

Southern Clinton County Lutheran Parish

Proclaim in word and deed the Good News about God's love for all people through Jesus Christ.

A Bi-Monthly Newsletter

January/February 2025

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From the Minister Ed ...

Change is an inevitable part of life, and in many ways, it can be unsettling. Whether it's a change in our personal lives, in our communities, or even in our faith, we often approach change with hesitation or even fear. But as Christians, we are called to view change through the lens of faith—a lens that allows us to see God's work in the midst of transformation and to trust that He is always present, guiding us, no matter the season of life we find ourselves in.

The reality is that change is not something we can avoid. We experience change in many forms—new seasons in our lives, shifts in our families, changes in our church community, and yes, even changes in the world around us. As we reflect on these changes, it's important to remember that transformation is not just a natural part of life; it is also a spiritual journey. The Bible speaks of change repeatedly, offering wisdom and comfort for those navigating transitions.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded that change is part of God's greater plan. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8:28, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." This verse teaches us that, no matter what changes we face, God is at work in every situation, bringing about transformation that aligns with His will.

Change is not limited to individual lives but also occurs in the life of the church community. In 2024, our Parish experienced a leadership transition, renewed past ministries and expanded current ministries. In these moments, it's important to remember that the Church, as the Body of Christ, is always evolving to

meet the needs of the people within it and to carry out the mission of God in the world.

So how do we embrace change in a way that honors God and strengthens our faith? First, we must remember that change is not the end, but the beginning. Every season of change is an opportunity for growth, both individually and collectively. It's a chance to trust God more deeply and to lean into His faithfulness.

Second, we can remain rooted in prayer and Scripture. Change often comes with uncertainty, but prayer is our way of staying connected to God and seeking His guidance. As we read the Bible, we find wisdom and comfort in stories of people who faced great transitions—Abraham, Moses, Esther, Paul—who trusted in God's plan, even when it was unclear. Their faith encourages us to step forward, even when the path ahead seems unknown.

Finally, embracing change requires a willingness to be part of the solution. No matter where the change occurs, we are called to be active participants in the transformation God is orchestrating.

As we journey through life, we can expect change—sometimes it will be exciting, other times it may feel overwhelming. But through it all, we can take comfort in knowing that God is with us in every season. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and His love for all is eternal.

May we trust in His plan and embrace the new things He may be doing. And as we do, may we grow in faith, love, and unity, moving forward together as the Body of Christ.

+++Minister Ed

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Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30 AM.

The parish office is located on the 1st floor of United.

The side ramp door is open during normal office hours.

Deadlines for Publication

Bulletin Announcements

Due by End of Day Tuesdays

Monthly Newsletter Articles

Due by 3rd Sunday of each Month

Churches in Our Parish

Salona Lutheran Church

754 Long Run Road

Mill Hall, PA 17751

(570) 726-6670

St. John Lutheran Church

1450 W. Valley Road

Booneville, PA 17747

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

10 W. Main Street

Loganton, PA 17747

(570) 725-7981

St. Paul Lutheran Church

6220 Nittany Valley Drive

Mill Hall, PA 17751

(570) 748-7932

United Evangelical Lutheran Church

104 W. Church Street

Lock Haven, PA 17745

(570) 748-7932



Cedrick Bower

Bill Gerfen

Judy Harter

Nancy Kitchen

Edwin & May Klinefelter

Ann Kling

John Martin

Gavin Moris

Dorothy Muthler

Natalie Newcomer

Luke Simcox

Ona Ruth Weimer



Doris Thorson - January 5

Rose Wolfrom - January 6

Tom Smith - January 6

Marilyn Welshans - January 12

Danny Garverick - February 6

MacKenzie Toner - February 6

John I. Martin - February 7

Issac Parrish - February 7

Christina Martin - February 14

THANK YOU: Ed and I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas Greetings, cards and variety of gifts. We are grateful and thankful for your kindness. We especially are thankful for your friendship throughout the year. We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

~Minister Ed Coup and Deacon Sandy Grier

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council will meet on Wed., Feb. 5 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul's, Mill Hall.

Church News

Salona News:

🕒 Services for January will be held at Salona beginning at 10:30 AM. This is a combined service with St. Paul, Mill Hall.

Jan 5 - Deacon Sandy Grier Jan 12 - Deacon Sandy Grier

Jan 19 - Minister Ed Coup Jan 26 - Minister Ed Coup

🕒 Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 at 9:30 AM.

St. Paul, Mill Hall News:

🕒 Services for February will be held at St. Paul, Mill Hall beginning at 10:30 AM. This is a combined service with Salona.

Feb 2 - Minister Ed Coup Feb 19 - Deacon Sandy Grier

Feb 16 - Deacon Sandy Grier Feb 23 - Minister Ed Coup

🕒 Council will meet on Wed., Jan. 15 and Feb. 19 at 6:30 PM.

St. John, Booneville &

St. Paul, Loganton News:

🕒 Services will be held at St. Paul, Loganton beginning at 9:30 AM.

Jan 5 - To Be Determined Jan 12 - Minister Ed Coup

Jan 19 - Deacon Sandy Grier Jan 26 - Deacon Sandy Grier

Feb 2 - Deacon Sandy Grier Feb 9 - Minister Ed Coup

Feb 16 - Minister Ed Coup Feb 23 - Deacon Sandy Grier

🕒 St. Paul's Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 15 and Feb. 19 at 3 PM.

United News:

🕒 Services will begin at 9 AM.

Jan 5 - Deacon Sandy Grier Jan 12 - Deacon Sandy Grier

Jan 19 - Minister Ed Coup Jan 26 - Minister Ed Coup

Feb 2 - Minister Ed Coup Feb 19 - Deacon Sandy Grier

Feb 16 - Deacon Sandy Grier Feb 23 - Minister Ed Coup

🕒 Congregational meeting will be held on Sun., Jan. 26 following the worship service. We will review and approve the 2024 Annual Reports.

🕒 Christ In Our Home daily devotionals for January, February, and March are now available on the tables in the narthex. Please pick up your FREE copy.

🕒 Annual reports: All committees should submit their 2024 annual report to the church office by Tues., Jan. 16.

🕒 2025 Offering envelopes boxes are now available on the tables in the first floor hallway. Please pick up your box to help us save on postage. Please contact the church office if your name has been missed and you would like envelopes.

🕒 Council will meet on Tues., Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 at 6:30 PM.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCILS

Salona and St. Paul, Mill Hall will have their Installation of Council on Sunday, January 5. United, St. Paul, Loganton and St. John, Booneville will have their Installation of Council on Sunday, January 12. This will take place during the worship service.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study begins again on Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 PM at United. There have been a number of requests to talk about and sing Christmas hymns. We are just beginning the season of Epiphany with the Magi arriving and includes the Presentation of Our Lord, so we will spend 2 weeks studying some of the best loved hymns in this Holiday season. Hymns are the faith people sing. We hope you'll join us as we sing our faith.

• Jan. 9 – One in Royal David's City; O Little Town of Bethlehem; Joy to the World

• Jan. 16 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice; Silent Night; We Three Kings

Beginning January 23, we begin the study of The Tabernacle. During this 6-week course we will discover how the priests' activities in the tabernacle foreshadowed the coming Messiah; Understand the New Testament better when you learn what sacrifice, holiness and worship meant to the Old Testament; Recognize that the heart of the tabernacle is God's love. This is a multi-experiential course with a DVD, readings, discussion and so much more each week.

• Jan. 23 – Dwell: The Tabernacle

• Jan. 30 – Sacrifice: The Altar of Burnt Offering

• Feb. 6 – Clean: The Bronze Laver

• Feb. 13 – Illuminate: The Lampstand

• Feb. 20 – Presence: The Table of Bread and the Altar of Incense

• Feb. 27 – Separated, Exposed, and Covered: The Veil, Ark, and Mercy Seat

We hope you will join our Bible Studies for learning and great fellowship. Any questions about Bible Study or suggestions for future studies, please contact Deacon Sandy Grier.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Souper Bowl will be held on Sun., Feb. 9 with a kick-off at 6:30 PM in Philadelphia. It is SOUPer Bowl Sunday when we collect soup (canned from the store) for the food pantries in our area. Last year some of the churches had 2 containers (one for each team). It was fun to see which team was more popular. Deacon Sandy will have flyers with the team names as soon as they are announced. Please let her know if you are interested in this fun but much needed ministry. Results of each participating church will be in the next newsletter.