

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

July 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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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the August newsletter
need to be in the church office by **July 19.**

PASTOR'S LETTER

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge. Proverbs 18:15

As I speak with other pastors, one thing that I find is that many churches no longer have Sunday school in the summer nor two services over that time. Now as I repeat that, I do not mean that as a criticism of them, but I am glad that we do not slack off our schedule in these summer months. It is true the choirs don't meet now, but we have special music filling the gaps, and while we don't have as many classes meeting, we do combine efforts for the lower grades and there is a class for older kids, and all four adult classes are still meeting. In terms of services, we in some ways make more of an effort as we have a number of outdoor worship services in certain time periods, though not in hot July nor August.

When God established the overall rhythm of life, he of course made the Sabbath, showing how fundamentally worship is an integral part of our lives. God doesn't take a break from His watch care over us and as he works through the church to deliver His means of grace, so does His church try and maintain as complete a schedule of worship and activity no matter what time of year we are in.

One characteristic of the Church is that it is by nature embodied. Christ came in the flesh to forgive our sins, to suffer on the cross for us, he rose again bodily from the dead. While we appreciate the options technology has given us in reaching out further with the Word, our primary emphasis is on the actual physical gathering of people. Studies of students who were primarily in-home learning during the pandemic shows they tend to be further behind in their achievement levels than those who met in person. In the same way church is a gathering of people around Word and Sacrament, we ultimately need community. So, while we will continue our technological outreach and where necessary enhance it, we urge those who can, to be here in person as they can and when they can.

Please also don't forget to check out our church library. It seems to be getting more customers. We are not looking at this time for books to be donated, since we have limited space. We need to be really intentional in what we offer. Our church Book Club has identified a number of good Christian books over the years. Check them out!

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JULY – GIDEONS

Distributing Bibles and New Testaments around the World

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ, and those new Christians then grow by studying their Scriptures and even use them to share their faith with others. For this reason, they focus on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof. These copies of God's Word are either given directly to certain individuals or placed in selected public locations where large numbers of people may be searching for answers. We are thankful that several of our members are a part of this organization which does vital work for the kingdom of God. Prayerfully consider how you can help support this work financially. Checks should be made payable to "Saint Paul Lutheran Church" with Gideons in the memo line. Thank you!

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1:00 pm, as we continue our "Adventurous Prayer" Bible study. Brenda Shorts will lead our study, "How He Answers". We invite all ladies to join us for study and fellowship.

Welcome New Members!

Carole Dormuth, 824 Lisburn Rd., #405, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Tiffany Jones, 712 Moul Ave., Hanover, PA 17331

We will also welcome additional new members at the end of July. If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with Pastor Paul or Pastor Sally.

Welcome through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism -

Callahan Scott Metzger, son of Neal & Billie Sue Metzger and brother of Elliot and Stella Metzger. Callahan is also the grandson of Diane Workman. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon him!



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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| July | 5 | Norma Krebs
2864 Golden Villas Dr., York, PA 17408 |
| July | 6 | Helen Bollinger
221 McKinley Ave., Hanover, PA 17331 |
| July | 9 | Dorothy Mann
1806 Hilton Ave., Dover, PA 17315 |
| July | 19 | Lisa Strouse
4269 Marlborough Rd., Dover, PA 17315 |
| July | 20 | Sharon Mummert
3921 Sharoden Drive, York, PA 17408 |
| July | 28 | David Shaffer
147 Lark Circle York, PA 17404 |
| July | 30 | Charles Frey, Jr.
204 Melinda Dr., York, PA 17408 |

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

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2022 YTD Receipts	\$174,605	\$13,673	\$21,763	\$210,041	\$75,833
Disbursements	\$181,368	\$24,500	\$22,673	\$228,541	
2022 Change in Fund Balance	\$(6,763)	\$(10,827)	\$(910)	\$(18,500)	
Prior Year's Balance	\$44,900	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$72,631	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$38,137	\$19,113	\$(3,119)	\$54,131	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$43,600	\$24,923	\$5,289	\$73,812	
This Month's Change	\$(5,463)	\$(5,810)	\$(8,408)	\$(19,681)	

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on May 10, 2022, at 7 pm. Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Monica Hostetler, Brenda McCleary, Mike Barndt, Donna Huckenberry, Dave Grube, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Donna Rinehart, Art Smith, Lawrence Smyser, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Rodney Smyser

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Sally

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

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Mike Barndt made a motion to accept the Church Council meeting minutes from April 12, 2022. Motion 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Written report was read by Pastor Paul. He shared "Prayers with an Evangelism Focus" and requested that we join in these prayers throughout the week increasing faith and fellowship with others, as we affirm that the God who gives us hope will grow His church as He sees fit and is actively seeking the lost to be found.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer for Tuesday from the “Prayers with an Evangelism Focus” offered as a group.

FINANCE –Lawrence Smyser reviewed the Treasure’s Report. A motion was made by Lawrence Smyser to accept the Finance Report and the motion was 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

Next meeting – July 11, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY –Art Smith shared that the committee has been updating the organizational chart, job description for financial secretary, proposed director contract and job description for CYC teacher.

Next meeting – September 27, 2022, at 7:00pm.

PROPERTY – Dave Grube shared that Roy Gentzler met with several council members prior to today’s meeting and reviewed the location of the church’s AEDs and how to use the AEDs. Roy also taught how to respond to emergencies most common in a church setting.

Next meeting – September 13, 2022, at 6:00pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Lawrence Smyser
FELLOWSHIP – Monica Hostetler shared that the committee will be assisting with the Camp Fire this Friday May 13th supplying hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and water bottles.

Next meeting - October 3, 2022, at 7:00 pm

WOMEN OF THE WORD – Next meeting – May 18, 2022, at 1:00pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Monica Hostetler reviewed highlights from the April 4th meeting. The Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday had a nice turn out. Two fire pits were purchased for the Camp Fire planned for this Friday, May 13th. A trip to Harper’s Ferry is planned for June 18th with tubing and zip lining. The Harvest of Hope summer lunch program is scheduled for June 20th.

Next meeting – June 6, 2022, at 6pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Donna Huckenberry reviewed minutes from May 10th meeting. For Summer Sunday School they will be using “Bible Lessons on Ice Cream” in July & August. Confirmation will be held during 1st service on May 22nd with 4 students being confirmed. The other 2 students in the class will be confirmed in the fall. Family retreat planned for Sept.30th - Oct 1st at Kirchenwald. Next meeting – June 6, 2022, at 7:00pm.

VBS – June 26th-30th 5 children have registered

CYC - There are 11 students registered for the 3's class and 14 students for the 4's class next school year.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – Lawrence Smyser reviewed minutes. He shared that the Picture books will be assembled on July 25th. The Picture books will be passed around to the congregation for 2 months with commitment cards for 2023. The plan is to have the books and commitment cards returned before All Committee's Night. Next meeting – July 25, 2022, at 7:00pm.

OUTREACH – Brenda McCleary reviewed minutes. Feed the Hunger contract was signed for 20,160 meals. The Feed the Hunger rep will be attending their next meeting.

Next meeting – May 25, 2022, at 8:45am.

Men of Faith – Next meeting September 10, 2022, at 8:00am.

Member 2 Member – Requesting for more members to volunteer.

There is a work request to repair a member's deck.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Donna Rinehart shared written minutes.

The geranium sale was successful. The committee will be holding the Fall Communion Luncheon for members 70 and over.

Next meeting – June 21, 2022, at 9:30am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Roxanne Donnan

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Roxanne Donnan nothing to report since last council meeting. Donna Rinehart made a request to resume kneeling around the altar at 1st service. The majority of the council members were in agreement with resuming kneeling at the rail during 1st service. Communion wine will continue to be served in pre-filled cups. Parishioners will continue to dispose of cups in the baskets as they return to their seat. Council's recommendation will be brought back to Worship & Music committee for consideration.

Next meeting May 11, 2022, at 7:45pm. Average Worship

Attendance for April in person per Sunday = 186 in person and 101 online

OLD BUSINESS:

Tunnel to Towers currently has 57 walkers registered with \$2500 collected in donations. The goal is to raise \$5000. Dave Grube recommended that the church donate \$2500 from the Benevolence Fund to reach the \$5000 goal for Tunnel for Towers. Mike Barndt made a motion for council to approve a donation of \$2500 from the Benevolence fund to Tunnel for Towers. Motion 2nd by Lawrence Smyser. Voice vote unanimously in agreement by council.

Nave update – The Nave is currently being painted. Service will be held in the Nave this Sunday. The carpet and fabric for the pews have been ordered

Bus trip to The Ark has 38 of the 55 seats filled and 20 rooms have been booked.

NEW BUSINESS:

NALC – Atlantic Mission Region – Annual Western Mission District Convocation will be held Saturday, June 4, 2022, in Glen Rock. Pastor Paul will be attending. Any council members interested in attending need to RSVP by May 25th.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

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

Sandy Albright requested use of Fellowship Hall for a Baby Shower on Saturday, July 9th 10am – 5 pm. Dave Grube made a motion to accept Sandy Albright’s request, and motion was 2nd by Mike Barndt – Voice vote by council was unanimously in favor.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Removal of roles: Leona & Leonard Lubinsky
Chris, Laura, Maci & Max Runyan (St. Francis Xavier Church, Gettysburg, PA)

Transfers in: Carole Dormuth – June 26, 2022

Baptisms: Callahan Metzger – June 19, 2022

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting: June 14, 2022, at 7pm

Pastors’ Vacation: Sunday, June 12, 2022 (Pastor Keith Eslinger)



OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for July is Ice Cream Dixies. Anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation for this snack, please mark an envelope “Our Daily Bread Dixies” and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!



WORSHIP IN JULY

- July 3** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14
Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10,14-18
Gospel: Luke 10:1-20
- July 10** **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18
Second Lesson: Colossians 1: -14
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
- July 17** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a(10b-14)
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42
- July 24** **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Genesis 18:(17-19)20-33
Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15(16-19)
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
- July 31** **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

- July 3 Bernice Bahn / Bill Enterline
July 10 **OPEN**
July 17 Geraldine Bahn / Pastors Gausmann
July 24 Wayne Adams / Jack & Joyce Hall
July 31 **OPEN**

BULLETIN (\$20/wk)

- July 3 Todd, Lorie & Samantha Krebs
July 10 John & Esther Jacobs
July 17 **OPEN**
July 24 Ira Keech & Family
July 31 Don & Donna Reever

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk)

- July 3 Doug & Lesa Masemer
July 10 Mike & Marguerite Keller
July 17 Pat Eisenhart & Family
July 24 Richard & Mary Keller
July 31 Ted & Norma Krebs

MAILING (\$10/wk)

- July 3 Deb Shue
July 10 Deb Shue
July 17 Donald Nace
July 24 Mike & Marguerite Keller
July 31 Dot & Gary Mann

PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)

Carl Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP (\$15/month)

Marty & Sandy Albright



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

Harvest of Hope is in need of an additional Board member. If interested, please see Lawrence Smyser for details.



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers, and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship. We'll start up again in September.



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.

Summer Changes for the Young People:

Grades 6-12 will meet in the small conference room for ***Donuts, Devotions and Discussion***. Not too heavy, not too light – not too sweet, not too salty – join us each Sunday this summer!

Ages 3-Grade 5

The Children’s Faith Builders has an exciting summer curriculum we are using during the months of July and August. **BIBLE LESSONS BASED ON ICE CREAM!!** We look forward to sharing these stories (and maybe an ice cream treat) with the children.



Book club will meet again in September! Our Book Club read Stranger in the Boat, by Mitch Albom in May. It is about a group of shipwrecked passengers who pull a strange man from the sea. He claims to be "the Lord". It is a thought provoking read, tinged with faith, and deals with many aspects of grief. We noticed that Albom did not necessarily believe the stranger was Jesus. This book and all Book Club books are available in our church library area. Over the summer we will be reading any one of Timothy Keller's books. Many are available in the York County Library system - Prayer, Encounters with Jesus, The Reason for God, and Jesus the King. We invite you to join us on **September 15 at 1:00 pm**. Book Club usually meets on the third Thursday of the month in the church library area.



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 by emailing Malinda Grube, CYC Director, at: cycdirector@saintpaultrinity.org, 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 \$50.



PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

Pray for Luke and Ruth and their family of five children in the Philippines. Pray for Ruth's work on scripture translation to be productive. Ask the Lord to call a worker to home school the five children.

May the Lord give Luke and Ruth abundant grace for balancing ministry with ongoing schooling for their family. Join with Luke and Ruth in prayer for people to access the Sea Gypsy language audio recording of Exodus. May it create a hunger for more scripture. Continue to hold Andy Stump in your prayers as he reaches people in Haiti with the Word.



Looking ahead: We have a **BIG** upcoming project –

FEED THE HUNGER PACKATHON

When: Sat., September 17, 2022

Where: Fellowship Hall

What: Packing 20,000 Meals
(Sign up for 1.5 hour time slots)

Who: YOU, Family & Friends
(All ages welcome)

Come join the fun!

Thank You

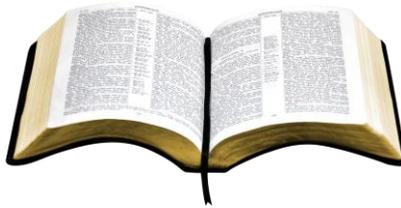


for your Kindness

Dear Friends of the North American Lutheran Seminary – I want to thank you for your support of theological education and pastoral formation taking place through NALS. God is at work training up a new generation of pastors and church leaders. To God alone be the glory! Rev. Dr. Eric M. Riesen

Thanks for all you do to further God's kingdom! Members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Joppa MD

Thank you, to the Pastors and my Saint Paul Family, for all the well wishes, get well cards, text messages, phone calls, visits, and special treats during my recent surgery. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life. Love abounds at Saint Paul!
God Bless, Joyce Hall



SUMMER Inspirational Movie at the Pastors' house will be held August 11 and 18 at 6 pm. We will watch the movie *Sabine*, from Voice of the Martyrs. Please RSVP so we have enough seats and enough ice cream.

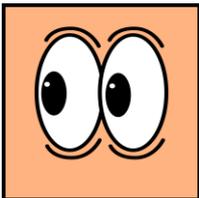


BLANKET WORKSHOP

LWR Quilts are used when natural disasters strike. They help show our love and compassion to those in need. Our quilting ministry needs some helping hands. There are tasks that can be done at home

that do not take much time, such as cutting squares, washing material, sewing quilts, or tying knots. We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9 am (for 60-90 minutes) at Saint Paul. Anyone interested in helping can contact Bertha Spahr 717-225-6938, or just come to the quilting room at Saint Paul on the second Tuesday morning of the month. This ministry is a tangible way to express Christian love to those in dire situations.

We are not accepting any more donations of material at this time. Thanks so much for your generosity!



Keep your eyes peeled for more information on the **Stewardship Notebooks** that will be passed from house to house **starting in August**. They will contain snapshots of congregational life and an opportunity to fill out a commitment card to indicate your financial support of the ministry of Saint Paul Lutheran Church. Once you have finished with the book then you pass it on to the next person on the list. It will be a good way to connect with one another and to reflect on the blessing we have in our life together. **If you have any pictures of congregational life to share with us, please email them to Pastor Sally.**