

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2022

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

*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*
Luke 1:32



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The Parish Messenger is
dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Elwood
Bahn, Sr. and in honor of our children and
grandchildren by Geraldine Bahn / in honor of Todd &
Lorie Krebs' wedding anniversary by the Krebs family

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the January newsletter need to be in the church office by **December 15, 2022.**

PASTORS' LETTER

²² **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** ²³ **gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.** Galatians 5:22-23

We are now officially past harvest time. I hope that you had a chance to get the strawberries, blueberries, peaches, and apples, each as they came into season in our wonderful South Central Pennsylvania location where we are so fortunate to have fresh local fruit from May through October. Living in the year 2022, however, means that even when things are not being grown locally, we can still get wonderful fruits and vegetables all year round. In fact, we are so spoiled by the easy access that we have to such a wide variety of foods that we sometimes forget that in many places around the world, and for many years in our own country, only certain foods would be available at certain times of the year. Fifty years ago, there were no blueberries in the grocery store in December.

For us as Christians, there should never be a special season for the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is our theme throughout the year this year for our Faith Builders Sunday School program. Every month we are considering a characteristic of what it means to live out our Christian calling. The fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians is different than the gifts of the Spirit mentioned in I Corinthians. The fruit of the Spirit is connected like a cluster of grapes. Each characteristic is to be reflected in each of our lives whereas the gifts of the Spirit indicate that we each have different gifts, which all work together for the common good.

We are moving from the season of fruit to the season of gifts (giving and receiving) and so I think it is fitting for us to reflect on both of these teachings in scripture. The fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit are all intended for the same purpose – to strengthen our witness in the world.

Thank you for the many ways that you have been fruitful, sharing Christ's love through the ministry of Saint Paul. This is a very giving congregation, and we are so thankful that you are serving so enthusiastically and growing in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR DECEMBER

Human Life Services of York

At Human Life Services, every life matters because we love our Creator, and He loves life! They are committed to helping women and men in crisis, often alone and frightened, discover the wonder and awesome privilege of carrying life. Thank you for sharing generously during the month of December.



The children are asked to bring to the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve or 9:30 am Christmas Day service a wrapped gift for the Baby Jesus. We are requesting items to complete the Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Here are the items we are requesting. Please do not substitute any other item than what is what is listed because we cannot use it. - Cloth diapers,

gowns, or sleepers without feet (shirt & pant sets can be used), dark-colored hand towels, t-shirts or undershirts, and diaper pins. Clothing should be sizes between 6 months and 24 months. Any questions please see Barb Sloat. Thank you!

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Our December activity will be on **Saturday, December 3 (weather providing.)** We will go to Catoctin Furnace to see their Christmas Village. We will meet at the church at 9 am and return by 2 pm. Bring money for lunch. We will be doing lunch again in January and February and will resume our outings in March. Everyone is invited!

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for December is **ice cream dixies**. If you would like to contribute toward their cost, please use an envelope and mark it "December Our Daily Bread." Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +



- Dec. 5 Robert Yeater
4032 Robin Hood Dr., York, PA 17408
- Dec. 7 Donna Rinehart
6275 Clearview Rd., Dover, PA 17315
- Dec. 9 Brenda Shorts
80 S. Alwine Ave., York, PA 17408
- Dec 11 Barbara Hudgins
1253 Pinnacle Ct., York, PA 17408
- Dec 17 Carole Dormuth
824 Lisburn Rd., #405, Camp Hill, PA 17011
- Dec. 30 Wayne Adams
2443 Sunset Ln., York, PA 17408
- Dec. 30 Georgianne Eyster
230 Westmoreland St., Apt 227
Falls Church, VA 22043

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of October 31, 2022

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2022 YTD Receipts	\$333,745	\$24,253	\$41,293	\$399,291	\$99,758
Disbursements	\$338,013	\$36,500	\$68,188	\$442,701	
2022 Change in Fund Balance	\$(4,268)	\$(12,247)	\$(26,895)	\$43,410	
Prior Year's Balance	\$44,900	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$72,631	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$40,632	\$17,693	\$(29,104)	\$29,221	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$41,777	\$14,906	\$(34,938)	\$21,745	
This Month's Change	\$(1,145)	\$2,787	\$5,834	\$7,476	



YEAR END REPORTS from each **committee chair and staff member** must be in the Church Office by **December 26th** in order to have them prepared for the annual meeting on January 15, 2023. Please e-mail these to parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org Thank you!



CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room at 7pm on October 11, 2022.

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

Excused: Al Dickensheets, Donna Rinehart, Art Smith, and Lawrence Smyser

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Sally. Prayers offered up for Linda Shipman as she seeks to be ordained by the NALC. Request made to sign up for vacancies in Our Lord's Helpers.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Mike Brandt made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion 2nd by Rodney Smyser. 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 September 13, 2022. Motion 2nd by Rodney Smyser. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Written report was read by Pastor Paul. *Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.* - Psalm 111:1

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Donna Huckenberry

FINANCE – Rodney Smyser reviewed the Treasure's Finance Report. A suggestion was made to let the congregation know that if they wish to make an end of the year contribution, they can direct their giving toward the Building Fund to help cover the maintenance projects completed this year.

Next meeting – October 3, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – No representative currently on council.

Next meeting – January 17, 2023, at 6:30pm.

PROPERTY – Dave Grube shared that there are no major plans scheduled for next year. Additional handicap parking spaces have been added. Vector security cameras have been installed and signage placed by the driveway to alert the public.

Next meeting – December 13, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Monica Hostetler

FELLOWSHIP – Monica Hostetler shared that The Crull Family Band This Way Up will be performing for our Christmas party at noon on Sunday December 4, 2022. Dinner and dessert will be provided.

Next meeting – November 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm

WOMEN OF THE WORD – Next meeting – October 19, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Monica Hostetler shared that The Crop walk will be at Lake Codorus on Sunday, October 16th. The Fall Fest will be in Fellowship Hall from 4-7pm on Sunday, November 27th, and there will be food, games, Advent crafts, and activities. Next meeting – November 14, 2022, at 6:00pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Donna Huckenberry shared that there will be three students making First Communion in October.

Next meeting – November 7, 2022, at 7:00pm.

CYC – Plans for Malinda to begin interaction with the 3-year-old class to help with transition to the 4-year-old class next year.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

STEWARDSHIP – Pastor Sally shared that 8 stewardship books have been returned thus far. Next meeting – October 17, 2022, at 7:00pm.

OUTREACH – Brenda McCleary shared they are updating the Visitor's Bags. They are looking at a local alternative to Tunnel to Towers. Pastor Paul shared there is an organization out of Hanover that assist VETs with PTSD counseling. Next meeting – November 15, 2022, at 8:45am.

Men of Faith – Next meeting October 15, 2022, at 8:00am.

Member 2 Member – As needed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Meeting minutes reviewed. The Pastors shared that it was the first luncheon in 3 years and Randy Barshinger did a great job as chief cook.

Next meeting – November 15, 2022, at 9:30am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Brenda McCleary

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Roxanne Donnan shared the committee's recommendation for first service to kneel at the altar for communion during the Lent and Advent season and to stand for communion the rest of the year. Church council decided to table this suggestion and continue with kneeling for communion at first service at this time. The practice of kneeling at first service can be addressed at the Congregational Meeting.

Next meeting November 9, 2022, at 7pm.

Average Worship Attendance for September in person per Sunday = 137 and online = 106

OLD BUSINESS:

Potential Nominees to Church Council (Nominating Committee) – The exiting committee members identified 5 potential nominees with experience and 13 potential nominees without experience that they will approach for church council candidacy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Invitation to host Atlantic Mission Region Convocation October 2023. Pastor Sally shared that Donna Rinehart, and the Social Ministry are in favor of hosting the event. Mike Barndt made a motion for our church to host the Atlantic Mission Region Convocation next October and Rodney Smyser 2nd the motion. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

Pastor Sally shared that Wolf Church is looking for a car for a missionary. If anyone has a car that they are willing to donate, please let Pastor Sally know.

Church Council request that the Finance Committee share the recommended budget for 2023 by October 30, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

Fellowship Hall – Sat., November 19, 2022, 5pm-11pm – Girl Scout Service Unit 226 Dance, Lorna Myers, SU 226 Leader

Fellowship Hall & Kitchen – Sat., December 10, 2022, 11am-5pm – Graduation party for Emily Crites.

Motion made by Rodney Smyser to approve the request to utilize Fellowship Hall & Kitchen for the Girl Scout's Dance and Emily Crites' Graduation Party. Motion 2nd by Mike Barndt. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Transfers in: Keturah and Frederick (Rick) Pratt – October 9, 2022

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting: November 8, 2022, at 7:30pm – Start time is delayed due to the election.



PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of this writing, we are blessed to have received over \$1.35 million from 121 giving units representing about 192 members of Saint Paul! As of September 2022, we have approximately \$181,000 in unfulfilled commitments through 2023. Our current loan balance with interest is \$242,000. Assuming we continue to receive these pledged and unpledged amounts, we anticipate paying off this project in full by midyear 2024.

NAVE APPEAL UPDATE

As of this writing, we have received over \$52,000 from 27 giving units representing about 45 members of Saint Paul! As of September 2022, we have approximately \$19,350 in unfulfilled commitments through 2023. The total project cost was \$123,863 which means we are facing a short fall of approximately \$62,000.

As a reminder, if you would like to gift stock, bonds or IRA required minimum distributions (RMD) directly to the church, contact Al Dickensheets to set this up.

We appreciate your consideration in this important matter in the life of Saint Paul Lutheran Church. If you have questions, please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

Yours in Christ,

Ed Dunkleberger

Al Dickensheets

Lawrence Smyser

🎁 BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. LUKE 2:10

🙌🙌 So excited to tell you that 66 Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were collected and delivered (and this is not counting any that were sent online)!! Thank you to anyone and everyone who participated in this valuable ministry! It is a tangible expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child, their family, and community! Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Merry Christmas! **DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS! Psalm 96:3**
Connie Dunkleberger



WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

- Dec. 4** **Second Sunday in Advent**
First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12
- Dec. 11** **Third Sunday in Advent**
First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10
Second Lesson: James 5:7-11
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15
- Dec. 18** **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17
Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve**
First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-16
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25
- Dec. 25** **Christmas Day**
First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6(7-12)
Gospel: John 1:1-14(15-18)



Sympathy is extended to the families of Roxana Enterline and Rena Wilson. We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ Our Lord.



SPONSORSHIPS
ALTAR FLOWERS (\$40/wk)

Dec. 4	Deb Shue / DJ, Wyatt & Karsen Hax
Dec. 11	Cindy Renehan / Yeater Family
Dec. 18	Chuck & Janie Smyser
Dec. 24	Carl Smyser
Dec. 25	Sue Kinney

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Dec. 4	Bernice Bahn and family
Dec. 11	Ira Keech and family
Dec. 18	John Rebert
Dec. 24	Ken Worley
Dec. 25	Carl Smyser

BREAD & WINE (\$10/wk.)

Dec. 4	Richard & Mary Keller
Dec. 11	Ted & Norma Krebs
Dec. 18	Frank & Dirinda Minnich
Dec. 24	Gordon & Donna Huckenberry
Dec. 25	Gordon & Donna Huckenberry

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Dec. 4	Fake, Strausbaugh, Grube families
Dec. 11	Carl & Sandy Bender
Dec. 18	Brenda & Barry Shorts
Dec. 24	Charlotte Hoffman and family
Dec. 25	Brenda McCleary

PARISH MESSENGER

Geraldine Bahn / Ted & Norma Krebs

SANCTUARY LAMP

Bill Zerby

OPEN 2023 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 9:40 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 Class – This Class meets in the conference room next to the mailboxes. Currently studying The Magdeburg Confession.

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.

Chosen - Pastor Paul’s class meets in the parlor and this year will be looking at and discussing the excellent movie dramatization of the Gospels entitled *The Chosen*. You will learn much through our viewing and reviewing of this powerful film.

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 (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.

Join the Faith Building fun!



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, December 21, at 1:00 pm. We will continue our Bible study "*Experiencing Contagious Joy.*" Nadine Worley will lead us in "*A Reason for Rejoicing.*" We invite all ladies to join us for Bible study and fellowship. If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the study, please contact Barb Sloat.

MEN OF FAITH

Men's Group will meet on December 10 at 8 am. Our Men's Group is an excellent time of fellowship, discussion, and learning, as well as a good meal. This year we have been watching a lively teaching from Tony Evans entitled Kingdom Men Rising, an excellent series that explores the key role Christian Men can play in helping to support a healthier environment for the faith maturing of other Christian Men.

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

Join us on Wednesdays November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 at 12:15 pm, for a simple time of prayer, praise, and reflection on the Advent theme of light.



The Church Christmas party will be Sunday, December 4, at noon. Enjoy lunch and entertainment by The Crull Family This Way Up Band. We will serve lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs with salad and dessert. We hope you can join us!

PLEASE!
NOTE

In order to receive credit for your contributions, they must be received **no later than December 26th**. Thank you!



In Advent, there is a small Christmas tree in the narthex for monetary donations to the **Margaret Moul Home**. We are asking anyone who would like to make a donation to place your money or check (payable to Saint Paul Lutheran Church with a note "Margaret Moul Home" in the memo line) in a Christmas stocking and hang the stocking on the tree. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.



Children's Christmas Program

The children of the church will be putting on a simple presentation of the Christmas story on Sun., December 18 at the 10:45 am worship service. It is called "Joseph's Christmas Story." There will be rehearsal during Faith Builders on December 4 and 11. All boys and girls are invited to participate.

Daily Texts for 2023 are available on the table in the library area for \$10 each. They make a great Christmas gift!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to my church family for the phone calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers. Thank you to the Sound/Video volunteers which allowed me to "attend" church weekly from home. A special thank you to Pastor Paul and Sally for visiting and providing me with communion. Receiving these many acts of kindness brightened my days. God is Good!! Lesa Masemer

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Please pray for the people of Haiti and Andy Stump's ministry and music to the glory of God.

"And he said to them," The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Pray for the Sea Gypsies who are living in spiritual darkness and bondage. Pray that God will lead them to seek answers from believers and that their hearts may be open to receive the truth. Pray for more harvest workers to join Luke and Ruth to serve Jesus among the Sea Gypsy people. Additional scripture about prayer: 1 Thes. 5:16-18, Colossians 4:2-4



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING – DECEMBER 11

We will have pizza lunch after second service church, and then set out in groups. Any age can join the fun of bringing Christmas cheer to our loved ones!



We pray you have a joyous, Blessed Christmas and a happy, holy New Year!

Pastor Paul
Carol Frey
Malinda Grube

Pastor Sally
Carol Moscony

Jean Strine
Jack Hall



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Candlelight Service



**7:00 pm Festival of Christmas in Word
and Song with Candlelight**

**9:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service
with Holy Communion**

Prelude shortly before each service



CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25

ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 AM

Holy communion

and lots of Christmas Carols!

(No Faith Builders Sunday School that day)