

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

JANUARY 2022

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

O Come
Let us
Adore
Him



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The Parish Messenger is
dedicated to the Glory of God...For I know the plans I
have for you, declares the Lord...Jeremiah 29:11 and in
honor of Joshua, Erica, Noah, Caleb, Benjamin, Ethan,
Ashley, Skylar, Charlie, Linda, Devin, Rebecca, Barry,
Sylvia, Corby, Candace, Chase, and Colton
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the February newsletter need to be in the church office by **January 14, 2022.**

PASTORS' LETTER

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise is in the assembly of the godly! Psalm 149:1

It is a new year, and we are excited about the ministry at Saint Paul for 2022. While the challenges of this last year were very real, the congregation emerged through it in generally strong shape. Like all institutions going through this protracted Covid situation and especially as a church with a central gathering place, many social and other activities, the Covid restrictions have dogged us and hurt certain aspects of our ministry, especially those involving youth. We ask that all of you pray for young families as parents face the daunting challenge of rearranging schedules based on Covid test results, the unpredictable closings of schools, day care centers and pre-schools.

Yet we can also give thanks for certain innovations initially started in response to Covid, which will continue to benefit the church. Our outdoor worship will undoubtedly continue when the weather gets better, the movie night activities and other congregation wide social events, some of which were also held outside, will take place, and the streaming of services will generally continue. One thing that both of us strongly believe is, that the Church is meant to be embodied, meant to be in person, just as Christ came into the world to save us in flesh and blood, so is the church meant to be basically a live gathering of His people who support one another, who interact with each other, who share in praise, Word, and the real presence of God in Holy Communion.

So, while we appreciate the opportunities and convenience of streaming and the attendance of those online, it is not the norm for us as the people of God and it is our hope that many will, when possible, return to church in person. (By the way if you are worshipping online, please post a hello in the comment section or give us a thumbs up so that we can see who has been joining us.)

Please continue to pray for the ministry of Saint Paul. We are so blessed by God, and we want to touch many others with the Good News of our Savior. May many who know only secular songs learn hymns of praise to our Lord through this ministry in which we share!

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JANUARY MIVO Foundation

MIVO'S mission, which is: *"to serve the people of Haiti by offering treatment options for Orthopedic problems. Consistent with a Christian faith, we believe these problems are physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses. Through Christ-centered care, we integrate these aspects of life to enhance a path to recovery, offering hope from a biblical perspective."* This service is best exemplified through real life fact and example. With each passing year, the MIVO Foundation expands our reach as God expands our impact. We have been able to perform critically needed surgeries such as re-alignment and fixation of broken bones, as well as removal of infected hardware in patients' limbs, thus offering hope of returning to independent, productive lifestyles. By partnering with MIVO, you are truly helping to open the doors of possibility for future patients. Your gift is a tangible investment, which will enable us to maintain the clinic's operation year-round as well as help us to prepare for the expansions which God has sent before us. Thank you, too, for your prayers as MIVO strives to reach more and more people for Christ here in the United States and in Haiti.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for January is **spice cupcakes with white frosting**. We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Jan. 21st. If you can contribute, please sign-up on the sheet in the library area, or call the church office. Thank you!



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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| Jan. | 3 | Rodney Eisenhart
3018 Village Circle West York, PA 17404 |
| Jan. | 6 | Kay Adams
2443 Sunset Ln. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 14 | DeAnn Eisenhart
3018 Village Circle West York, PA 17404 |
| Jan. | 15 | Nadine Worley
70 South Alwine Ave. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 15 | Richard Keller
3599 Shaffers Church Rd. Seven Valleys, PA
17360 |
| Jan. | 18 | Jackie Witman
5115 Lincoln Hwy. W. Thomasville, PA
17364 |
| Jan. | 20 | Louise Frye
2921 E. Berlin Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 23 | Joyce Hall
3843 Old Joseph Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 28 | Zana Krout
50 Hunter Run Ct. Red Lion, PA 17356 |
| Jan. | 28 | Kenneth Myers
2650 Carlisle Rd. York, PA 17408 |

Congratulations to the new Council Members: Al Dickensheets, Erica Jones, Lawrence Smyser, and Art Smith. We also wish to thank the outgoing members for their service: Sue Dickensheets, Joe Jones, Jessica Markle, and Marty Strine.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2021

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2021 YTD Receipts	\$334,458	\$50,959	\$70,994	\$456,411	\$121,740
Disbursements	\$318,969	\$28,200	\$68,881	\$416,050	\$34,033
2021 Change in Fund Balance	\$15,489	\$22,759	\$2,113	\$40,361	\$87,707
Prior Year’s Balance	\$27,022	\$3,188	\$902	\$31,112	\$421,875
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$42,511	\$25,947	\$3,015	\$71,473	\$509,582
Fund Balance Last Month	\$45,974	\$24,106	\$3,542	\$73,622	\$484,249
This Month’s Change	\$(3,463)	\$1,841	\$(527)	\$(2,149)	\$25,333

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on November 9, 2021, at 7pm.

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

Excused: Jessica Markle, Donna Rinehart, Joe Jones, Monica Hostetler

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul

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

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Dave Grube.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Sally. Pastor Sally said they were invited to preach at Mt. Carmel in July. Decided this will be discussed in New Business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Sue Dickensheets

FINANCE – Monthly Income and Expense Report reviewed by Rodney Smyser.

Another good month for receipts.

Benevolence fund needs to be zeroed out.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – No meeting.

PROPERTY – Marty Strine shared that there was no meeting.

Next meeting December 14. They plan to start early and have Dan go through the Church with the committee to familiarize them with equipment locations and functions.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Pastor Sally.

FELLOWSHIP – Next Meeting November 22.

Christmas party plan is to show a Charlie Brown Christmas and enjoy lunch and fellowship together.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Written reports from October 4 and November 8.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Meeting minutes reviewed by Donna Huckenberry.

Christmas Program December 19 at 10:45 a.m.

Next chapel for CYC is tomorrow.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – No meeting.

OUTREACH – Next meeting November 18.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Next Meeting November 16.

Discussion about filling baskets for shut-ins, especially for those in assisted living.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Pastor Paul

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Mike Barndt asked about singing “AMEN” after the Benediction. Will add this back to the service.

OLD BUSINESS:

NALC: Pastor Steve Shipman will do a Temple Talk on November 21.

Leadership in the church part III - Pastor Sally reviewed the third three Personal Expectations with the council.

I will model biblical stewardship and financial integrity through my consistent and sacrificial financial support of this congregation.

(Malachi 3:10)

I will not condemn or speak unkindly about anyone in Christian service. (Leviticus 19:18; Ephesians 4:31-32)

I will strive for excellence in every ministry I undertake, seeking to glorify God in all things. (Ephesians 6:6-7; John 17:4)

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of Nominating Committee:

Marty Strine reported that he was not successful in his search.

Sue Dickensheets reported that she will ask several more people.

No report from Joe Jones or Jessica Markle.

2022 Budget:

Discussed having correct spending through October 2021 to have for Congregational Budget Meeting in November.

Change made to budget for Building Maintenance to remove \$125,000 for roof, as it will not be done in 2022. New budget \$50,000.

Rodney Smyser made motion to accept budget as per changes.

Motion was 2nd by Dave Grube. All Council approved.

Mt. Carmel:

Pastors were asked by the Hinderlies to preach at Mt. Carmel, Minnesota the first week in July. They are asking for an additional week of vacation for this special preaching assignment. Sue Dickensheets made a motion to grant additional week of vacation. Second by Marty Strine. All Council approved.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

AA (on going) and Girl Scouts (pending decision to meet in person) continue use of facilities
Special Request: None currently.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Death: Pearl Hughes, October 5, 2021; Kathy Yeater, October 24, 2021
Funerals: Pearl Hughes, October 12, 2021 (off site); Kathy Yeater, October 30, 2021
New Members: Rick Meckley; Rev. Edward & Mrs. Donna Keefer (date TBD)
Weddings: Lena Baker & Matthew Bajkoski, April 9, 2022.

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting December 14, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Pastors' Vacation: November 13-16. Pastor Keith Eslinger preaching.



SOUP EVENT

Join the Fellowship Committee Sunday, February 13, 2022, at noon for a Souper Bowl soup tasting. You will taste soup, vote for your favorite, and raise some money for a CYC family in need. Any member of the congregation can bring their favorite homemade soup and join in the fun. We will have a prize for the winner and monetary donations will be accepted for the family.



WORSHIP IN JANUARY

Jan. 2

Second Sunday of Christmas

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:4-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Luke 2:40-52

Jan. 9

Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

Jan. 16

Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jan. 23

Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Jan. 30

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Jan. 2	Gary & Dot Mann / Fred & Monica Hostetler
Jan. 9	Barb & Dean Eisenhart
Jan. 16	Faye Nace / OPEN
Jan. 23	Keith & Robin Bergey
Jan. 30	Stephanie Keech

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Jan. 2	Casey Saylor
Jan. 9	Denny & Deb Shue
Jan. 16	The William Becker Family
Jan. 23	Jon & Kate Frye
Jan. 30	OPEN

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Jan. 2	Ira & Gloria Keech and Family
Jan. 9	The Hax Family
Jan. 16	The Albright Family
Jan. 23	Keith & Robin Bergey
Jan. 30	Steph Keech & Family

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Jan. 2	Carl & Sandy Bender
Jan. 9	OPEN
Jan. 16	Ira & Gloria Keech
Jan. 23	Carl & Sandy Bender
Jan. 30	OPEN

PARISH MESSENGER

Ed & Connie Dunklebarger

SANCTUARY LAMP

OPEN

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)

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.

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!

Daily Texts for 2022 are available for \$10 each. If you would like one, please contact the office at 717-792-1650.



Thank you to all who participated in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry! It all started with God touching your heart to pack a SP Shoebox. Sixty boxes were collected. They will bring great joy and the Good News of the Gospel to children around the world. You have changed a child's life. Happy New Year! Connie Dunkleberger

Thank you to Girl Scout Troup #20726! It was so wonderful to get that beautiful dish of food. Love to all, Gloria Witmer

We would like to thank everyone for their many prayers, cards, gifts, food and support the last six months during Jeffrey's and Rod's medical issues. We appreciate them all. We also want to thank Pastor Paul & Pastor Sally for the hospital visits when they could and the phone calls. It means a lot when you have your whole church family supporting you through trying times. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Barb & Rod Sloat & Jeffrey Stover

A SPECIAL thank you to these ladies; Joyce Smyser, Sue Dickensheets, and Sandra Albright for their help in the CYC 4-year-old preschool class with making gingerbread nativities. The children had a blast! We hope you got to see them displayed on the stage in Fellowship Hall! Another Special thank you to Donna Rinehart for volunteering to help the children this year with journal writing and teaching some yoga moves. We are always eager to learn new skills!!! We feel blessed to have so much support from our church family!!! Roxanne Donnan

A big thank you to all those people who helped to decorate our church for Christmas. They did a beautiful job. Also, to all those who came out and helped to put the outdoor nativity on the front lawn. Many hands make quick work!! God is good!! Again, thank you! Linda Sherman



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, January 19 at 1:00 pm. We will continue our Bible Study *Adventurous Prayer*. Pastor Sally will lead our study "Two-Way Conversations". We invite any woman to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

MEN OF FAITH

Men's Group on January 8th will continue to feature our look at why Pennsylvania has been called the Keystone State. Entitled *Anthracite Coal and the Molly Maguires*. This session will focus on the use of our state's unique resource of anthracite coal and the controversy surrounding the violent clash between labor and the owners of the coal mines. We begin at 8:00 am and breakfast will be provided.



FRIENDS IN CHRIST

We are doing a lunch together again at Hoss's on January 9th after 2nd service. Join us for food and fellowship. We will do lunch again in February, and then start some outings in March. The schedule will be available next month!



Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting at approximately 12:30 pm on **Sunday, January 16th** in Fellowship Hall. Remember, our constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting and we need your attendance to make quorum, without which no business can be conducted, so please plan to attend. **We will have a potluck lunch starting at noon. Please sign the list in the library to indicate what you will bring. We will be considering two important matters: membership in the North American Lutheran Church and Nave renovations.** The annual reports will be available in the narthex on Sunday January 9th.



Book Club

We will be meeting on January 20, at 1:00 pm, to discuss a book by one of our favorite authors, Tom Hilpert.

Superior Getaway: A Lake Superior Mystery (Lake Superior Mysteries) A copy is available to borrow in the church office.

BIBLE STUDY

Our upcoming Bible Study should be quite enriching. Entitled *Flowers in the Desert: Learning to Love the Prophets*. It draws out particularly the hope filled aspects of the Old Testament Prophets' witness. The study will take place over (6) Tuesdays: January 4, 18, and 25, February 1, 22, and March 1. Each session will be offered twice, once at 10:00 am at the church, and via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

We pray for a speedy recovery for our recently hospitalized members: Gloria Keech, Gerry Brown, Faye Nace, George Machlan, Jeffrey Stover, Rod Sloat, Cathy Drapiewski, Steve Hudgins, and Jeff Nitchman.



Please call the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

CARE PACKAGES – JANUARY 23

The Youth and Family committee will once again be spreading some love to our college students studying local and a far. These care packages provide a taste of home and are always a highlight for the students. This year, we will be sending approximately ten care packages. We will be accepting donations of the following items: school supplies and home baked cookies would be greatly appreciated. Items donated must be in the INDIVIDUAL FORM: hot cocoa packets, snack bags of pretzels, crackers, popcorn, life savers, gum, wrapped candy, soup packets. Also, pens, highlighters, post-it notes, erasers, or kleenex tissues. A box for donations will be placed near the coatroom in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 9. You may also place labeled monetary donations in the offering plates to offset the cost of shipping. Care packages will be assembled following second service on Sunday, January 23, and lunch will be provided for youth that come to help with this project.

SNOW TUBING EVENT

Youth and family Committee is sponsoring a snow tubing event for February 20th at Ski Round Top. We will have bagged lunch together after second service and head up to Round Top for tubing from 2-4 pm. If you (and possibly your family as well) are interested in going, we need a \$20 deposit per person over 42 inches tall and \$5 for those under 42 inches by January 16. (Total cost is \$32 for over 42 inches, \$9 for under 42 inches which will be supported by the youth fund.) Sign up in the library area at church.

FAMILY RETREAT SURVEY

Would you be interested in a Fall family retreat at Camp Nawakwa? If so, please indicate the number of people you will be bringing and some dates that work for you.

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We would be interested in a family retreat _____
(name and number)

Dates that would work for us are _____