### **Adult Forum**

The Adult Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Parlor. The Adult Forum Class is open to adults of all ages. The schedule for May is as follows:

- May 6: From Chant to Early Polyphony
- May 13: Golden Age of Polyphony
- May 20: Age of Reformation – Who Will Sing
- May 27: Coffee and Fellowship



Just for

KIDS

# A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

**VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u**

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

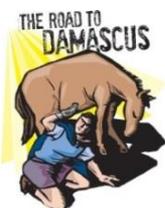


## It's time to register for Bear Creek Summer Camp!

The theme for this year is “This Changes Everything.” (based on Ephesians 2:8). All youth in the congregation grades 1-12 are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to “Explore, celebrate and grow in God’s creation!” See Janet Lincoln for an Ambassador's Discount Coupon. There are many other discounts and scholarships available to make this opportunity available for all. Check out the display on the bulletin board between the library and Parlor, go to [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org) or see Janet Lincoln, our Bear Creek Camp Ambassador, for more information.

*PS. Do you or your child get anxious about the thought of them being away from home without you? Why not try Family Camp this year! A week is too long? There are also family weekend sessions offered Memorial and Labor Day weekends! Reminder- cabins instead of tents, and no meal preparation or cleanup!*

## "The Road to Damascus" Easter Walks

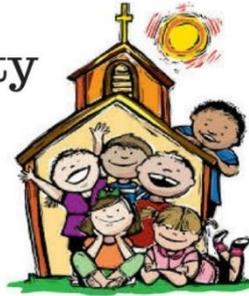


May is a beautiful time of the year to get out and enjoy the beauty of God's creation! We start at 10am by reading and discussing a small portion of the Road to Damascus Bible story then walk a 2 mile section of the Harleysville Bike Path. Please join us!

- May 2 - Harleysville Little League parking lot on Gruber Rd, Harleysville
- May 9 - Charles L. Reed Park located at 155 Clemens Rd., Harleysville



Telford Community  
Vacation Bible  
School  
July 22 - July 26



We are very excited about our plans this summer to take VBS **OUT** into the Telford Community by holding VBS at a different park/playground each evening. Starting Sunday evening, July 22 through Thursday evening, July 26, families will be encouraged to join us for "God's Traveling Nature Camp". We will start with a free community picnic at the pavilion by Indian Valley Public Library. Evenings will include outdoor worship, environmental science, hands-on nature games & activities, puppet shows and learning about the creation Bible story. Could you help by being part of our short-term planning team? Contact Marian Henry to help!

You're  
Invited!



Saturday, June 2

St. Paul's is having a Pig Roast on Saturday June 2nd! Save the date and enjoy fellowship with some of your favorite Lutherans. There will be outdoor activities such as badminton and horseshoes, and the main event of eating roast pig from Blooming Glen Caterers with all of the classic side dishes of baked beans, coleslaw, and stuffing. This is a BYOB (not Bible) event and a BYOD (yes dessert) event and is being held at the clubhouse in the Village at Dorchester in Sellersville, a.k.a. St. Paul's Way where many of our members reside. Stay tuned for more information!



## Church Library News

The library committee has processed some new books for the adult library. Please take a look at these new books and enjoy them. The *Sensible Shoes* series was recommended by Marian Henry.

### **Keturah (The Sugar Baron's Daughters)**

**By Lisa T Bergren (book received from Bethany House)**

In 1773 England, Lady Keturah Banning Tomlinson and her sisters find themselves the heiresses of their father's estates and know they have one option: Go to the West Indies to save what is left of their heritage. Set on keeping her family together and saving her father's plantation, can Keturah ever surrender her stubbornness and guarded heart to God and find the healing and love awaiting her?

### **The Hidden Flame (Acts of Faith, Book 2)**

**By Janette Oke and David Bunn**

Abigail had lost everything--home--family, and left with little promise of a normal life. When she discovers the Messiah and joins his followers, she also discovers new meaning and purpose. Maybe she does have a future after all. But increasing persecution is scattering the burgeoning group "to the ends of the earth." And Abigail may have given her heart to the wrong man

### **Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey**

**By Sharon Garlough Brown**

Sharon Garlough Brown tells the moving story of four strangers as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat center and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation.

### **Two Steps Forward: A Story of Persevering in Hope (Sensible Shoes #2)**

**By Sharon Garlough Brown**

The women from *Sensible Shoes* are taking their next steps in the spiritual formation journey. But each of them is finding roadblocks along the way. Meg, a widow and recent empty-nester, is off to see her daughter in London. But what does hope look like when

nothing goes as planned? Charissa, a conscientious graduate student, is battling to let go of control and embrace her unexpected pregnancy. But what does hope look like when transformation is slow? Hannah, a pastor on sabbatical, is trying to find her equilibrium with rest and a new relationship. But what does hope look like when old grief keeps resurfacing? Mara, a wife and mother, longs for her difficult family life to improve. But what does hope look like when tension escalates, and circumstances only get worse? Sometimes life feels like two steps forward and one step back. Find your own spiritual journey reflected in the lives of these women and discover the way forward.

**Barefoot: A Story of Surrendering to God (Sensible Shoes #3)  
By Sharon Garlough Brown**

The spiritual journey takes unexpected turns for the women of *Sensible Shoes* in this third book of the series, continuing on from the events of *Two Steps Forward*. Having been challenged to persevere in hope, can they now embrace the joy of complete surrender? Mara: With two boys at home and a divorce on the way, can she let go of her resentment and bitterness and find a rhythm of grace in her "new normal"? Hannah: With Nathan by her side, can she let go of expectations—and even her reputation—as she charts a new course? Charissa: As her approaching due date threatens to collide with new professional opportunities, can she let go of her need for control and embrace the unknown future with trust? Meg: With disappointment over broken relationships and unfulfilled dreams, can she let go of her fear and worry in the face of even greater challenges that lie ahead? Join the women of the Sensible Shoes Club in a poignant story that reveals the joy that comes from laying our lives at the feet of God and standing barefoot on holy ground.

**An Extra Mile: A Story of Embracing God's Call (Sensible Shoes) By Sharon Garlough Brown**

The women of *Sensible Shoes* are navigating both deep joy and devastating loss. Can they find equilibrium in the midst of all that has changed? Mara: While faced with the turmoil of divorce and chaos at home, she is also listening for a call to serve others with courage and creativity. Hannah: As she grieves the twin losses of

her dear friend and her Chicago ministry position, she also begins to embrace the joys and challenges of a new marriage. Charissa: Overwhelmed by her pregnancy and the demands of her teaching schedule, she is in need of even more grace for herself and others. Becca: Bereft and filled with regrets, can she find hope for the future and a way home? In this final installment of the Sensible Shoes series, you're invited to travel with these beloved friends as they endure trials that test their trust and their willingness to walk an extra mile.

**Max Lucado books:** In just under two decades of writing, Max Lucado has accomplished more than most writers hope for in a lifetime. He spends the bulk of his week serving as senior minister at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas.

### **And the Angels Were Silent**

**Six Hours One Friday**

**3:16**

**Facing Your Giants: God Still Does the Impossible**

**When Christ Comes**

**No Wonder They Call Him the Savior: Discover Hope in the Unlikeliest Place**



## **26th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive**

**Saturday, May 12**

**Fill a Bag. Help Feed Families**

On Saturday, May 12, the National Association of Letter Carriers will be collecting food donations to try and “stamp out hunger” in our community. On that day, fill up a bag with healthy, nonperishable food and place it by your mailbox. Your letter carrier will pick up the bag for delivery to local food banks. For further details, please speak to Kelly Nielsen.

# Bear Creek Camp Artists' Retreat

July 1-6, 2018

Surround yourself with the beauty of nature to support and inspire your art

This full week program is designed to provide the artist with an opportunity to work in a variety of natural environments including lakes, streams, meadows and woodlands.

## This week will also include:

- A perfect site for visual artists, writers and other artists to find inspiration
- Lodging and meals
- Guided hikes to various on-site locations
- The opportunity to commune with other artists
- Areas to work: rain or shine
- Accessibility to a naturalist
- Additional activities may include daily meditation, visual journaling, nature printing workshop and other activities
- Artist's families may attend Bear Creek Camp's Family Camp

The Artists' Retreat coincides with Bear Creek's Family Camp which will allow the artist and their family to cross over to all events.

Cost is \$275/person for the entire week

Visit [bearcreekcamp.org](http://bearcreekcamp.org)  
or call 570-472-3741  
for more information



## Bear Creek Camp Calendar of Events

- May 12 Spring Work Day
- May 25-28 Memorial Day Family Camp
- June 17 - Aug. 11 Summer Camp (7 Sessions plus 1 Session Family Week)
- July 1-6 Summer Family Camp
- July 1-6 - Bear Creek Camp Artists' Retreat
- Aug. 31-Sept. 3 Labor Day Family Camp
- Sept. 28-30 Women's Retreat
- Oct. 7-8 Columbus Day Confirmation Camp



For more information or to register visit [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org), or contact Janet Lincoln, St. Paul's Ambassador, at (215)208-5836



**All Senior Events are open to everyone; members, friends, neighbors, and people of all ages.**

On Tuesday April 24 we met at St. Paul's to carpool to Ott's Exotic Plants and Greenhouse in Schwenksville. We enjoyed the plants and a stop for lunch at Moccia's Train Stop, also in Schwenksville.



**Tuesday, May 22:** We will begin with a pot luck dessert at 7:00PM, followed with a talk by Bernie Enright on the Women in the lives of Washington and Jefferson. Bernie in his post retirement serves as a Volunteer Guide with the National Park

Service assigned to the Germantown White House, home to President George Washington for two periods in 1793 and 1794

while Philadelphia was the nation's capital. Please bring a small dessert; enough for 4 people. Coffee and tea will be served.

**Wednesday, June 13:** We will meet at St. Paul's at 10:45AM to carpool to Perkins Restaurant in Cross Keys for lunch, brunch or breakfast; their baked goods are excellent also. Once our tummies are full, we will journey to the Mercer Museum for our orientation program at 1:00PM. We are then free to tour at our own pace. If you have never been there, you're in for a treat. If you haven't been there for some time, you're in for a treat. There are now elevators on each level. The admission charge is \$11.00 with lunch on your own. Judy Heckler is the coordinator.



**July:** Watch for details coming soon; this event has not been finalized as yet.

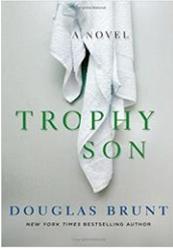
**Saturday August 25:** Mark the date for our annual trip to Coca Cola Park in Allentown for an Iron Pigs game.

ALL senior events are open to all, young, old, members,  
friends, EVERYONE



**Bible Study and lunch,** led by Pastor John Huber, takes place the third Thursday of every month from noon to 1:30 PM, come and join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. Bring your own sandwich; beverages are provided. The Bible Study meets year around. ***See you on May 17, 2018.*** The bible verses to be studied are printed in the Senior Ministry Brochure; copies can be found in the brochure rack in the narthex.

*Ellie Landis,  
Senior Reporter*



**St. Paul's Women's  
Book Club**

**Trophy Son**

**By Douglas Brunt**

**July 16, 2018**

**7:00 P.M. in the Parlor**

**All are welcome to attend! Bring a friend!**

Contact: Doreen Hansen 215-453-0566 [doug.hansen@verizon.net](mailto:doug.hansen@verizon.net)

Lessons. Professional coaches. Specialized camps for sports, math, music, and other fields. Today's children are pushed to achieve excellence—or else. But at what cost? New York Times bestselling author Douglas Brunt's third novel, *Trophy Son*, tells the story of a tennis prodigy, from young childhood to the finals of the US Open, Wimbledon, and other tournaments around the world.

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## **VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN MAY 2018**

### **ACOLYTES**

<b>May 6: 8:15 am - *</b>	<b>10:45 am -*</b>
<b>May 13: 8:15 am - *</b>	<b>10:45 am - *</b>
<b>May 20: 8:15 am - *</b>	<b>10:45 am - *</b>
<b>May 27: 8:15 am - *</b>	<b>10:45 am - *</b>

***\*Volunteers needed!***

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Mary Ann Pratt, Robin Luongo, Mallory Prediger, Ron and Sandy  
Schneck

### **ASSISTING MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

	<b><u>8:15 am</u></b>	<b><u>10:45 am</u></b>
<b>May 6</b>	Ashley Bromley	Dawn Krown
<b>May 13</b>	Denny Detweiler	Bill Cressman
<b>May 20</b>	Denny Detweiler	Wayne Young
<b>May 27</b>	Denny Detweiler	Bill Cressman

## **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

### **May 6**

**8:15 am:** Jim McMichael and Ray Landis

**10:45 am:** Kathy Cassel and Scott March

### **May 13**

**8:15 am:** Denny Detweiler and Brittney Jones

**10:45 am:** Doreen Hansen and Shirley Schimpf

### **May 20 – Pentecost Sunday**

**8:15 am:** Wayne Young and Jim Minninger III

**10:45 am:** Tim Blank and Barbara Mandato

### **May 27 – Holy Trinity Sunday**

**8:15 am:** Jim McMichael and Ray Landis

**10:45 am:** Kathy Cassel and Scott March

## **FLOWER DELIVERY**

Friendship Circle – Betty Jean Way (captain)

## **GREETERS**

### **May 6**

**8:15 am:** Mary Ann and Phil Pratt

**10:45 am:** Edna and Art Thomas

**May 13**

**8:15 am:** Phyllis and Walter Deebel

**10:45 am:** Gloria and Jim Beer

**May 20 – Pentecost Sunday**

**8:15 am:** Doris and Beth Seifert

**10:45 am:** Joann and Ed Augusewicz

**May 27 – Holy Trinity Sunday**

**8:15 am:** Debra and David Snyder

**10:45 am:** Barb and Bill Cressman

**LECTORS**

**8:15 am**

**10:45 am**

**May 6**

Audrey McMichael

Addison Parvin

**May 13**

Trevor Jones

Doreen Hansen

**May 20**

Lorie Garges

Frank Bucher Sr.

**May 27**

Sandy Groff

Judy Heckler

**USHERS**

**May 6**

**8:15 am - Team 4:** John LaRue, Donald Hillegas

**10:45 am - Team 4:** Terry Winder and Lee Shoemaker (co-captains), Glen Mensch, Ray Landis, Bill Cressman, Dennis Detweiler, Trevor Jones

## May 13

**8:15 am - Team 1:** Alan Wampole (captain), Karen Wampole, Dale and Mary Souder, Jim Hurley, Bruce Harpel, Dominic Votta

**10:45 am - Team 1:** Bob Johnson (captain), Ed Kraus, Doug Hansen, Larry Schimpf, Greg Fosbenner, Tim Blank, Bob Bonner

## May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

**8:15 am - Team 2:** Harvey Groff (captain), David Hange, Rodney Hange, Mike Miller, Steve Troyanoski, Mike Troyanoski, Randy Groff

**10:45 am - Team 2:** Al Landis (captain), Ron Money, Jim Stover, Tony Crouthamel, Barry Johnson

## May 27 – Holy Trinity Sunday

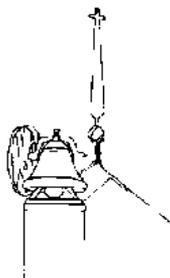
**8:15 am - Team 3:** Brian Garges (captain), Dennis Bauer, Jim McMichael, Jim Minninger

**10:45 am - Team 3:** Ken Heckler (captain), Jim and Gloria Beer, Rick Krown, Charles Titus, Doug Church, Fred Johns



# May 2018

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## Office Hours

9:00 am to 3:30 pm—Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
(Office Closed between 12:30 - 1:00 pm for lunch)  
10:30 am – 4:00 pm - Wednesday

## Sunday Worship - Holy Communion Worship Services

May 6\*, 13, 20, and 27 - 8:15 and 10:45 am  
(\**Feast and Celebration at 10:45 am service*)

## Children's Ministry

Sundays at 9:30 am

## Adult Forum

Sundays at 9:30 am in the Parlor

## Senior Lunch & Bible Study

May 17 at 12:00 pm

## Church Council Meeting

May 14 - 7:30 pm (Conference Room)