

# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

**September 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 October newsletter need to be in the church office by **September 15th.**

## Pastor's Letter for September 2022

<sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Has anything gobsmacked you lately? The term gobsmacked started as a kind of slang in the British Isles meaning basically “intensely surprised” and is increasingly finding its way into American conversation. I think it is fair to say St. Paul was possibly gobsmacked by the faithful of Thessalonica who so quickly and enthusiastically adopted the Christian faith, sharing it also with people throughout the region. Of course, while surprised and elated by the faith of the Thessalonians, he knew that what they were expressing was also evidence of the power of God’s Word and of the Holy Spirit working among them.

This month I think we will have a gobsmacking event at church as together in a few hours we put together 20,000 meals for people who face food insecurity. Already many folks are signed up for this Feed the Hunger event and more are doing so, young and old, members and others alike. Saint Paul Lutheran Church is increasingly known in our community for its kindness and generosity towards others, which is both a testimony to our thankfulness for God’s grace to us all and to the commitment of our members in sharing the love of God in numerous ways with others. Who knows maybe we will soon be known as one “gobsmacking” church, awed by the grace of God.

## **SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SEPTEMBER ASAPH Teaching Ministry**

Since 2012, ASAPH Teaching Ministry has been growing. Andy's work includes leading a brass band, a soccer academy, a Bible academy, Asaph Radio ministry and Asaph tuition assistance. We ask you all for continued prayers for his health and his ministry. Due to funding shortages from some of his other sponsors, we have this additional opportunity to support his worthy ministry. Please give generously as you are able.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +**

If your birthday is coming up and you do not want it recognized, please call the church office before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before your birthday.



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| Sept 1   | Marvin Barnhart<br>5203 Lehman Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362                   |
| Sept. 2  | Donald Reeve<br>4463 Walters Hatchery Rd., Spring Grove, PA<br>17362        |
| Sept. 5  | Cindy Christensen<br>4962 Lehman Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362                 |
| Sept. 6  | Ann Shultz<br>Village at Sprengle Drive, 2001 Gross Court<br>York, Pa 17404 |
| Sept. 9  | Bernice Beal.<br>1801 Folkemer Cr., York, PA 17404                          |
| Sept. 10 | Joyce McCoury<br>2222 Stoney Point Road, East Berlin, PA 17316              |
| Sept. 11 | Carl Smyser<br>486 Trinity Rd. York, Pa 17408                               |
| Sept. 14 | Elaine Smyser<br>1980 Barley Rd., York, PA 17408-4746                       |

Sept, 15 Ronald Bailey  
3253 Honey Run Drive, York, Pa 17408

Sept. 15 Frances Barnhart,  
5203 Lehman Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362

Sept. 15 Charlotte Hoffman  
1802 Folkemer Circle, Apt. 118, York, PA 17404

Sept. 16 Rita Shotzberger  
1745 Normandie Drive, York, PA 17408-9013

Sept. 17 Joyce Smyser  
2790 East Berlin Road, York, PA 17408

Sept. 19 Bettie Lovejoy  
3150 Lark Drive, York, PA 17404

Sept. 21 Esther Jacobs  
104 KBS Rd., York, PA 17408

Sept. 21 Mary Kopp  
750 Kelly Dr. York, PA 17404

Sept. 22 Larry Brenneman  
1850 Baker Rd., York, PA 17408

Sept. 23 Clayton Myers  
2684 Seven Valleys Rd. Seven Valleys, PA  
17360

Sept. 26 John Jacobs  
104 KBS Rd., York, PA 17408

Sept. 27 Regina Springer  
4271 Marlborough Rd. Dover, PA 17315

Sept. 28 David Smyser  
396 Old Hanover Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362

Sept. 29 Terry Cox  
55 Iron Springs Rd, Fairfield, PA 17320

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

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Bene.</b>	<b>Bldg Maint.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Capital Fund</b>
<b>2022 YTD Receipts</b>	\$227,387	\$17,950	\$28,855	\$274,192	\$82,945
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$240,956	\$31,500	\$54,754	\$327,210	
<b>2022 Change in Fund Balance</b>	\$(13,569)	\$(13,550)	\$(25,899)	\$(53,018)	
<b>Prior Year's Balance</b>	\$44,900	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$72,631	
<b>Accumulated Fund Balance</b>	\$31,331	\$16,390	\$(28,108)	\$19,613	
<b>Fund Balance Last Month</b>	\$35,467	\$16,286	\$(6,382)	\$45,371	
<b>This Month's Change</b>	\$(4,136)	\$104	\$(21,726)	\$(25,758)	

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Members of Church Council did not meet in July. Minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be included in the October Parish Messenger.



**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Our dessert for September is Sugar Cakes. Use your favorite recipe and place (2) 2" cookies in each bag. We need 360 bags by **9 am on Friday, September 16th**. If you are able to make some, please sign the sheet in the library area. Thank you!

**JUST A REMINDER:** The **Stewardship Picture Notebooks** are headed around the congregation. Have a look at the ministries of the church and pray about what your commitment will be, then pass the book to the next name on the list. See your book leader if you have a problem or contact a member of the Stewardship Committee. **The books are due back at church by October 16.** Thanks for your participation!



## WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 4**      **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-35
- Sept. 11**     **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24  
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1: (5-11)12-17  
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
- Sept. 18**     **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7  
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-15  
Gospel: Luke 16:1-15
- Sept. 25**     **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Lesson: Amos 6:1-7  
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Thank you to the Saint Paul family for the cards, concern, and prayers during our mother's illness and passing. We especially would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Pastors Paul and Sally for your continued pastoral support to Mom including many visits to the COG Home in Carlisle. We are so blessed to have you leading our congregation. And finally, to our Social Ministry staff for preparing the luncheon following Mom's service. You gave unselfishly to provide a comforting meal and made sure to provide goodie bags for our family traveling from Johnstown. God Bless each and every one of you from the children of Bernice Eash: Wendy, Denise and Doug and our families.



## 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 7-12** are meeting in the youth room at the end of the hall for Common Threads – see how scripture weaves into your daily walk.

**Grades 4-6 are now CLUB 456** are meeting in Room 2 for SOMETHING NEW! Come check out the room and our new format. Christian Music, Bible Videos and Scripture Talks! Spread the Word.

**Ages 3-Grade 3** are participating in age-appropriate small group rotations. Each Sunday, they get to go to the story room, the craft room, and the Praise Kids in Motion room.



## SPONSORSHIPS

### **ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk.)**

**Sept. 4** Deb Shue / Jack & Joyce Hall  
**Sept. 11** Donald Nace & Family / Barb Sloat  
**Sept. 18** Charlotte Hoffman  
**Sept. 25** Little family

### **BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)**

**Sept. 4** Richard & Mary Keller  
**Sept. 11** Margaret Will  
**Sept. 18** Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Leppo  
**Sept. 25** Richard & Mary Keller

### **BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)**

**Sept. 4** Mike & Marguerite Keller  
**Sept. 11** Hoffman Family  
**Sept. 18** Deb Shue  
**Sept. 25** John & Esther Jacobs

### **MAILING (\$10/wk.)**

**Sept. 4** Carl & Sandy Bender  
**Sept. 11** Carl & Sandy Bender  
**Sept. 18** Carl & Sandy Bender  
**Sept. 25** Roy & Lisa Gentzler

### **PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)**

Margaret Will

### **SANCTUARY LAMP (\$15/month)**

Sandra Albright



## **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!  
Sign up on the sheet on the table in the library area.

**MEN OF FAITH** will hold its first meeting on **Saturday, September 10, at 8:00 am**, using the study entitled, "Kingdom Men Rising," by Dr. Tony Evans. This will be the basis for our study following breakfast and chatting. The meeting starts in fellowship hall, and then moves to the parlor for the study and discussion. This study is bound to bring out some good dialogue so come and bring a friend! Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the library area.

**WOMEN OF THE WORD** will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 pm**. We will be starting a new Bible study. Check out the September bulletins for the title and more information about the Bible Study.

**BLANKET WORKSHOP:** Thanks for all the wonderful material and sheet donations! If you would like to help, come to the quilting room at Saint Paul on the **second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am**. We use cotton material, tablecloths or curtains that are not plastic backed and sheets of any size. This ministry is a tangible way to express Christian love to those in dire situations.



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JUMP ON BOARD  
FOR THE CHURCH RETREAT!**

We will be going to Nawakwa from **September 30 to October 1**.

We begin at **7 pm on Friday, September 30, and end at 7 pm on Saturday, October 1**. We will be staying at the **Zinn Tozer Lodge** and our theme will be Walk This Way. There is one private bathroom and two multi-stall shared bathrooms. Bring a sleeping bag or bedding. Lori Smyser will contact you about what food to bring. Everyone is invited to participate. You can come just for the day on Saturday. Join the fun - bible studies, games, walks, relaxation, and Christian fellowship. Sign up in the library or see Pastor Sally for more details.



## **FAITH BUILDERS' FEAST ON THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT**

Join us for the **Sunday School kick-off Sunday on September 11 at 9:40 am** in Fellowship Hall as we begin to dig into all the virtues that are called forth by God's Spirit working in and through us! (Galatians 5:22)  
Kick-off Sunday always involves food, fun games and an introduction to the Faith Building Christian Education opportunities that are on tap for the new school year! Then join us each Sunday as we experience learning and growing in Jesus' name!



**ANNOUNCING: PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS!** We will be meeting at **10:00 am and 6:15 pm each Thursday, except for the first Thursday of the month, starting September 8 and continuing through November 17.** Bring your Bible or use one provided by the church (page numbers are always shared.) Join us as we are encouraged in our faith by these powerful words from God. All studies will be held in person at the church.



**YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE** is sponsoring a Bowling event at Hanover Bowling Center on **Sunday, September 11 from 1:00-2:30 pm.** Pizza and drinks and bowling will be provided by the committee. Just bring or rent shoes and join us for a fun event!



## PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

Pray for harvest workers to join Luke and Ruth as teammates to serve Jesus among the Sea Gypsy people and for a home-school teacher for their five children. Join with Ruth and Luke in prayer about opening a community center/library/office building; they are seeking the Lord's provision of a site. Also pray for God to enable the completion of the Ezra and Nehemiah translation into the Sea Gypsy language.

Give thanks to God for Andy Stump's mission work in Haiti, his energy, deep faith, and musical talents.



**FRIENDS IN CHRIST** is a group for widows, widowers, and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.

On Wednesday, **September 14**, we will be going to the **Cumberland County Historical Society** in Carlisle. Admission is **FREE** but of course bring money for lunch afterwards. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and return home by 2:30 pm. Sign up by September 1.

In October, we will be going for a lovely **Tea in Lititz**. Join us on **October 12** for tea and a wander through downtown Lititz (remember there are Wilber Buds there!) More details will be available in the bulletin. Sign up by October 1.

In November, we will be going to **Sight and Sound to see David!** We have a reservation for the **November 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm show**. The cost will be \$66.00 payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church. We will carpool and will go for lunch before the show. More details on the lunch will be provided in the bulletin.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on **September 15, at 1:00 pm**, to discuss various Tim Keller books. Bring your thoughts and join the discussion. Next month we will be reading: *Hearts of Fire*, by the Voice of the Martyrs.

