

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

APRIL 2022

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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	Roxanne Donnan	(23)
	Erica Jones	(24)
	Art Smith	(24)
	Lawrence Smyser	(24)

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Dave Crowell

PASTOR'S LETTER

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.” Psalm 51:15

This month we move from our more muted songs of praise to our boisterous Alleluias. We have been focusing on the more somber reality of Christ's sacrifice on the cross, but as resurrection people we always have that glorious Easter Day as a backdrop. We certainly don't want to rush by the more contemplative aspects of our lives of faith, but we all need the hope that Jesus' victory over sin and death brings to our lives.

This hope is not only a blessing for us as God's people, but it is a word that the whole world needs to hear. We have moved from the challenges of Covid to the news of war. It would be easy to become worn out from the onslaught of difficult circumstances, but Christ shows us that pain and death are not the end of the story. With Christ there is new life now and life eternal.

Certainly, as people with such Good News we want to share that hope with the world. Please use this Easter season as an opportunity to invite someone to church. There's not only a complete schedule of Holy Week and Easter worship services, but in May we will have both indoor and outdoor worship services. Many people find outdoor worship less intimidating as an entry point for worshipping if they have not been to church before or in a long time.

Please also consider all of the extra things we have coming up that involve serving our neighbors. These too are entry points for people who aren't familiar with church.

To God be the glory, great things He has done! He gives us the victory through Jesus his Son! Praise the Lord!

Pastor Sally

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR APRIL:

Lutheran Disaster Assistance

Recently we voted to affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church. (NALC) One of the opportunities we have through this association is to support their work in areas such as Disaster Relief. The NALC has a Disaster Response Fund which provides resources to:

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur
- alleviate human suffering
- provide transitional assistance
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response. They also have opportunities throughout the year to put together **Disaster Care Kits which include** flood buckets, health kits, school kits, blankets, quilts, Bibles and gifts cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart). NALC Disaster Kits can include items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, religious symbols, messages, or your group's name. We will let you know the next time they have a local collection for these items. In the meantime, please give your monetary donations through Saint Paul and mark it "NALC Disaster", or use the envelope provided in your packet.

BIBLE STUDY



Our Bible Study on the Psalms

concludes on April 5, at either 10 am, in person at the church, or at 7 pm by

Zoom. In May, we will be using a video series on the life of Jesus. Join us to be enriched in your walk of faith.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Join us for a fun visit to Hershey Gardens on Thursday, April 28! We will depart from the church at 9 am and return at approximately 3 pm. The cost will be \$9 plus lunch. Please sign up by April 17 on the sheet in the library area.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +

April 3 Geraldine Bahn
PO Box 217 York New Salem, PA 17371

April 10 Marguerite Rupp
750 Kelly Dr., Rm #244, York, PA 17404

April 10 Leonard Lubinsky 35 Independence Dr.,
New Freedom, PA 17349

April 13 Gerald Brown
Manor Care, 2400 Kingston Court, York, PA 17402

April 13 Charles Riley
907 Hanover Rd. York, PA 17408

April 15 John Kunkle
107 Pauline Dr., York, PA 17408

April 19 Lester Werner
1426 Krafts Mill Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362

April 20 Bertha Spahr
1385 Grandview Rd. Spring Grove, PA 17362

April 30 Pat Maul
4190 Wolf's Church Rd. York, PA 17408

April 30 Frank Minnich
3217 Honey Run Dr., York, PA 17408

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2022

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2022 YTD Receipts	\$78,109	\$6,010	\$10,600	\$94,719	\$61,782
Disbursements	\$73,190	-	\$3,273	\$76,463	
2022 Change in Fund Balance	\$4,919	\$6,010	\$7,327	\$18,256	
Prior Year's Balance	\$45,407	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$73,138	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$50,326	\$35,950	\$5,118	\$91,394	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$56,652	\$34,199	\$2,840	\$93,691	
This Month's Change	\$(6,326)	\$1,751	\$2,278	\$(2,297)	

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the Parlor at 11 am on February 12, 2022.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Rodney Smyser, Monica Hostetler, Brenda McCleary, Donna Huckenberry, David Grube, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Donna Rinehart, Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally

Excused: Art Smith, Lawrence Smyser, Mike Barndt

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Were led by Pastor Sally during the Council Retreat

- Council Retreat lessons led by Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally on "Leading like Nehemiah"

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Rodney Smyser and 2nd by David Grube.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Rodney Smyser and 2nd by Donna Huckenberry.

PASTORS' REPORT: Pastor Paul highlighted the following key points of hope in his report.

Growth in our caring ministries; Tunnels to Towers Event;

Feed the Hungry Event; Lenten Series on the Psalms;

NALC resources; Renovations of the Nave

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

FINANCE – No minutes, next meeting scheduled for April 11th at 7pm. The monthly Income & Expense Report was reviewed. Rodney Smyser motioned to accept the finance report. Motion was 2nd by Dave Grube. All council members voted in favor of accepting the finance report as written.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – No minutes, next meeting scheduled for Feb 21st at 7pm.

PROPERTY – No minutes, next meeting scheduled for April 12th at 6pm. Dave Grube shared that the property committee is reviewing options for trash removal. Arrangements are being made to service the lawn equipment and to repair a leak in the kitchen roof. Next meeting April 12th at 6pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Donna Rinehart

FELLOWSHIP – Minutes submitted from January 24th meeting.

Monica Hostetler highlighted plans for Souper Bowl Event on Sunday, February 13th with donations going to the Emergency Fund. Fellowship will provide a Lenten supper on Ash

Wednesday March 2nd, and Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April

17th. Next meeting is scheduled for April 4th at 7pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Minutes submitted from January 10th meeting. Erica Jones and Pastor Sally shared highlights from February 7th meeting. Souper Bowl of Caring is February 13th and donations will be given to Our Daily Bread.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Minutes from February 7th meeting reviewed by Donna Huckenberry. The church's Easter egg hunt will be held on Easter Sunday between worship services. VBS is planned for June 26th-30th. Next meeting is scheduled for March 7th at 7pm.

CYC Update – Pastor Sally presented CYC 2022-2023 Finances with projected salary and tuition.

A motion was made by Donna Rinehart to offer a 5% discount for early full payment of tuition, and a 5% discount on tuition for multiple children enrolled. Early full payment and multi student discount can be stacked. Motion 2nd by Dave Grube and all council members voted in favor of the motion.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – Minutes submitted from January 24th meeting. Next meeting scheduled for April 25th at 7pm.

OUTREACH – Minutes submitted from January 27th meeting. Next meeting scheduled for February 22nd at 8:45am.

Highlights addressed earlier by Pastor Paul during his Pastors' report.

Men of Faith – next Men's breakfast March 12th

Member to member -no request currently

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Next meeting February 15th. Donna Rinehart shared that they had two funerals and Valentine Day cards were sent to the shut ins. Luncheon for 70+ to be determined.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Minutes submitted from January 12th meeting. Next meeting scheduled for May 11th at 7pm.

Roxanne Donnan shared that we will be kneeling at the Ash Wednesday service. Average weekly in person worship attendance for January was 142.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual meeting agenda

Meal - Potluck meal - sign up by the congregation.

Church council members will serve potluck meal and provide drinks. Set up Fellowship Hall between services

Dedication Celebration - Planned for September

Nave Task Force Update - *Our vision is to honor God by*

maintaining His worship area.

Motion made by Donna Rinehart for the council to accept the Nave Task Force recommendations while maintaining current seating configuration. Motion was 2nd by Donna Huckenberry and Church Council voted all in favor of the motion. Al Dickensheets will present the motion from the Church Council at the annual meeting. Dave Grube will then present Nave Task Force plans.

NALC – Council is recommending that we move forward with joining NALC while maintaining our LCMC membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

“Sabina,” film from the Voice of the Martyrs

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

AA (on going) and Girl Scouts (Tuesdays, January 4-May 31st) will continue to use our facilities.

Special Request

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 9am-5pm – Will Gausmann Family Party

Sunday, December 11, 2022, 1:45-5pm – Shearer Family Party (Sharon Mummert)

Sunday, December 18, 2022, 12 noon-4pm Wire Family Party (Donna Huckenberry)

Brenda McCleary made a motion to accept all 3 special requests noted above and motion was 2nd by Roxanne Donnan

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Deaths: Denny Shue, January 18, 2022

Funerals: Denny Shue, January 25, 2022

Removal from roles:

Transfer from Saint Paul:

Transfer in: Rick Meckley, Rev. Edward Keefer and Mrs. Donna Keefer on January 16, 2022

Baptisms: Isaac Robert Saylor on January 30, 2022

Weddings: Lena Baker and Matthew Bajkowski, April 9, 2022

CALENDAR UPDATES:

February 14-18, 2022, Pastors' Continuing Education

Next Church Council meeting is March 8th at 7pm.



MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUM SALE

Sponsored by the Auxiliary of SpiriTrust Lutheran, York Center. **\$4.00 per plant** (Red, Salmon & White colors available.) **Order deadline is April 6th**. Order forms are located on the table in the library area. Make checks payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church." Please place your order form with payment in the basket in the library area. Contact person is Sue Dickensheets (717-586-7278). Geraniums can be picked up after both church services on Sunday, May 8th. **Please do not remove plants before services.**



Dear Friends, I would like to express my gratitude for your gift to Samaritan's Purse. We truly appreciate your generous investment in what God is doing through this ministry. Again, thank you, and God Bless. Franklin Graham

Dear St. Paul Family – Thank you so much for my care package for school. It definitely was a welcome surprise. I appreciate all of the love and support that you have shown me. Sincerely, Wyatt Hax

To our wonderful church family -Thank you for the congratulatory wishes on the birth of our blessing, Callahan. We truly appreciate your support and prayers! Also, we are extremely thankful for the delicious meals from Pastor Sally & Pastor Paul, Joyce & Jack Hall, Sue & Alan Dickensheets, Jill Jones & family, Connie & Ed Dunklebarger, and Sandy & Marty Albright. Thank you so very much! The Metzger Family



The young people of the congregation are enacting the events of Holy Week at the Palm Sunday Faith Builders hour. Young people are rehearsing on April 3. We invite the whole congregation to come to Fellowship Hall at 9:40 on April 10. Fellowship/Coffee Hour will follow the program at approximately 10:00 that day.



WORSHIP IN APRIL

- April 3** **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Lesson: Philippians 3: (4b-7) 8-14
Gospel: Luke 20:9-20
- April 10** **Palm Sunday**
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 32:36-39
Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Luke 22:1-23:56
- April 14** **Maundy Thursday**
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:15-25
Gospel: Luke 22:7-20
- April 15** **Good Friday**
First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42
- April 17** **Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day**
First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12
- April 24** **Second Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 5:12-20 (21-32)
Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-18
Gospel: John 20:19-31

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

April 3 Gary & Dot Mann / Pat Eisenhart
April 10 Fred & Monica Hostetler / **OPEN**
BASKET: Will & Alyssa Gausmann
April 17 Duane & Libby Hax / Naylor Family
April 24 Marty & Sandy Albright / **OPEN**

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

April 3 **OPEN**
April 10 Robin Bergey & Family
April 17 Ira Keech
April 24 Keith & Robin Bergey

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

April 3 Dave & Peg Shaffer
April 10 John & Esther Jacobs
April 17 Mary & Richard Keller
April 24 John & Esther Jacobs

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

April 3 Carl & Sandy Bender
April 10 Charles Smyser
April 17 Charlotte Hoffman & Family
April 24 Richard & Mary Keller

PARISH MESSENGER

Marty & Sandy Albright & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP

Richard & Mary Keller

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the May newsletter need to be in the church office by April 15th.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Faith Learning 9:40 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:

Ordinary Faith – This class meets in room 13/14 behind the stage in Fellowship Hall. We are just ordinary people who share a common faith in Jesus. We use God's Word to guide us on our life's path of faith. We have begun a series of studying interesting yet ordinary people in the Bible. These ordinary people let God's light shine through them as others then have witnessed the light of their extraordinary faith. Our first study continues to be Esther, who became Queen of Persia. God calls us all as well to be a light that shines for others to see. Come and check it out. All are welcome to join us each Sunday morning!

Lutheran Theology Bible Study–This Class meets in the conference room next to the mailboxes. Explore what it means to be Lutheran through the Lutheran 101 book.

Concordia study works through various books of the Bible – This class meets in the quilters room, located behind the elevator, and is working through Romans and then on to Ephesians.

Four in Forty- Pastor Paul's class meets in the parlor. They are looking at scripture, church history, contemporary Christian engagement, and challenges in the world.

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.



PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

Please pray for the safety and wellbeing of Andy Stump in Haiti, and Luke and Ruth in the Philipians as they continue to share God's word.



BOOK CLUB

Join us on Thursday, April 21, at 1:00 pm, when we will discuss a book from the Messengers Series entitled, "*Concealed*," by Lisa Clark.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 pm. We are continuing our Bible Study on "*Adventurous Prayer*". Brenda Shorts will be leading this month's study titled "*Praying Out Loud*". We invite the women of our congregation to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

PERSONAL CARE KITS NEEDED

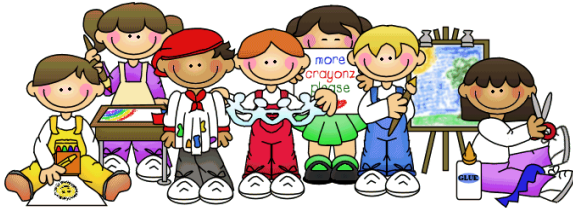
Women of the Word is collecting supplies to complete Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The items that are needed are: Light-weight bath-size towels between 20"x40" and 52"x27" (dark color recommended); bath size bars of soap (4-5 oz. preferred); sturdy comb; and metal nail clippers (attached file optional). Please give new items only. 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. Place the items on the table at the main entrance to the church. Please contact Barb Sloat if you have any questions. Thank you for your help with this project!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF – UKRAINE CRISIS

Monetary gifts will be collected through April 17th, Easter Sunday. You may make your check payable to "St. Paul Lutheran Church" and write "LWR Ukraine" in the memo. Thank you!

MEN OF FAITH

Men of Faith will meet on Sat., April 2, at 8:00 am, and breakfast will be provided. In April, we will be hearing the story of one of the most famous and well-known components of the US Army, the 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard. Focusing on their role in defeating Germany in World War 2, we will see why this unit has been such an important part of our military throughout the centuries. We will also be exploring finances in a time of inflation.



CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

CYC is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes.

Children need to be either 3 or 4 by September 1st. Registration can be done through saintpaultrinity.org, the CYC webpage, cycpreschool.com, or by calling the church office and requesting a registration form. The registration fee, first month's tuition and forms are due at the time of enrollment to ensure your child's placement.

The 3-year old's meet three days a week from 9:00 am-12:00 noon, and the 4-year old's meet five days a week from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Tuition for the 3's is \$135/month, and for the 4's it is \$310/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 before May 1st and \$50 after May 1st.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for April is **rice krispie squares, 12/pan** – we need 30 pans by 9:00am on Friday, April 15th. **We are asking that you please individually wrap all Our Daily Bread**

snacks please. If you can contribute some, please contact the church office. Thank you!



HARVEST OF HOPE

Harvest of Hope Food Pantry is in need of the items listed below. You may place your donations on the table located near the church office. Monetary donations are always gratefully appreciated. Thank you!

BASIC NEEDS: Canned Vegetables, Canned Corn, Canned Chicken Noodle or Chicken Rice Soups, Canned Tomato Soup, Canned Vegetable Soup, Canned Pork and Beans, Canned Beef Stew, Boxed Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, Dry Spaghetti, Dry Macaroni, Egg Noodles, Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Tuna, Chicken, or Salmon, Peanut Butter, Canned Diced Tomatoes, Boxed Cereal, Canned Kidney or Vegetarian Beans

SUMMER NEEDS: Pop Tarts, Canned Chicken Noodle Soup, Canned Tomato Soup, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Pasta Cups, Applesauce and Fruit Cups, Pudding and Jello Cups, Granola Bars, Juice Boxes

NAVE RENOVATION PROJECT

Nave renovation project pledges and monies are being collected now. Please pick up a form in the library area or indicate on your offering envelope by writing "Nave Renovations." Thank you!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

**Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022**

**7 pm Holy Communion
and Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday
April 15, 2022**

Noon and 7 pm

**Holy Saturday
April 16, 2022**

**7 pm Easter Vigil with
Holy Communion**

**Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022**

**7:30 am Celebration
Worship with Holy
Communion**



8:30 am Easter Breakfast

9:30 am Egg Hunt

**10:30 am Celebration
Worship with Holy
Communion**



EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids will love our 2022 Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am on Easter Day. Kindly bring your donated bagged candy by the Weds., April 6, 7 pm Lenten Service. Youth and Family will place candy in plastic eggs. Thank you!