

Building Our Church Ministries

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Blue Church


As local infrastructure was improved, the structures were built and there was some consistency in pastoral leadership, it was necessary to build the church to care for each other, the building and those in need in the valley. The Ladies Aid Society, established in 1927, held suppers to raise funds to furnish the church with dishes, tables and chairs. In the summer picnics featured food and bands, and at other times Fastnacht doughnuts. The church's reputation for good food at reasonable prices spread throughout the community. From 1935 until 1972 the church offered Thanksgiving dinners serving as many as 700 people a year. Another group of ladies formed the Quilters Society. The group gathered until the early 2000. We now have a new Quilter group that meets alternate months to make quilts for children in need.

Various committees were formed to take care of the needs of the property and serve the church in areas such as Social Ministry, evangelism and a young people's group. It is believed that the Sunday School was started in 1877 but the earliest records date to 1885. The Sunday School facilitated opportunities for Christmas and Easter festivals for the entire family. Until the 1920's all Sunday School students met together. In the 1930's Blue Church began holding an annual summer picnic fundraiser to support the Sunday School ministry. Representatives served on community programs such as food banks, clothing appeals and kid care. St. Paul's hosted many community groups including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Red Cross training sessions. Today we have an active Cub Scout pack that meets in our church, joins us in worship on Scout Sunday and provides service to the congregation during the year.

St. Paul's established a school in the 1730's. Classes were held in the church building. The earliest teachers were provided by Rev, Henry Muhlenberg. In 1868 a separate building was erected north of the cemetery. The school served as a primary source of community education until 1848. At that time Upper Saucon implemented an 1834 law requiring public education. The Blue Church school provided education for the children from 1868 until 1940. In 1940 St Paul's again took possession of the building and owned it until 1982. It was the last one room school house in Upper Saucon to be converted to a private dwelling.

St Paul's continues to respond to the needs of our community. We post teams at least once a year to serve at Betty Lou's Food Pantry in Coopersburg. The team members serve as shoppers, runners, lifters and car loaders for those who need food assistance. In June we hold our annual special collection for the Samaritan Fund. This fund provides short term assistance to families in need, primarily of cash for items such as gas, electric or rent due to an emergency situation such as a home fire. In February we write Valentine's cards for our shut-ins and those in a local nursing home. At Christmas we join with 24 other congregations to gather gifts for the children of families in need. We collect winter coats in late Fall through Christmas and distribute them to partner organizations that work with families in need in our community.





An important ministry is with our children and youth. Our Sunday School program provides children opportunities to learn and serve. We empower our children to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers. We welcome them to share their musical talents for special worship services. We invite them to join our choir.

Our ministry includes opportunities for fellowship. Luncheons and coffee hours happen periodically throughout the year to allow us time to gather and share with each other. We experience fellowship in our Bible discussion groups that take place between September and early May. We share our love of God and of our church family when we reach out to those on our prayer list in need of kind words of support and prayers for healing.

