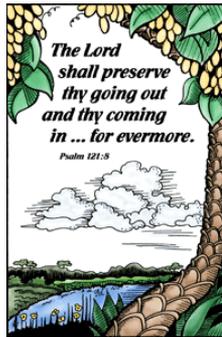


SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

MAY 2022

In the name of Jesus Christ,
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Dave Crowell

PLEASE NOTE: The Quilters Group will not be meeting in May.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the June newsletter need to be in the church office by **May 13.**

PASTOR'S LETTER

Psalm 150 Praise the Lord!

- 1 Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

I write this letter an hour before our Hymn Selection Subcommittee meets to pick out Hymns for the next two months. The task before the committee is somewhat daunting. It is estimated that over a million hymns have been written and, of course, if you added up all our services in the course of the year, we would only have enough time to sing about 600, assuming each was different that is. Of course, the Committee has a lot of ways around this dilemma. Our Lutheran worship tradition has many rich songs to draw upon as do standouts from other Christian faith traditions. Familiarity often makes it easier to sing certain hymns than others but there are also many more obscure rich hymns that should not be neglected. By the same token, we have a huge number of musical traditions to draw upon from throughout many centuries and many different cultures. Over the years, besides the two of us and Carol Moscony, Donna Huckenberry, Linda Sherman, Joyce Hall, and Barb Sloat have made up this subcommittee, picking hymn selections before we meet and select for the final list. Both Pastor Sally and I thank this group for their fine insights.

I also want to thank the choirs, the instrumentalists, and various special music helpers who make our praise of God so special at Saint Paul, including our congregation, as we sing our praise to our loving God. Perhaps you are being called to share the musical gifts God has given you with His church. Please let us know. It is a joy and inspiration to serve the Lord in this capacity.

Pastor Paul

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR MAY: ORGAN FUND



We are so thankful to have a beautiful sounding organ and an opportunity each week to hear that organ in use to the glory of God. Your donations to this fund enable upkeep and repairs to be done without having a major fund-raising drive. Thank you for your past and continued support. Please give as you are able to the organ fund this month in an envelope from the pew. Make checks payable to "Saint Paul Lutheran Church" to receive credit on your giving statement. Thank you for your support!

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!

BIBLE STUDY



For six weeks we will be studying "The Life of Jesus," a video series from Deeper Connections. We will meet four Tuesdays in May (3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st) and two in June (7th and 21st) at either 10 am in person at church, or 7 pm by Zoom. Join us for this enlighten series where we will reflect on the power of Jesus ministry to change lives.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Join us for a fun visit to Union Mills Homestead on Thursday, May 19! We will depart from the church at 10:30 am and return at approximately 3:30 pm. The cost will be \$13 plus lunch. Please sign up by May 8 on the sheet in the library area.

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 1:00 pm. We are continuing our Bible Study on "*Adventurous Prayer*". Jackie Meyer will be leading this month's study titled "*Warriors and Intercessors*". We invite the women of our congregation to join us for Bible study and fellowship.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +

- May 8 Marilyn Cox
55 Iron Springs Road, Fairfield, PA 17320
- May 13 William Zerby
1814 Austin Lane, York, PA 17408
- May 15 Carolyn Grove
22H 1701 Taxville Road, York, PA 17408
- May 17 Dirinda Minnich
3217 Honey Run Drive, York, PA 17408
- May 19 Deb Smyser
396 Old Hanover Rd. Spring Grove, PA 17362
- May 30 Barbara Eisenhart
5072 Hickory View Dr. Spring Grove, PA 17362

THANK YOU!

Dear Saint Paul Family- Thank you so much for the wonderful college care package! I loved all of the snacks, and I had plenty to share as well. One of the treats is now my new favorite snack! Thanks for thinking of me! Sincerely,
Kara Hoke

Hello! Thank you so much for the care package. That was a nice surprise. I really appreciate everyone thinking of me.
Baylee Nace

Thank you, Pastor Sally and Pastor Paul, for your visits and prayers during my hospital and rehab stays. Thank you to the congregation for your cards and prayers. I'm home and slowly regaining my strength. God Bless, Geraldine Bahn

Dear St. Paul Friends – Thank you for your recent gifts of \$3,000 to Lutheran World Relief and your generous \$5,000 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine! Daniel Speckhard, LWR

Thank you for the beautiful funeral service you prepared for our father, Kenneth Myers. We truly appreciate the time you took saying such wonderful things about Dad, allowing us to receive visitors and having the wonderful luncheon. Sincerely, Dave, Dan, & Jeff Myers and Lisa Treacy

TREASURER'S REPORT
Recap of Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2022

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2022 YTD Receipts	\$110,911	\$7,816	\$13,180	\$131,907	\$65,049
Disbursements	\$107,757	\$12,000	\$6,783	\$126,540	
2022 Change in Fund Balance	\$3,154	\$(4,184)	\$6,397	\$5,367	
Prior Year's Balance	\$44,900	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$72,631	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$48,054	\$25,756	\$4,188	\$77,998	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$49,819	\$35,950	\$5,118	\$90,887	
This Month's Change	\$(1,765)	\$10,194	\$(930)	\$(12,889)	

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room at 7pm on March 8, 2022.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Rodney Smyser, Monica Hostetler, Brenda McCleary, Donna Huckenberry, Mike Barndt, Dave Grube, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Art Smith, Lawrence Smyser, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Donna Rinehart

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul. Council watched Leading Like Nehemiah video session #5 Building a Team and answered discussion questions.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Lawrence Smyser. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING February 12, 2022: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Brenda McCleary. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES February 27, 2022: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Brenda McCleary. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Written report reviewed by Pastor Sally.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Lawrence Smyser

FINANCE – Lawrence Smyser reviewed Finance Committee's minutes and announced that Larry Kaetzel has joined the Finance Committee. Rodney Smyser reviewed the Monthly Income and Expense Report. Motion made by Lawrence Smyser to accept the Finance Report, motion 2nd Mike Barndt. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor. Next meeting – April 11, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Art Smith shared that there was an unintentional delay in thanking someone for a generous gift to the church. The organization chart is to be updated to include staff. Next meeting – April 26, 2022, at 6:30pm.

PROPERTY – Dave Grube shared the following updates. Next meeting – April 12, 2022, at 6:00pm.

- Nave Renovation contract has been submitted; no start date announced. Some members have submitted pledges towards the cost of renovations. A reminder for pledges will be placed in the bulletin.
- A new dumpster has been purchased.
- Plans are being made for Roy Gentzler to train to train church council and committee members how to use an AED. And, to ensure that council and committee members know where the AEDs are located, in case of an emergency.
- Youth and Family would like to purchase fire pits and would like to confirm that there is space for storage in the shed.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

FELLOWSHIP – Monica Hostetler shared that the Lenten supper was well attended. Next meeting - April 4, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Women of the Word – Next meeting, March 16, 2022, at 1:00pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Written meeting minutes from February reviewed by Monica Hostetler. Next meeting – April 4, 2022, at 6pm.

- Update from March meeting – The May campfire will be held on Friday, May 11th instead of the 6th.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 9:30am.
- Women's Retreat has 14 women signed up
- Plans for an online survey to assess interest in a family retreat this fall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Meeting minutes reviewed by Pastor Sally. Next meeting – April 4th at 7:00pm. VBS meeting – April 4th at 6:00pm. CYC Update – 8 children in the 4's class and 4 children in the 3's class are officially registered for the next school year. Malinda Grube has several families that she has been in contact with for next year and continues to give tours for prospective students.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – Lawrence Smyser shared plans for making picture books of the life of our church to share with our members. Next meeting – April 25, 2022, at 7:00pm.

OUTREACH – Pastor Paul shared the ministry is still working on establishing Outreach in Adams County. Linda Shipman applying to be ordained and assist with NALC Outreach.

Men of Faith – Next meeting – March 16, 2022, at 8:00am.

Member 2 Member – As needed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Geranium sale will be held for Mother's Day. Easter cards are being sent to the shut ins. Next meeting – March 15, 2022, at 9:00am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Roxanne Donnan shared that banners were purchased for Palm Sunday banner and Holy Trinity.

Maundy Thursday the youth will be stripping the altar. Next meeting – March 9, 2022, at 7:45pm.

Average Worship Attendance for February in person per Sunday = 142

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **“Sabina”** - The film “Sabina” from the Voice of the Martyrs will be available for viewing at the Pastors' home in June.
2. **Annual Meeting** - The Annual Congregational meeting was well attended. There was a difference of opinion regarding the proposed renovation seating configuration, but everyone was respectful and courteous while voicing their opinions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Extra benevolence money to NALC** - Motion made by Pastor Sally to give the NALC the extra \$4000 in the Benevolence fund, and the motion was 2nd by Lawrence Smyser. Verbal vote unanimously in favor.
2. **Remove numbers from the pews** - Motion made by Dave Grube to remove the numbers from the ends of the pews, and the motion was 2nd by Mike Barndt. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.

3. **Afghan Resettlement** – The application process reviewed by Lawrence Smyser. Ed and Connie Dunkleberger, Al and Sue Dickensheets, and Lawrence and Lori Smyser would be expected to go through training if we continue the process. The program requires a lot of documentation. We are not allowed to invite the Afghan family to our church because they are Muslim. The program requires a 3-month commitment to establish residency, healthcare, and education. Council is asked to prayerful consider commitment requirements before proceeding with process.
4. **Lutheran World Relief** – Matching contributions available now through April for the Ukraine Crisis Donation. Quilts and personal care kits have already been sent. Motion made by Lawrence Smyser for the church to give a donation of \$5000 from the Benevolence Fund to Lutheran World Relief's Ukraine Crisis Donation fund, and the motion was 2nd by Mike Barndt. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

AA (on going) and Girl Scouts (through May 31, 2022) continue use of our facility

Special Request to use Fellowship Hall and Kitchen:

Sat., April 2, 2022, 11:00am – 2:00pm (set up at 8am) –

Amaris' First Birthday Party – Catrina Frey

Sun., April 24, 2022, 1:00pm-6:00pm – Baby Shower

(Family Sponsor – Nathan Shue)

Sat., May 28, 2022, 10:30am – 4:00pm – Graduation Party for Rylee (Nathan Shue)

Sat., December 17, 2022, 5:30pm -10:00pm (set up 9am) – Smyser Family Christmas party

Motion to approve the four special requests made by Lawrence Smyser and 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously in favor. Deaths: Gloria Keech, February 6, 2022; Ken Myers, March 7, 2022 Funerals: Gloria Keech, February 10, 2022; Ken Myers, March 14, 2022

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

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting is during Holy Week - April 12, 2022 @ 7pm

Pastor's Vacation is planned for April 18-24, 2022

Tunnels to Towers event is planned for May 21, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.



WORSHIP IN MAY

May 1

Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-22

Second Lesson: Revelation 5: (1-7) 8-14

Gospel: John 21:1-14 (15-19)

May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 20: 17-35

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7

Gospel: John 16:12-22

May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:19-14, 21-27

Gospel: John 16:23-33

May 26

Ascension of the Lord

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

May 29

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Confirmation will be held on May 22nd at first service for 6 of our young people. We thank God for the work they have done, especially taking some of their studies through the pandemic. Please keep Jacob Eash, Jake Patchel, Thomas Smyser, Genevieve Austin, Elliot Metzger and Grace Rinehart in your prayers as they prepare for adult participation in the life of our congregation.

OUR DAILY BREAD



Our dessert for May is carrot cake cupcakes with white frosting. We need 30 doz. by 9:00 am Friday, May 20th. If you can make some cupcakes, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

May 1	OPEN
May 8	Faye Nace
May 15	Dean Eisenhart / Cindy Renehan
May 22	Malinda Grube
May 29	Steven Bahn Family

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

May 1	John & Esther Jacobs
May 8	Gary & Dot Mann
May 15	Marguerite Keller / OPEN
May 22	John & Esther Jacobs
May 29	Keith Bergey

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

May 1	Donald Nace
May 8	Ira Keech
May 15	Donnie & Diana Fake
May 22	Faye Nace
May 29	Keith Bergey

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

May 1	Gary & Dot Mann
May 8	Charles Smyser
May 15	Richard & Mary Keller
May 22	Carl & Sandy Bender
May 29	Keith Bergey

PARISH MESSENGER

John & Esther Jacobs / **OPEN**

SANCTUARY LAMP

Ted & Norma Krebs

BOOK CLUB

Join us on Thursday, May 12, at 1:00 pm, when we will discuss a book entitled, "The Stranger in the Lifeboat", by Mitch Albom.



Connie Dunklebarger has made a sacred hymn CD.

She is accepting love offerings for anyone who would like to have a copy of her beautiful singing of these favorite hymns. There is also a harp selection. If interested, please see Connie.

Ascension Day worship followed by ice cream social will be held on May 26th at 7 pm. We'll be outside, weather permitting. **Bring a lawn chair if you can.**



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 study interesting, yet ordinary, people in the Bible. These ordinary people are examples of extraordinary faith which are an inspiration to us in our spiritual life. 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 safe travels for Andy. Pray for ASAPH ministered "presenting Christ in a rural Haitian community one lesson at a time".

Luke and Ruth request prayer as they seek permission to use a translated text for the Sea Gypsy audio media. May the Lord have his hand upon this process and provide what is needed so that more of God's Word will be accessible to the Sea Gypsy people.

MEN OF FAITH

Our next Men of Faith meeting will be on Saturday, May 7. Our meeting this time will be in the form of a field trip to Gettysburg National Military Park as we explore one or more of the more obscure but important sites on the battlefield. Leading us will be member, Mike Barndt, who has studied military history and this battle extensively. It will be an informative and fun time. You can meet at the Benner's Hill Site on the Battlefield or at our church to carpool together by 9:15 am. The tour will start at 10 am, and we will have lunch in Gettysburg at 12 noon before returning home. If you are driving yourself, the Benner's Hill Site is on Hanover Road, 116 West, towards Gettysburg, on the left, just before you get to town.



BIG FISH BAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For children ages: 3 – 12

Dates: June 26 – June 30, 2022

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Registration forms are available on St. Paul's website and are also located on the table in the library area. Please return your completed form to the church office by June 10, 2022.

CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN 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.



Join us for a fun time around the campfire in the backyard on Fri., May 13 at 6:00 pm! We will enjoy hot dogs, chips, watermelon and smores AND devotions, singing and yard games. Please sign up on the sheet in the library area, or email: parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org, by May 8th.

BUS TRIP

Some members of the congregation expressed interest in seeing the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter located just south of Cincinnati. If at least thirty individuals would be interested, we would be able to spread the cost of the bus and make the trip affordable. The dates would be from Monday, September 19th to Thursday, September 22nd.

The itinerary would be as follows:

Day #1- Sept. 19 - Leave the church at 8 am. Stop for lunch on route and arrive at Hotel Hampton Inn by Hilton Cincinnati Airport South by 5:30 pm. Dinner would be on your own. There are three restaurants within 200 feet of the hotel (Cracker Barrel, Applebee's, and Rafferty's). There are others, including some fast food, within 3 blocks of the hotel.

Day #2 – Sept. 20 – Leave the hotel at 8:30 am for Ark Encounter. Free breakfast is available at the hotel. It is approximately a 30-minute bus ride to the Ark. Would leave Ark at 5 pm. Lunch and dinner would be your responsibility. Tickets for Ark Encounter would be part of the package price.

Day #3 – Sept. 21- Leave hotel at 8:30 am for Creation Museum. Once again breakfast is available at hotel. It is approximately a 15-minute bus ride. Lunch on your own at the museum. Would leave museum approximately 3:30 pm to head to Cincinnati and an evening dinner river boat cruise on the Ohio River. Tickets for Creation Museum and dinner cruise would be part of the package.

Day #4 – Sept. 22 - Leave hotel at 8 am to head home. Stop for lunch on the way. Return home at approximately 5:30 pm. Hotel for all 3 nights would be part of the package.

Per Person Rates (Rates vary due to number staying in room):

Single \$850 Double \$620 Triple \$540 Quad \$510

If interested, see Lawrence Smyser or Al Dickensheets by May 15th so we can reserve the bus. A \$100 payment per person will be due by the end of May if we get at least thirty people. Final payment would be due August 1. All checks should be made payable to: "Saint Paul Lutheran Church."



Outdoor worship for second service is starting back up May 22 – June 26. Worship and Music Committee will re-evaluate after that to see whether we can add any more Sundays throughout the summer. **Sign-ups are needed to help with set-up and clean up.**



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

A short review of how to use the AED equipment and other CPR related items will take place on May 10 at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

At the annual congregational meeting, it was approved to apply as a congregation to help resettle an Afghan family.

The application was accepted and there were training modules that six members of the congregation had to complete. After completion of the training modules, it was apparent to these six members that there was extensive red tape and requirements that would be part of the process, due to federal money being involved. As if the paperwork and documentation weren't bad enough, we were told we should not invite the family to church since this might make them feel uncomfortable or obligated.

At the April Church Council meeting, it was decided to withdraw from the program. We can still be bold in our proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ through the other opportunities we have to reach out and help those in need. In Jesus' Name, Lawrence Smyser

THE CORPORAL LUKE RUNYAN MEMORIAL WALK



Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 250 Trinity Rd, York PA, is sponsoring a community walk on **Saturday, May 21st** to raise funds for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Tunnels to Towers “builds mortgage-free *smart homes* for our most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders and pays off mortgages for the families of fallen first responders.”

Registration for the walk will be from **9:15-10 AM** and the walk will begin at **10:00 AM**.

The walk is dedicated in memory of Corporal Luke S. Runyan, Army Ranger, member of Saint Paul, and graduate of Spring Grove High School, who was killed while on active duty in Iraq on February 17, 2008.

The Church welcomes all participants to join the walk as we rally in support of those who have given so much for our protection. The walk will take place around the church’s extensive grounds and will be 5K in length. Drinks and snacks provided.

Suggested Donation: **\$30 for adults, \$10 for first responders, veterans, active-duty military, and children under 18.**

Donations can be made directly to Tunnels to Towers by following the link: <https://dogood.t2t.org/campaign/the-corporal-luke-runyan-memorial-walk/c392975>

If paying by check, it should be written out to “Tunnels to Towers.” Cash and checks will be accepted on the day of the walk.

NAME(S) _____ Yes, I/we will walk _____ and I/we need a t-shirt(s) size(s) _____.

I cannot walk, but I want to donate and receive a t-shirt. Size: _____

To receive a t-shirt, register by May 1st. **A donation must be made to receive a t-shirt.**

(Early pick up for t-shirts at Saint Paul – Friday, May 20th, from 3:00 -5:00 PM)

For more information, call 717-792-1650, or see www.saintpaultrinity.org.