



THIS MONTH'S LISCHEY'S ILLUMINATOR is in honor of all the people who helped to make this year's vacation bible school a huge success. The late Rev. Jacob N. Faust, founding father of our Vacation Bible School here at St. Peter's Lischey's in 1922, was surely smiling down from heaven. Presented by Maybelle Altland.

Notes from the Pastor

As I write this final full newsletter article for August (I may have a brief note in the September newsletter, but nothing as lengthy as this), I am finding that I want to share so many parting words; I feel compelled to try to say all of what I have left to say in one short page, and that is impossible. I remember when my dad died, I felt very sad that I didn't get the opportunity to have one final significant conversation with him before he was gone. The day before, we had shared some time together, but it was mostly simple chatting, nothing monumental or related to the end of his life. It took me a while to make peace with the fact that we didn't have a final bedside conversation in which he imparted to me all the wisdom that he could ever share. Of course, the opportunity to do such a thing is a bit of a fairy tale anyway. Goodbyes, even end-of-life goodbyes, are imperfect, and it could have been that even if we'd known the last conversation were the last, my dad still would have filled it with non sequiturs about rusty tractors or the details of the latest bird he'd seen flying over the pond.

My point is that even if I try to say some final words to all of you in the congregation, they will not be enough. I will still think of things I wish I'd said, and the same may be true for you. I hope that in the days to come leading up to my last day at Lischey's, we can find our ways to say goodbye to one another and share some lasting thoughts in a way that brings us all a sense of closure and peace that what we have shared together has now wrapped up, and we can move on healthfully.

More than anything, I want to affirm the health and well-being of the congregation. This Body of Christ manifested in the congregation of St. Peter's Lischey's church is one with many gifts to offer, both to another pastor who will come to serve you, and to the community of Spring Grove and the surrounding area. Please continue to be who you are. Do not compare yourselves to Grace Fellowship or LCBC, or other neighboring churches, but spend time dwelling on who you are as a distinct, unique congregation, and what gifts you bear that can serve a world that desperately needs them! Count all of the ways that God has blessed this congregation instead of taking stock of what is lacking. Be honest with yourselves about opportunities to grow, but don't stay in that place of longing to be different without embracing the ways in which you are wonderful.

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I have been truly blessed by the time I have spent serving all of you, and I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to have at least one conversation or encounter with pretty much every person who identifies as a member of Lischey's church. Some conversations have been in passing, others have been in-depth and you have shared with me of your families and careers and experiences. I have been enriched by all of them, and I have had the opportunity to learn and grow and truly "practice" ministry among you. We have said goodbye to many members who have passed away in the last five years, and we have welcomed and baptized many new little ones.

I want to leave you with this folktale about an African king. One of my favorite quotes is by William Shakespeare, and it says, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

THE KING AND HIS FRIEND

An African king had a close friend who had the habit of remarking "this is good" about every occurrence in life no matter what it was. One day the king and his friend were out hunting. The king's friend loaded a gun and handed it to the king, but alas he loaded it wrong and when the king fired it, his thumb was blown off. "This is good!" exclaimed his friend.

The horrified and bleeding king was furious. "How can you say this is good? This is obviously horrible!" he shouted. The king put his friend in jail.

About a year later the king went hunting by himself. Cannibals captured him and took him to their village. They tied his hands, stacked some wood, set up a stake and bound him to it. As they came near to set fire to the wood, they noticed that the king was missing a thumb. Being superstitious, they never ate anyone who was less than whole. They untied the king and sent him on his way. Full of remorse the king rushed to the prison to release his friend.

"You were right, it WAS good" the king said. The king told his friend how the missing thumb saved his life and added, "I feel so sad that I locked you in jail. That was such a bad thing to do"

"NO! this is good!" responded his delighted friend.

"Oh, how could that be good my friend, I did a terrible thing to you while I owe you my life".

"It is good" said his friend, "because if I wasn't in jail I would have been hunting with you and they would have killed ME."

I hope that in this upcoming in-between time, you as a congregation can stay open to the movement of God's spirit in your midst, and you can be assured that, as Romans 8:28 says, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." You are people who love God, and who God loves, and I love you, too. May God continue to guide you into a bright, authentic future as people of faith, and the Body of Christ.

With peace,

Pastor Sarah



Music MINISTRY

Not too much to report this month. I'm still working on planning music for the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to all the previous choir members returning in September when the rehearsals begin again.

It is with a sad heart our music program has to say goodbye to pastor Sarah, a great alto voice in our Sanctuary Choir. We have enjoyed the time we spent together through the past 5 years and we will miss

her presence in the choir and her solos that she shared with the congregation. Of course she will be taking her little ones with her and we will miss their young voices and smiles in our Joyful singers. We send them on their way with lots of love and God's blessings trusting that he will keep them in his care on their next journey in Hawaii!

So we will still have some great positions available and waiting to be filled in the choir loft! Please prayerfully consider joining us. This is one way we can pull together and show that we, the people, make our church. Our church will only be as alive as we are active. Please help in any area that you can to strengthen our church!

AUGUST SPECIAL MUSIC

August 3rd Soloist-Pam Kiser

August 10th open

August 17th Sanctuary Choir

August 24th Joe Crisamore

p.s. Nature report...the birds are feeding at the feeders everyday but I believe the nesting is over. I've seen the adult bluebirds with their young ones following them to the feeders. It's a special treat to watch the adult birds first feeding their young and then teaching them how to fly to the ground for bugs or take the easier way to the feeder for mealworms. That will keep them coming to the feeder during the winter months!

I must admit that I always enjoy hearing the constant chatter of the jenny wren starting in the early spring. Throughout the summer every time I turn off the air conditioner I open the windows and immediately hear her chatter which always brings a smile to my face. But today when I opened windows it was too quiet! Her chatter is gone. She isn't nesting anymore so I'm sure her daily flight path has been expanded! I will miss her constant presence but will look forward to next spring when she will again be my window music.

We are surrounded by tall, very tall corn this year so we aren't seeing a constant parade of deer. We have caught a few glimpses of a few mothers and their fawns...always a touching sight to watch!

I've also seen what appears to be a younger fox in the area but again he is probably in the tall, very tall corn, roaming around.

The funny and mildly scary event of the month was when I went downstairs to do laundry and I heard what I thought was our dog Bella coming down the step. But when I turned, I saw a critter scurrying overhead! I screamed, of course! Very loudly, of course! Then I saw a bushy tail and knew it was a squirrel! Yep, in my basement! He was evidently enjoying dog food that he acquired by chewing a hole in the bottom of the bag. So Steve set a trap using dog food and the next morning we said goodbye to our uninvited visitor! Sure hope he doesn't tell his friends how he got in. Wish he would have told us! We can only speculate! We never know how entertaining and in how many ways wildlife can surprise us!



From the *Church
Council*



Members of Lischey's Church Family and Friends,

I am writing you as the president of church council to let you know what is going on with the leaving of Pastor Sarah. We have started the call process; I have been in touch with Thom Webster who is Associate Conference Minister who handles Search & Call, and Mike Gibbs who is on the York Association Committee on Ministry. Mike is our go to person for any help we may need.

Mr. Webster and Mr. Gibbs will be meeting with church council on August 14, 2014 to start the process with us, at that time we hope to be given the name of the pastor who will be our interim.

On August 17 we will have a farewell service for Pastor Sarah with the help of Mr. Gibbs, following the service, the church will have a luncheon in Pastor Sarah's honor.

On August 24, we will be having a hymn sing in the regular service and at the early service. On August 31 we will have a regular service at 8:00 and 10:30. We are hoping by the first of September our new interim will be in place.

I know this is a different time for everyone, but we will go forward and be a stronger church than ever. I know we all wish Pastor Sarah and her family the best, we will miss them, and we are a better church because of her service.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me at any time.

With our trust in God,



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Summer Worship 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	28	29 Soup Kitchen 8:00 AM	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2
← Darlene - vacation →						
3 Summer Worship w/ Communion 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ communion 10:30 AM	4	5	6	7	8	9
← Darlene - vacation →						
10 Summer Worship w/ Healing 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ Healing 10:30 AM ←Dar - vac	11	12	13	14 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	15 NewsLetter DEADLine	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Luncheon to follow	18 Music & Worship 1:30 PM	19	20	21	22 Dinner & a Movie 6:30 PM	23
24 Summer Worship w/ Hymn Sing 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ Hymn Sing 10:30 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Summer Worship 8:00 AM Potluck Breakfast 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	Sept 1	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6

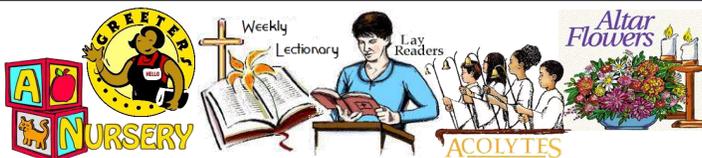


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Thank you to our Volunteers!



	Sunday, August 3 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 10 9 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 17 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 24 11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday, August 31 12 th Sunday af- ter Pentecost
Ushers	Julie White & Tammy Ballard				
Lectionary	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-28	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20	Exodus 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6,23-26,45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
Altar Flowers	Don Carl	Anna Moul	Melisa Altland		
Memorial Vase					
Acolyte	Joe Crisamore	Ryan McKowen	Cole McKowen	Kari Hamme	Kendra Kile
Worship Leader	Melisa Altland	Kim DeGroff	Blaine Breeden	Don Carl	Kim DeGroff
Lay Reader	Melisa Altland	Nancy Cunningham	Diane Breeden	Allen Hoke	Kim DeGroff
Greeters	Jim & Linda Freed	Elvin Myers Joanne Hoffman	Pat McKowen Anna Moul	Russ & Cathy Bolden	Dick & Julie Myers
Nursery	Lisa Crisamore	Beth Mensinger	Jenell McKowen		Lisa Crisamore
Special Music	Pam Kiser		Sanctuary Choir	Joe Crisamore	
Money Counters Mondays @ 12 noon	Lisa Crisamore Betty Thomas Janet Brown	Jennifer Lecrone Pat McKowen Joanne Hoffman	Darlene Miner Diane Breeden Kim DeGroff	Carol Brown Jim Messinger Lois Nelson	<u>Tuesday, Sept 2</u> Elvin Myers Betty Thomas Janet Brown



THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for the children on August 3rd.



Our Members: John & Maybelle Altland, Mabel Baer, Karen Bathgate, Becky Black, Mary Jo Bollinger, Barry Brown, Dale Danner, Clara Eisenhart, Jeff & Kathy Flickinger, Jean Gross, Allen Hoke, Betty Hoke, Helen Klinedinst, Grace Kraft, Gladys Leese, Anna Mae Mummert, Lois Nelson, Allison Orchowski, Pat Parks, Donny Pasmore, Linda Pentz, Dottie Sneeringer, Brenda Starner, Annabelle Sterner, Norma Strausbaugh, John & Ruth Yohe. **Friends of the congregation:** Janet Eichelberger, Michelle Gemmill, Patrick Goldsmith, Lloyd Hershey, Hailey Kehoe, Logan Kehoe, Kevin Krepp, Sharon Krout, Judy Luckabaugh, Caleb Martz, Carissa McComas, Carol Melhorn, Laurie Mosebrook, Diane Moul, Dr. Don Patterson, Kurt Riser, Stewart Runk, Jackson Salemme, Theodore Strausbaugh, Anna Marie Strine, Irene Walker, Diana Whisler, Karen Wintrey, Mike Zohrbaugh. **Our friends at home** who we want to know are missed, yet are always in our hearts. **The men and women who are proudly serving our country:** Siafa Dennis, Phillip Hammond, Kody Lauchman, Joey Myers, Brandon Shepard, Shane Warner, Thomas Wedeking.



A FALL CHICKEN BAR-B-Q will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014, rain or shine. Tickets for chicken dinners, which includes half of a chicken, baked potato, and applesauce, are available for a donation of \$8.00. Please see Elvin Myers to purchase. Thanks in advance for your support.



OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Allen Hoke, whose brother-in-law, Harvey "Gus" Messinger, passed away on Saturday, June 28th.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Mabel Baer and family on the passing of Mabel's husband, Philip Baer, on Wednesday, July 9th.

OUR DEEPEST CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Betty Thomas and family on the passing of her husband, Gerald Thomas, on Sunday, July 13th.



DINNER & A MOVIE: Join us on Friday, August 22nd for another outdoor evening of fun and fellowship. We had 24 people that attended our inaugural "drive-in" movie and we had so much fun, we decided to do it again before the weather turns cool. Beginning at 6:30 PM, we will have a campfire to roast hotdogs and then follow up at dusk (approx. 8:30 PM) with a movie projected on the side of the church. We have not chosen a movie yet. If you have a suggestion for a good movie to show, please see Michele or Darlene. Dinnerware, hot dogs, and s'more fixings will be provided. Please bring your lawn chair and/or blanket and a covered dish or movie snack to share. In case of rain, we will be downstairs in the fellowship hall.



COMMUNITY AID has let us know that they have noticed a large decrease in clothing donations throughout our community. They are looking for your help with donations. If you have clothing donations, please place them in the large brown box located in the corner of our parking lot. This helps both Community Aid and the church, as we are paid by the pound for donations collected. Thank you!



We will have a hymn sing on August 24th. We would like to incorporate as many requests as possible throughout the service. So we are asking for any pre-requests to be put in the offering plate or the "organist" or "secretary" mailboxes by August 17th. This will allow us to plan ahead. Your request can be old hymns, newer hymns, praise songs, or even VBS songs. This is an intergenerational service, so please ask you children what their favorite song is! Hopefully it will be songs that touch all ages.



THE FAMILY OF PHILIP BAER would like to thank all involved in all aspects of the funeral of Philip Baer. The love, kindness and kind words and actions will never be forgotten. Pastor Sarah's visits to the playing of taps and the fellowship following the funeral will remain in our hearts forever.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for your help with Vacation Bible School! Without your love and support, VBS would not be the same. We extend an extra big thank you to the 37 children who brought so much energy and life into our week. It was a great week and we all had lots of fun!

DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR, we are once again reminded how fortunate we are to have air conditioning in our church for those hot summer Sunday mornings and during VBS, which always seems to be held during the hottest week of the year. We were especially reminded of that this year, when we lost power one evening during a thunderstorm. Thank you, Ruth, for your wonderful gift of the sanctuary's air conditioning and to everyone else who contributed so generously to the Building for Service fund over the years.



Birthdays of the Month

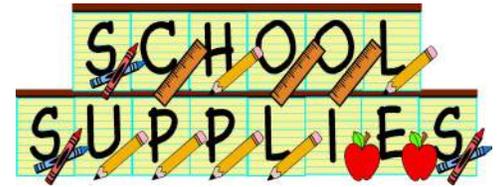
*** - designates 80 and over**

- 1st Jacob Heindel
- 2nd Joe Crisamore III
- 3rd Dennis Luckenbaugh
Emma Sanders
- 4th Kayla Breeden
- 5th Russ Bolden
Jenell McKowen
- 7th Jarrod Shrader
- 8th Barry Brown
Roy James Hoover
Pat Lauchman*
- 11th **Calvin Runk***
John Yohe*
- 12th **Anna Moul***
Carol Wildasin
- 13th Melisa Altland
Justin Walker
- 14th Mark Kramer
- 16th Brian Behm
- 20th Brian Altland
- 20th Nancy Staub
- 22nd Maria Hildebrand
Gwen Walker
- 23rd Michele Hamme
- 24th Norma Strausbaugh
- 25th Gene Bollinger
Linda Sanders
- 26th Dick Myers
Robert Wetzel
- 28th Maggie Jones
- 29th Colton Spangler
- 31st Doug Gebhart

Happy Anniversary

**** - married 50 years or more**

- Robert & Kelli Linker
August 2, 2008
Ed & Pat Warner **
August 4, 1962
- Bob & Norma Strausbaugh ****
August 5, 1956
Bill & Karla Waltersdorff
August 5, 1989
Terry & Beth Mensinger
August 5, 2005
Donald & Carol Wildasin
August 6, 1994
Dennis & Bonnie Luckenbaugh
August 7, 1971
Ken & Stef Brown
August 25, 2001
Kevin & Jenny Shrader
August 26, 1995
Ron & Sue Bollinger
August 27, 2011
Mike & Connie Neiderer
August 29, 1980



Because of school items being on sale at this time of year, the WIMPS have decided to have their annual drive for donation items to be used in the assembling of school kits for Church World Service. We will be assembling kits during our first meeting on Monday, September 15th.

Items needed for each kit include:

- one pair blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- three 70-count spiral notebooks or one spiral notebook with 200-210 pages
- one 12-inch (30-cm) ruler
- one hand-held pencil sharpener
- one large eraser
- six new pencils with erasers
- one box of 24 crayons
- one cotton or canvas bag with handles to hold everything
- \$2 donation per kit for shipping

There is a box in the overflow room for donations. Thank you!



INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

saves us money! If you do not recycle your own ink cartridges, please put them in Michele's mailbox. The church will recycle them, which will save us money on office supplies! Through June of this of year, we have saved \$50, just by recycling ink cartridges! Thank you!

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If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest,
If you are mourning and you long for comfort,
If you are struggling and you desire victory;
If you recognize that you are a sinner and need a Savior -
God welcomes you here in the name of Christ.
To the stranger in need of fellowship,
To those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
And to whoever will come -
This congregation opens wide her doors
And welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Summer Casual
Outdoor Service 8:00 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM

