

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2021

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
is committed to praising,
praying, and proclaiming the Word of God.



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Worship Services: 8:15 am and 10:45 am
Faith Builders: 9:30 am

The Parish Messenger is sponsored
In Honor of Family and Friends
and
In Memory of Loved Ones
By Kenny, Lisa, Nathan & Kara Hoke

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the November newsletter need to be in the church office by **October 15, 2021.**

PASTOR'S LETTER

Grey hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.

Proverbs 16:31

Not long ago I got into a discussion with one of my grandchildren who suddenly blurted out one day, “grandad you’re old” (notice the lack of subtlety). This was then followed by the child’s thoughts on what I could do not only to look younger but also to look well, how should I put it, better. I found the discussion amusing, not only because as Art Linkletter used to say, “kids say the darndest things,” but also because I do find the honesty of children refreshing. After all there was blatant truth in that statement, I am sixty-three, no spring chicken by any reasonable calculation. What’s more I tend to look on things with a certain guardedly optimistic slant, “hey I’ve made it this far, my side of the family tends towards the early passing, so each day is a blessing”, sort of thought process. But furthermore, while I can hardly brag about having made it to an age that most people get to, I feel to some extent that 36 years in parish ministry has earned me those grey hairs, it has been a wonderful life but at times, like all of our lives, very busy and challenging and at times even overwhelming. And what’s more, I often find myself asking where has the time gone, life seems so fleeting in many ways.

All of us no matter what our physical age or hair status, probably feel that the Covid crisis never seems to end. Indeed, this pandemic has caused much tragedy, much disruption to life, and been very hard for everyone and markedly awful for many. Yet, my grey hairs remind me that we humans over time have endured much and that the crisis of a particular time, while leaving lasting consequences, will not last forever. Furthermore, experience when learned from and contemplated over is a resource not only for ourselves, but for others, time can help us to gain perspective and the Lord knows that when you are going through an upheaval you need that.

Time is ultimately in God’s hands, and all of us as his children are moving towards the wonder of everlasting life. Let’s not get so caught up in the present that we forget the God of love who promises to have the ultimate word on our futures.

As you read through this newsletter and all the Good News at Saint Paul consider your role in our lives together as we are formed by Christ to be a beacon of hope on the hill and recall that Saint Paul Lutheran Church has been serving the Lord and His people for almost 260 years.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR OCTOBER

North American Lutheran Seminary

This seminary is operated by the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), in which our pastors are co-rostered. Located in the Pittsburgh area, NALS offers short courses and seminars for pastors, seminarians, and laity in theological and liturgical topics. Funds collected for this month's appeal will be donated to NALS in support of their work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +

If your birthday is coming up and you do not want it recognized, please call the church office before the 15th of the month before your birthday.



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| Oct. 2 | Kathy Yeater
4032 Robin Hood Dr. York, PA 17408 |
| Oct. 3 | Brenda McCleary
354 W. King St. York, PA 17401 |
| Oct. 8 | Dean Eisenhart
5072 Hickory View Dr. Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| Oct. 9 | William Enterline
2326 Maple Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| Oct. 9 | Faye Nace
774 Weldon Dr. York, PA 17404 |
| Oct. 12 | Donna Sprenkle
3940 N. Rohrbaugh Rd., Seven Valleys, PA 17360 |
| Oct. 13 | Jackie Meyer
1804 Folkemer Cr. York, PA 17404 |
| Oct. 14 | Pearl Kaetzel
86 Dolomite Dr. York, Pa 17408-6356 |
| Oct. 15 | Mary Keller
3599 Shaffers Church Rd. Seven Valleys, PA17360 |
| Oct. 19 | Donald Hoover
Spring Village, 327 N. Pine Ave., Apt. 16C
Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| Oct. 27 | Steven Hudgins
1253 Pinnacle Court
York, PA 17408 |

TREASURER'S REPORT
Recap of Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2021

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2021 YTD Receipts	\$241,756	\$45,083	\$52,122	\$338,961	\$86,398
Disbursements	\$221,281	\$20,000	\$55,434	\$296,715	\$34,033
2021 Change in Fund Balance	\$20,475	\$25,083	\$(3,312)	\$42,246	\$52,365
Prior Year's Bal.	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$902	\$31,112	\$421,875
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$47,497	\$28,271	\$(2,410)	\$73,358	\$474,240
Fund Balance Last Month	\$24,465	\$3,370	\$(6,217)	\$21,618	\$468,123
This Month's Change	\$23,032	\$24,901	\$3,807	\$51,740	\$6,117

Phase 2 renovations current loan balance is: \$386,712.44

Thank you all for your ongoing support of both the regular budget and for the added tithes to the renovation project. New contributors are always welcome. We have approximately 2 years to go in our pledges and because the project went slightly over anticipated expenses additional donations would be a blessing.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the Parlor at 7pm. Council Members in attendance: Sue Dickensheets, Joe Jones, Rodney Smyser, Monica Hostetler, Brenda McCleary, Donna Huckenberry, Donna Rinehart, Marty Strine, Mike Barndt, Roxanne Donnan, Dave Grube, Jessica Markle, Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Rodney Smyser.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Marty Strine.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Paul, see report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Pastor Paul.

FINANCE – Presented by Rodney Smyser, see report.

Regarding Lorma Bubb's estate of \$242,859.61: Finance committee's recommendation to council for the time being to place 10% of the proceeds in benevolence as a tithe and the other 90% would be placed in the endowment fund, where the return has been averaging around 7%. This money would be available later when the congregation votes on any of the projects.

- Motion to accept Finance's recommendation for Lorma Bubb's estate made by Rodney Smyser. Motion second by Mike Barndt. All members of council were in attendance, and all voted in favor of the motion to accept recommendation. Regarding \$10,000 gift in memory of Elsie Wire: Daughter communicated that the gift may be utilized at the church's discretion.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Presented by Pastor Sally. CYC students are registered. Staff and salaries established.

PROPERTY – No meeting since last council meeting. Marty Strine shared that high consumption of water usage was noted. Areas of usage identified and corrected.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Monica Hostetler

FELLOWSHIP – No meeting since last council meeting.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Presented by Monica Hostetler.

Shared that July campfire was a success with approximately 60 people in attendance. Next event planned is an outdoor movie night in September.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Present by Donna. See meeting minutes.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – Presented by Joe Jones. Decision made not to assist Saint James church in Philadelphia at this time.

Scholarship fund to be removed from Special Appeal fund. New fund to be sponsored to be determined. See meeting minutes

OUTREACH – Presented by Pastor Paul, see report. Continue to bring in new members

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Donna Rinehart shared memorial luncheon planned this week for Pearl.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Roxanne Donnan

WORSHIP & MUSIC– Presented by Roxanne Donnan. Nave Task Force requesting a council member to join. Dave Grube volunteered. Nave Task Force made a recommendation to utilize the \$10,000 donation made in memory of Elsie Wire towards the sanctuary fund. Plan to followed up recommendation at our next meeting.

Proposal made to change time of second worship service from 10:30am to 10:45am, beginning Sunday, September 5, 2021, to better accommodate Sunday School.

- Motion to change the time of second worship service made by Mike Barndt. Motion second by Dave Grube. All council members voted in favor of the motion to change service time to 10:45am beginning on September 5, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

- God Stories- Success of CYC program
- Continue weekly prayer, email bulletins and mail bulletins
- Outdoor Worship needs volunteers for set-up to continue.
- Technology Task Force on hold for the time being, current equipment is working properly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mike Bradly the LCMC Service Coordinator to visit at New Hope Faith Community in Hanover, PA., on August 21, 2021, from 9-11am. The Pastors' will be attending.
- Council to consider affiliation with NALC, this to be revisited at our next meeting.
- Building usage policy revised for usage by church members and non-profits at no cost.
- Our Lord's Helpers – volunteer sign up via email, or after service on iPad.
- Directory update - volunteers to take pictures and create our own directory.
- Continue to monitor COVID situation

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

- AA and Girl Scouts continue use of facilities

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

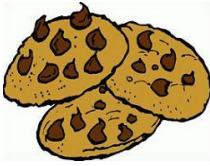
- Death: Donald W. Nace, 7/8/21 and Treva Albright, 7/22/21
- Funerals: Donald W. Nace (at Beck Funeral Home), 7/17/21, Treva Albright, 7/30/21, and Pearl Fleegle, 8/14/21
- Removal from roles:
- Transfer from Saint Paul:
- Transfer In: Richard and Joyce McCoury, Larry and Rebecca Stair (Paradise Lutheran Church, Thomasville) Larry and Pearl Kaetzel (Good Shepherd Lutheran), August 15, 2021
- New Members: Brent Keech, June 27, 2021
- Baptisms: Aila Turnbaugh and Amaris Frey, July 18, 2021
- Weddings: Craig Crites and Ellen Hilt, (Oct, 9, 2021 - off site), Lena Baker and Matthew Bajkowski (Date to be determined)



Pastor Paul & Pastor Sally – Thank you for the beautiful and well-planned service for Mom. She was a special one-of-a kind person, and we miss her and dad very much. The love they had was who they were, and they shared it with all their friends and family. God Bless you. The Fleegle Family

St. Paul Lutheran Church: My family & I would like to thank Pastor Sally & Pastor Paul for the lovely service for our mother, Pearl Fleegle. We also would like to thank the ladies for the wonderful luncheon they prepared. God Bless! Many Thanks, Cindy, Chuck & The Fleegle Family.

I would like to thank Pastor Paul & Pastor Sally for their prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for the cards and telephone calls from St. Paul members. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Fran Barnhart



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for October is chocolate chip peanut butter bars. Follow your favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe and add 1/2 cup peanut butter. (NO nuts please.) Cut into 12 squares and wrap individually. We need 30 pans (12 per pan) by **9 am on Friday, October 15th**. If you can make some, please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Jean Strine at 717-792-1650. Thanks!



MEN'S GROUP

MEN OF FAITH

Men of Faith will meet on Saturday, October 9 with breakfast and program from 8 am until 9:30 am. We will meet in the Parlor, breakfast will be provided. Besides good chatting we will have a short feature from Joe Gibb's gameplan for life and then take a look at the young George Washington, our first President including how His actions made a considerable difference to the history of our state of Pennsylvania.

SCARF MINISTRY



Our scarf ministry helps those less fortunate. We knit, crochet, or sew scarves for youth and adults to be distributed through Harvest of Hope Food Pantry at Thanksgiving time. Scarves should be 2 1/2' for children and 3-4' for adults. There is yarn available for use in the quilters closet clearly marked "yarn". Please consider participating. Contact Donna Rinehart for more information.

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

- Oct. 3** **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-25
Second Lesson: Hebrews 2: 1-13
Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16
- Oct. 10** **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7,10-15
Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:12-19
Gospel: Mark 10:17-22
- Oct. 17** **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)
Gospel: Mark 10: 23-31
- Oct. 24** **Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Second Lesson: Hebrews – 23-28
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
- Oct. 31** **Reformation Sunday**
First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7
Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28
Gospel: John 8: 31-36

FRIENDS IN CHRIST



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers, and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship. After over a year off from our monthly outings, we are now back in business!

Here's what we have on the docket for this Fall:

Wednesday, October 6 The Hershey Museum – the cost is \$13.50 a person. There will be an added cost for lunch together afterwards. We'll meet at the church at 8 am and return by 2 pm.

Wednesday, November 3 Bird N Hand Dinner Theatre – the cost is \$53.50 and is all inclusive (dinner, tip, and play) We'll meet at church at 10:20 am and return by 5:00 pm. We have 20 tickets reserved so sign up soon! (Deadline is October 1)

Sunday, December 12 we'll go out for lunch together – more details to come.

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

- Oct. 3 James Tice/ Ken Worley
- Oct. 10 Bill Myers/ Audrey & Clyde Horner
- Oct. 17 Open
- Oct. 24 Joe & Jill Jones / Naylor Family
- Oct. 31 Open

BULLETIN (\$20/wk)

- Oct. 3 Open
- Oct. 10 Martin & Sandy Albright
- Oct. 17 Rodney & Joyce Smyser
- Oct. 24 Bernice Beal
- Oct. 31 Open

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk)

- Oct. 3 Deb & Denny Shue
- Oct. 10 Martin & Sandy Albright
- Oct. 17 Martin & Sandy Albright
- Oct. 24 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Keller
- Oct. 31 Open

MAILING (\$10/wk)

- Oct. 3 Carl & Sandy Bender
- Oct. 10 Esther & John Jacobs
- Oct. 17 Open
- Oct. 24 Charlotte Hoffman
- Oct. 31 Jack & Joyce Hall

PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)

Kenny & Lisa Hoke

SANCTUARY LAMP (\$15/month)

Open

Welcome New Members!

Ronald and Sharon Sell – 5443 Arnold Road, Glenville, Pa 17329

If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with Pastor Paul or Pastor Sally.



PRAYER CORNER

We pray in the Lord's Prayer – "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." As bread is the first need of the body, so forgiveness for the soul. And the provision for the one is as sure as for the other. We are children, but sinners too; our right of access to the Father's presence we owe to the precious blood and the forgiveness it has won for us. Let us beware of the prayer for forgiveness becoming a formality: only what is really confessed is really forgiven. Let us in faith accept the forgiveness as promised; as a spiritual reality, an actual transaction between God and us, it is the entrance into all the Father's love and all the privileges of children. Such forgiveness, as a living experience, is impossible without a forgiving spirit to others.: as *forgiven* expresses the heavenward so *forgiving* expresses the earthward relation of God's child. In each prayer to the Father, I must be able to say that I know of no one whom I do not heartily love. Andrew Murray From "For All the Saints", Vol. 11

Include in your prayers the people of Haiti and relief workers in that Country. Please pray that God continues to guide Andy Stump in his ministry in Haiti, giving him strength, wisdom, and compassion as well as strong, enduring faith.

Continue to pray for Luke and Ruth as they work to spread the Gospel among the Sama people of the Philippines. Pray for continued good favor in the community. Pray also for the success of the Sama legend story books being published with Luke's direction. This is hoped to boost literacy among the Sama people.



TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!

Sunday, October 24 - 5:30 pm

We'll be looking for people to come with "decorated" trunks and treats to give out to the kids. Weather

permitting we will hold all the activities outside in the church parking lot. Pass the word along! See Jill or James Tice for more information.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES Second Grade and Older

The sessions will be held on Thursday, October 21 and Thursday, October 28 at 6:30 pm for 45 minutes. We will also have one Saturday class on October 23 from 10:30 am – noon. (October 30 is make-up session.) First Communion will be held on October 31. Please RSVP to the church office your intention to participate. One parent or another adult is asked to attend with the child.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Faith Learning 9:30 on Sunday Morning)

There's something for every age and interest!

"If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you." James 1:5

For Adults:

Parents of Faith – Prayer and Bible study of relevant topics for parents as they raise their children in the faith. This class meets on the stage.

Lutheran Theology Bible Study–This Class meets in the large Conference Room.

Concordia study works through various books of the Bible – This class meets in the Quilters Room.

4 in Forty–Is Pastor Paul's Class which looks at Scripture, Church History, contemporary Christian engagement, and challenges in the world, in a lively and engaging format. The class meets in the parlor.

Young Adults will be meeting in the youth room of the Sunday School wing. Grab a snack and join the conversation!

For the young people:

Grades 8-10 are meeting with Pastor Sally in the Small Conference room for their modified Confirmation program.

Grades 6-7 are meeting in Room 2 for their Bible Survey class.

Ages 3-grade 5 are participating in age-appropriate small group rotations. Each Sunday they get to go to the story room, the craft room, and the PKM room.

A nursery class is available for the 2 and under crowd!

Join the Faith Building fun!



BIBLE STUDY FOR OCTOBER

The Parables of Jesus

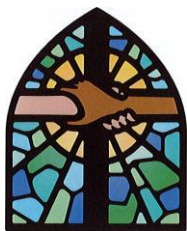
Join us for a fascinating six week look at the Parables of Jesus as we experience the teaching of six different engaging scholars, see helpful clips from the Holy Land and see how these great stories of our Lord are just as relevant for our lives today as they have always been. The Pastors will lead us through the study questions which appear in booklets you can take home.

Join us live at the Church on **Tuesdays at 10AM** - October 5, 12, 19, 26, or on **Wednesdays at 7 PM** - October 6, 13, 20, 27.



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, October 20 at 1:00 pm. Our new study is "*Adventurous Prayer*". Prayer. We know we should all do it more often, take it more seriously, and give it more time. Prayer in our path to the adventure of building a relationship with our Savior. Some of the study titles we will share are "*Boldly Go*", "*Teach Us to Pray*", "*Prayer Closets*", "*Two-Way Conversations*", "*Journaling Prayers*". Barb Sloat will lead our study "*Call to Me*". We hope you can join with us. See you there!



OUR LORD'S HELPERS

We are so blessed each Sunday morning to have so many people step forward to assist with the various tasks that need to be accomplished in our worship life together.

Joyce Hall has been coordinating most of these jobs for quite a while now and she has come up with a great system for getting on-line sign ups. She and Jean Strine are now offering one more way to get involved. On Sunday mornings, an iPad is available for you to take a peek at the sign-up list and add your name. Joyce and/or Jean will be glad to help you. If you would like to be trained in any of the jobs (since some duties have changed/are changing because of Covid), training is always available. What a joy it is to serve the Lord together! Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of Our Lord's Helpers.



BLANKET SUNDAY

October 3, 2021

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone. **First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding.** But their versatility also makes Quilts useful for many other purposes as well. Thanks to all those who have donated materials for these quilts. Since last Oct., our quilters have made 100 3-layer quilts for LWR and 7 2-layer quilts for Haiti. **Thanks to all those who helped!** Our quilters are: Bertha Spahr, Mim Root, Sue Dickensheets, Louise Frye, Marguerite Keller, Jenny Walters, Linda Ronan, Donna Sprenkle, Joyce Hall, Deb Shue, Mary Keller, Ellen Bolton & Sandy Brenneman. A very special thank you to Mim Root for completing more than 80 of our quilts!



CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

This year we will be participating in the Hanover area Crop Walk, which will be held at Codorus State Park. We have walker packets or you can sign up on line with the Saint Paul team at:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/hanoverpa>. Scroll down to “Join or start aTeam,” then on the next page, type in “Find an existing team to join” and start typing “saint ...and Saint Paul Lutheran Trinity Road West Manchester will pop up and you may join the team. You can also sign up at church or give a donation through our team either at church or online by going to:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/hanoverpa>. At the top of the page, go to donate and then under its options choose “find a participant or individual to support”, and then start typing in Saint Paul Lutheran Trinity Road West Manchester. This will lead you to the actual donations page. For those who want to go together, bring a bagged lunch to church for after second service and we will leave at 12:30 pm, or meet us there at 1:00 pm. Our goal is to walk 5K on the park trails.



NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH (NALC)

The NALC is the second largest American Lutheran Church body to have emerged from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in recent years. Formed more recently than our Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, the NALC has grown to over 400 congregations located throughout the US and

Canada, and is still growing rapidly. Much like the LCMC, it is largely congregational in polity, meaning the local congregations maintain far more independence in their actions than was the case previously, but NALC has more structure than the LCMC, including a national seminary and Women’s group. In our area, there are more NALC churches than LCMC by far, and a local district which LCMC lacks. Over one hundred congregations are dually affiliated with both LCMC and NALC, that is a viable option for Saint Paul, to give us more connections to other Lutheran churches in the area. Look for future information to come!