

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2021

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

*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*
Luke 1:32



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The Parish Messenger is
dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Elwood
Bahn, Sr. and in honor of our children and
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Lorie Krebs' wedding anniversary by the Krebs family

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

PASTORS' LETTER

And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.

¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in. Isaiah 58:11-12

What a wonderful blessing it is to know that at the end of a difficult year for our nation and the world in general, that our Lord is with us, that His eternal Word does not fail us, that he is still guiding us forward towards the promised land while sustaining and indeed sanctifying us. Every week at Saint Paul Lutheran Church the Gospel is heard and the sacraments administered. There is a consistency and steadiness here that one rarely finds in our fast paced indeed often frantic world.

Both of us are so thankful for the ministry and witness that we the people of God at Saint Paul are able to share with the world. What a blessing it is to know that over and beyond the chaos of much of modern life, our good and abiding Lord is with us to guide us along the way, that indeed Jesus incarnate, born in Bethlehem, daily walks the pilgrim way with us. Saint Paul is a generous and warm congregation rooted in a love of God and of His Word. What a blessing it is to be your pastors.

This Advent and Christmas seasons do not neglect the blessings of the Lord. Do not let materialism overwhelm you, indiscipline keeps you from the life of the church, excuses get in the way of what is a Christian celebration. Open the pages of this newsletter and see all the opportunities live and, if needed, on-line to join in this wonderful celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and grant you a joy filled Christmas, a blessed and joy-filled New Year, and the burning desire to share His Good News in the coming year.

Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally Gausmann

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DECEMBER

Human Life Services of York

At Human Life Services, every life matters because we love our Creator, and He loves life! They are committed to helping women and men in crisis, often alone and frightened, discover the wonder and awesome privilege of carrying life. Thank you for sharing generously during the month of December.



The children are asked to bring to the 3:00pm or 7:00pm Christmas Eve service a wrapped gift for the Baby Jesus. We are requesting items to complete the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Here are the items we are requesting: PLEASE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE ANY OTHER ITEM THAN WHAT IS LISTED BECAUSE WE CANNOT USE IT. Cloth diapers, gowns, or

sleepers without feet (shirt & pant sets can be used), dark-colored hand towels, t-shirts or undershirts, diaper pins, (socks are not needed at this time). Clothing should be sizes between 6 months and 24 months. Please do not donate any items decorated with any religious symbols, messages, U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. Any questions please see Barb Sloat. Thank you!

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

We will meet for lunch on **Sunday, December 19** after second service. We will be going to Hoss's on White Street. Sign up by December 12. We will be doing lunch again in January and February and will resume our outings in March. Everyone is invited!

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for December is **ice cream dixies**. If you would like to contribute toward their cost, please use an envelope and mark it "December Our Daily Bread." Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +



- Dec. 5 Robert Yeater
4032 Robin Hood Dr., York, PA 17408
- Dec. 7 Donna Rinehart
6275 Clearview Rd., Dover, PA 17315
- Dec. 9 Brenda Shorts
80 S. Alwine Ave., York, PA 17408
- Dec 11 Barbara Hudgins
1253 Pinnacle Ct., York, PA 17408
- Dec. 30 Wayne Adams
2443 Sunset Ln., York, PA 17408
- Dec. 30 Georgianne Eyster
4215 Wolf's Church Rd., York, PA 17408

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2021

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2021 YTD Receipts	\$306,751	\$49,118	\$61,722	\$417,591	\$96,407
Disbursements	\$287,799	\$28,200	\$59,082	\$375,081	\$34,033
2021 Change in Fund Balance	\$18,952	\$20,918	\$2,640	\$42,510	\$62,374
Prior Year's Balance	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$902	\$31,112	\$421,875
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$45,974	\$24,106	\$3,542	\$73,622	\$484,249
Fund Balance Last Month	\$40,695	\$22,054	\$(1,639)	\$61,110	\$479,001
This Month's Change	\$5,279	\$2,052	\$5,181	\$12,512	\$5,248



YEAR END REPORTS from each **committee chair and staff member** must be in the Church Office by **December 27th** in order to have them prepared for the annual meeting on January 16, 2022. Please e-mail these to parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org Thank you!



CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room at 7pm.

Council Members in attendance: Sue Dickensheets, Rodney Smyser, Monica Hostetler, Brenda McCleary, Donna Huckenberry, Marty Strine, Mike Barndt, Dave Grube, Joe Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Jessica Markle and Donna Rinehart

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Sally

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Joe Jones.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Rodney Smyser and 2nd by Marty Strine.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Paul. CYC will have their first chapel service tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Sue Dickensheets

FINANCE – October 11th meeting minutes and Monthly Income and Expense Report reviewed by Rodney Smyser. Committee is considering Vanco as an online giving option in addition to PayPal. Committee recommends that the 2022 proposed budget include funds to replace Sunday school wing roof.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Pastor Sally -Next meeting October 18th

PROPERTY – Marty Strine shared that the committee members are reaching out to Dan for education on how to maintain the church property.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Song -*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

FELLOWSHIP – Meeting minutes reviewed by Monica Hostetler.

Tentative plans for church Christmas party with speaker Karen Knight. Karen and her husband are presently hospitalized and sick with COVID. Alternative plan is to show a Charlie Brown Christmas and enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Monica Hostetler shared upcoming events. Crop Walk scheduled for October 17th at Lake Codorus.

Trunk or Treat planned for Sunday October 24th in the church parking lot.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Meeting minutes reviewed by Donna Huckenberry. Budget increased to accommodate cost of absorbing Zoom expense for Music and Worship. Times adjusted for children's Sunday School. The first 6-week rotation is almost complete with plans to continue for another 6-week rotation.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Pastor Paul

STEWARDSHIP – Meeting minutes attached. Pastor Sally shared:

Time & Talent sheets were collected this past Sunday with a good turnout. Copies of the sheets were made and distributed to the appropriate council committee representatives. Representatives are to reach out to church members showing an interest in their ministry and share volunteer opportunities.

OUTREACH – Brenda McCleary and Pastor Paul shared plans for: Feed the Hungry – tentative plans for September 2022

Committee is suggesting that a portion of 10% tithe to benevolence fund from Lorma Bupp be utilized to offset the cost of this project. Tunnels to Towers walk in May 2022 Outreach to Adams Co and Northern York Co.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Minutes reviewed by Sue Dickensheets.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Pastor Sally shared update on the Nave Task Force: Nave Task Force proposes instead of hiring an architect to contract Bahret Church Interiors for the project. Bahret Church Interiors has been in business for 75 years. They are an all-inclusive design company providing flooring, fabrics, and paints. Company utilizes materials made in America.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee will reach out to potential candidates Leadership in the church part II - Pastor Sally reviewed the second three Personal Expectations with the council.

I will remain committed to the orthodox Christian faith articulated in the historic creeds. (Acts 4:12)

I will strive for a godly balance in my ministry to my family and my ministry to the congregation. (1 Timothy 3:5)

I will model moral integrity and purity, rejecting all forms of sexual immorality, dishonesty, or relational abuse.
(1Thessalonians 4:2-4)

NEW BUSINESS:

The Pastors shared that the NALC only requires a congregational vote of agreement to join. They will reach out to Pastor Steve Shipman who is a dean for the NALC and a member of the LCMC church to share more information about the NALC with the congregation.

Proposed change to Revise Section 5 of Cemetery By-laws
Current By-law: "The Board of Directors is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a bank or trust company to act as Trustee of the Endowment Funds"

New by-law: "Section 5: The Board of Directors is hereby authorized to act as Trustee of the Endowment Funds"

Motion to approve Section 5 revision of the Cemetery By-laws as noted above made by Mike Barndt and second by Rodney Smyser. Council voted all in favor of the change.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

AA (on going) and Girl Scouts (pending decision to meet in person) continue use of facilities

Special Request:

A Lutheran church youth group from Berlin, PA, is requesting to utilize fellowship hall. They would like to stay the night on Saturday, November 13th and depart after service on Sunday, November 14th. Motion to approve request made by Mike Barndt and second by Donna Huckenberry. Request approved by the council.

Death: Bob Haner September 9, 2021

Funerals: Bob Haner, September 16, 2021

Weddings: Lena Baker & Matthew Bajkoski, April 9, 2022

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting November 9, 2021 @ 7pm



WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 5** **Second Sunday of Advent**
First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7b
Second Lesson: Philippians 1:2-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)
- Dec. 12** **Third Sunday of Advent**
First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)
- Dec. 19** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a
Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-56)
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve**
First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7
Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14(15-20)
- Dec. 26** **First Sunday of Christmas**
First Lesson: Exodus 13:1-3a-11-15
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



Sympathy is extended to the family of Kathy Yeater. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.



SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

- Dec. 5** Denny & Deb Shue / DJ, Wyatt & Karsen Hax
Dec. 12 Cindy Renehan / Yeater Family
Dec. 19 Chuck & Janie Smyser
Dec. 24 Pastors Paul & Sally / Kate Frye
Dec. 26 Sue Kinney

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

- Dec. 5** Bernice Bahn and family
Dec. 12 Ira & Gloria Keech and family / **OPEN**
Dec. 19 John Rebert
Dec. 24 Ken Worley
Dec. 26 **OPEN**

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

- Dec. 5** Richard & Mary Keller
Dec. 12 Brad Little
Dec. 19 Frank & Dirinda Minnich
Dec. 24 Gordon & Donna Huckenberry
Dec. 26 Gordon & Donna Huckenberry

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

- Dec. 5** Fake, Strausbaugh, Grube families
Dec. 12 Carl & Sandy Bender
Dec. 19 **OPEN**
Dec. 24 Charlotte Hoffman and family
Dec. 26 Brenda McCleary

PARISH MESSENGER

Geraldine Bahn / Ted & Norma Krebs

SANCTUARY LAMP

Bill Zerby

OPEN 2022 SPONSORSHIPS

Please note that if you are sponsoring the 5th Sunday, it may not be available next year. If you wish to sponsor an opening, please call the church office 717-792-1650 between 8 am and 2 pm.

SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARY

Our missionary in the Philippines, Luke, has an interesting new project--publishing Sama folktales in English and Sanama languages. The first book, *The Monkeys and The Sea Cucumber*, is nicely illustrated by an 11-year old and deals with the Golden Rule. The dual purpose of these books is to promote literacy in Sama people (so they can read the Bible) and to raise money for the ministry of Luke and Ruth. Available on Amazon for \$6; a copy is on display in our church library area.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Faith Learning 9:30 on Sunday Morning)

There is 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.

Join the Faith Building fun!



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, December 15 at 1:00 pm. We will continue our bible study, "*Adventurous Prayer*". Brenda Shorts will lead our study "*Prayer Closets*". We invite any woman to join us for bible study and fellowship.

MEN OF FAITH

Men's Group will meet on December 11 at 8 am. The topic this time will be Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the great organizer of Lutheranism in America, who led a colorful and inspiring life, bringing many to faith while protecting and popularizing much of the strength of our Lutheran Confessions. Join us for breakfast and a stimulating program.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Join us Tuesday mornings November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 at 11:30 am for a simple time of prayer, praise, and reflection on the Advent theme of light. The service will end by noon and those who wish to can bring a packed lunch to enjoy a simple meal together.



The Church Christmas party will be Sunday, December 5. Enjoy lunch at noon and Bob with Magic Melodies starting at 1:00 pm. We hope you can join us!



In order to receive credit for your contributions, they must be received **no later than December 27th**. Thank you!

CYC UPDATE

First, THANK YOU everyone for your support and prayers as we began our school year. Our school year has been going great and the children have been adjusting well. We would like to THANK Carl & Sandy Bender and Carol Moscony for providing a fun Halloween musical experience for the children. They had a blast reading and acting out: "Going on a Ghost Hunt", "The Lady who wasn't Afraid of Anything", "The Spooky Wheels on the Bus", and the "Leaf Song". We would also like to THANK Gerry Roth for building a light table for our program. The children are having so much fun building and creating on the table.

We wanted to share some upcoming events. This year for Christmas, we are transforming the Education Wing into the Nativity Story. The children are going to create the 8 different parts with the goal of them retelling the story to their family. We are inviting all CYC families on December 16 for hot cocoa and cookies and the children will be able to lead their family through the hallway and tell the Nativity Story. We will keep the story up until Christmas and invite church members to check it out when attending church.



The children of the church will be putting on a simple presentation of the Christmas story on Sun., December 19 at the 10:45 am worship service. It is called "Mary's Story". There will be rehearsal during Faith Builders on December 5 and 12. All boys and girls are invited to participate.

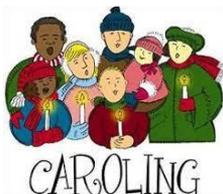
Daily Texts for 2022 are available for \$10 each. If you would like one, please contact the office at 717-792-1650. They make a great Christmas gift!



In Advent, there is a small Christmas tree in the narthex for monetary donations to the **Margaret Moul Home**. We are asking anyone who would like to make a donation to place your money or check (payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church with a note "Margaret Moul Home" in the memo line) in a Christmas stocking and hang the stocking on the tree. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends of ASAPH Teaching Ministry: Thank you for your generous donation of \$4,130 to ASAPH Teaching Ministry from Andy Stump and the Board of Directors



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING – DECEMBER 12

We might not be able to visit any nursing homes, but we will go to as many shut-ins and other individual homes as possible. We will have pizza lunch after second service church, and then set out in groups. Any age can join the fun of bringing Christmas cheer to our loved ones!



We pray you have a joyous, Blessed Christmas and a happy, holy New Year!

Pastor Paul
Carol Frey
Malinda Grube

Pastor Sally
Carol Moscony

Jean Strine
Jack Hall



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

*Candlelight
Service*



3:00 pm Miracle of Christmas Service

**7:00 pm Festival of Christmas in Word
and Song with Candlelight**

**9:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion**

Prelude shortly before each service



1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 26

ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM

Holy communion

and lots of Christmas Carols!

(No Faith Builders Sunday School that day)