

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

JANUARY 2023

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

O Come
Let us
Adore
Him



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The Parish Messenger is dedicated to the Glory of God...For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...Jeremiah 29:11 and in honor of Joshua, Erica, Noah, Caleb, Benjamin, Ethan, Ashley, Skylar, Charlie, Bailey, Linda, Devin, Rebecca, Barry, Sylvia, Corby, Candace, Chase, and Colton by Ed & Connie Dunklebarger

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Vice Pres.	David Grube	(23)
Secretary	Monica Hostetler	(22)
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Treasurer	Rodney Smyser	(22)
	Donna Huckenberry	(22)
	Brenda McCleary	(22)
	Mike Barndt	(23)
	Roxanne Donnan	(23)
	Erica Jones	(24)
	Art Smith	(24)
	Lawrence Smyser	(24)

Assist. Treasurers: Lawrence Kaetzel, Lawrence Smyser, Bob Yeater

Cemetery Caretaker: Terry Emig

Cemetery Board: Keith Bergey, Mike Eisenhart, Ira Keech, Dave Crowell



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the February newsletter need to be in the church office by **January 13, 2023.**

PASTORS' LETTER

“Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising, God said” Isaiah 60:3

I recently read a very nice article online from the Lutheran Witness, the magazine of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, entitled *Epiphany: the 'Other' Christmas* by Rev. Dr. John Bombaro. In the article, the author notes how the season of Epiphany compliments the Christmas season for, just as in Christmas, the birth of the Savior Jesus was announced and seen by the Jews, so in Epiphany did the Gentiles, in the form of the Wise Men, greet the Christ child only now about a year later. The Son of God humbled himself Bombaro also explains, for while earthly rulers often aspire to be seen as gods, the true Son of God came in the flesh to redeem humanity.

During the Epiphany season, we celebrate Christ appearing among us, we give thanks that he came in the flesh to forgive our sins, that he has joined our human journey and leads us along the way. We also recall that the mission of the church is far from completed, that among the most needy mission fields in the world is the United States where countless people know hardly anything about Jesus and have yet to experience the knowledge of His saving grace. As 2023 begins, let us resolve as a congregation that we will do all that we can to spread the news of our Savior's presence. Last month Pastor Sally and I led a service at a local nursing home to the residents there. It was impossible for us to learn much about their pasts, but I do know that they benefited from receiving God's word and sacrament, some for the first time in ages. May the God who leads us to the Christ child so lead us to others to tell the Good news of His presence among us, his redemption of us, and of his family the Church. Happy Epiphany season.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JANUARY

MIVO Foundation

MIVO'S mission, which is: *"to serve the people of Haiti by offering treatment options for Orthopedic problems. Consistent with a Christian faith, we believe these problems are physical, emotional, and spiritual illnesses. Through Christ-centered care, we integrate these aspects of life to enhance a path to recovery, offering hope from a biblical perspective."* This service is best exemplified through real life fact and example. With each passing year, the MIVO Foundation expands our reach as God expands our impact. We have been able to perform critically needed surgeries such as re-alignment and fixation of broken bones, as well as removal of infected hardware in patients' limbs, thus offering hope of returning to independent, productive lifestyles. By partnering with MIVO, you are truly helping to open the doors of possibility for future patients. Your gift is a tangible investment, which will enable us to maintain the clinic's operation year-round as well as help us to prepare for the expansions which God has sent before us. Thank you, too, for your prayers as MIVO strives to reach more and more people for Christ here in the United States and in Haiti.



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for January is **spice cupcakes with white frosting**. We need 30 dozen by 9 am on Friday, Jan. 20th. If you can contribute, please sign-up on the sheet in the library area, or call the church office. Thank you!



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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| Jan. | 1 | Janie Smyser, 5600 Pine Rd., Thomasville, PA 17364 |
| Jan. | 3 | Rodney Eisenhart
3018 Village Circle West York, PA 17404 |
| Jan. | 6 | Kay Adams
2443 Sunset Ln. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 14 | DeAnn Eisenhart
3018 Village Circle West York, PA 17404 |
| Jan | 14 | David Crowell
1348 Sterling Drive, York, PA 17404 |
| Jan. | 15 | Nadine Worley
70 South Alwine Ave. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 15 | Richard Keller
3599 Shaffers Church Rd. Seven Valleys, PA 17360 |
| Jan. | 18 | Jackie Witman
5115 Lincoln Hwy. W. Thomasville, PA 17364 |
| Jan. | 20 | Louise Frye
2921 E. Berlin Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 23 | Joyce Hall
3843 Old Joseph Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| Jan. | 28 | Zana Krout
50 Hunter Run Ct. Red Lion, PA 17356 |
| Jan. | 30 | Grace Leppo, 2101 Hershey Ct., York, PA 17404 |

Congratulations to the new Council Members: Barb Eisenhart, Eva Phillips, Sandy Patchel, Bob Yeater, and Terri Masemer (two-year term). We also wish to thank the outgoing members for their service: Monica Hostetler, Rodney Smyser, Donna Huckenberry, Brenda McCleary, and Art Smith.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Recap of Treasurer’s Report as of November 30, 2022

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2022 YTD Receipts	\$359,592	\$26,349	\$86,064	\$472,005	\$104,343
Disbursements	\$369,135	\$36,500	\$77,861	\$483,496	
2022 Change in Fund Balance	\$(9,543)	\$(10,151)	\$8,203	\$(11,491)	
Prior Year’s Balance	\$44,900	\$29,940	\$(2,209)	\$72,631	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$35,357	\$19,789	\$5,994	\$61,140	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$40,632	\$17,693	\$(29,104)	\$29,221	
This Month’s Change	\$(5,275)	\$2,096	\$35,098	\$31,919	

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on November 8, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

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

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul reflecting on Psalm 145.

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 October 11, 2022. Motion 2nd by Rodney Smyser. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Written report was read by Pastor Sally. We are reminded that we don't need to feel anxious for we have Christian fellowship and the word of God. Council and committee members are asked to reflect on how welcoming our ministries are and to brainstorm on how we can invite others into worship with us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets
FINANCE – Rodney Smyser reviewed the Treasure's Finance Report. Rodney Smyser motioned to approve the report and Mike Barndt 2nd the motion. Voice vote unanimously all in favor.

Lawrence Smyser reviewed the Finance Committee's meeting minutes. The surplus of funds collected for the bus trip (\$4711.82) will be used to reduce the balance of the nave renovations. \$25,000 from the endowment fund will be invested at Merrill Lynch. The 2023 proposed budget will be addressed later in the meeting with New Business. Next meeting – January 9, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Pastor Sally – nothing new to report since last meeting Next meeting – January 17, 2023, at 6:30pm.

PROPERTY – Dave Grube - nothing new to report since last meeting Next meeting – December 13, 2022, at 7:00pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Donna Rinehart

FELLOWSHIP – Monica Hostetler – nothing new to report since last meeting. Next meeting – November 21, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

WOMEN OF THE WORD – Next meeting – November 16, 2022, at 1:00pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Monica Hostetler – nothing new to report since last meeting. Reminder of plans for Family game and craft night on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Next meeting – November 14, 2022, at 6:00pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Written meeting minutes submitted. Pastor Sally shared prayers are needed for more little ones to attend Sunday school. Postcards are being mailed out to parents sharing our upcoming activities for the youth. Next meeting – December 5, 2022, at 7:00pm.

CYC – This will be Roxanne Donnan's last school year teaching.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube
STEWARDSHIP – Lawrence shared that the stewardship books have returned. Pastor Sally shared that talent sheets have also returned. Committees will be receiving contact information of members expressing interest in participating. Committee members are asked to reach out and follow up with those wishing to be more involved. Next meeting – January 16, 2022, at 7:00pm.

OUTREACH – Written minutes submitted by Brenda McCleary. Pastor Paul shared they will be working on plans for a new pictorial directory of our congregation. The Outreach committee is considering working with Hope for a Veteran instead of Tunnel to Towers next year. There is a Veteran outreach meeting on December 5, 2022, at 6:00pm. Contact Dave Grube or the Pastors if you are interested in joining the planning team. Next meeting – November 15, 2022, at 8:45am.

Men of Faith – Next meeting November 12, 2022, at 8:00am.

Member 2 Member – As needed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Donna Rinehart shared the social ministry served a funeral luncheon, made 150 scarves to be distributed to families at the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry, and will be sending cards to our shut ins. Next meeting – November 16, 2022, at 9:30am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Lawrence Smyser

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Roxanne Donnan - nothing new to report since last meeting. Next meeting November 9, 2022, at 7pm.

Average Worship Attendance for October in person per Sunday = 150 and online = 104

OLD BUSINESS:

Potential Nominees to Church Council: Bob Yeater, Barb Eisenhart, Sandy Patchel, Eva Phillips, Terry Masemer and/or Rodney Smyser

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and approve budget – Lawrence Smyser shared the proposed budget for 2023 and reviewed changes to the budget as noted in the Finance Committee’s minutes. Mike Barndt motioned to accept the proposed budget for 2023 and have it presented to the congregation for vote on Sunday, November 19, 2022. Rodney Smyser 2nd the motion. Voice vote unanimously all in favor.

Nave and Capital appeal update – Al Dickensheets shared that the Capital Appeal loan is on track to be paid off mid-year 2024. The Nave Fund currently has an unpledged short fall of \$62,000.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

Special Requests – No new request

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Death: Roxana Enterline – October 21, 2022

Funerals: Roxana Enterline – November 2, 2022

CALENDAR UPDATES: Next meeting: December 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm

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



SOUP EVENT

Like to make soup, taste soup, or do both? Join the Fellowship Committee on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at noon for our second Souper Sunday. You will taste soup and vote for your favorite. There will be a prize for the winner! You can join in the fun by making a soup or just come to taste. Sign up by January 29th in the narthex.



WORSHIP IN JANUARY

- Jan. 1** **First Sunday after Christmas**
First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-14
Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
- Jan. 8** **Baptism of Our Lord**
First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
- Jan. 15** **Second Sunday after Epiphany**
First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42a
- Jan. 22** **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25
- Jan. 29** **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50/wk)

Jan. 1	Gary & Dot Mann / Fred & Monica Hostetler
Jan. 8	Barb & Dean Eisenhart
Jan. 15	OPEN
Jan. 22	Keith & Robin Bergey
Jan. 29	Stephanie Keech

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

Jan. 1	Casey Saylor
Jan. 8	Deb Shue
Jan. 15	Joyce Smyser
Jan. 22	OPEN
Jan. 29	OPEN

BREAD & WINE (\$15/wk.)

Jan. 1	OPEN
Jan. 8	The Hax Family
Jan. 15	The Albright Family
Jan. 22	Keith & Robin Bergey
Jan. 29	Steph Keech & Family

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

Jan. 1	Carl & Sandy Bender
Jan. 8	Randy & Donna Barshinger
Jan. 15	Ira Keech
Jan. 22	Carl & Sandy Bender
Jan. 29	Randy & Donna Barshinger

PARISH MESSENGER

Ed & Connie Dunklebarger

SANCTUARY LAMP

OPEN

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!

Daily Texts for 2023 are available on the table in the library area for \$10 each.



We are so grateful for the generosity of the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church and the love they share with our neighbors around the world. May you experience the peace of the coming Christ this advent season. In gratitude, Emma Wagner, Lutheran World Relief

Dear members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Borderless Hope is grateful for the many opportunities and blessings we have had this year to the be hands, feet, and heart of our Jesus in the Dominican Republic. Your incredible love and support has made this possible. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of all the children, thank you all so much for your generosity and continued love and support to the be the Voice of Hope for the Voiceless. May God bless you in 2023! Sharon Soullier, Borderless Hope

Thank you to the Pastors and members of St. Paul for their visits, cards, phone calls and prayers during Roxana's long ordeal with Alzheimers. It was a difficult time watching her suffer with this disease. I know God was with us all the way. We appreciated all your support. Bill Enterline and Family



Congratulations to Ed and Connie Dunkleberger on the birth of their **FIRST** granddaughter, Bailey Grace Jump, born Sunday, November 27. Proud parents, Charlie and Skylar Jump, are doing well!



WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will meet for Bible study on Wednesday, January 18, at 1:00 pm. We will continue our Bible study "*Experiencing Contagious Joy*." Barb

Sloat will lead us in "*Our Hearts Rejoice in Him*". 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 Saturday, January 7, at 8:00 am. Join us for a good time of Fellowship, discussion, and study. After a delicious breakfast, we will watch session five of Tony Evan's Kingdom Men Rising entitled "Get Along." After the session, we informally discuss it and relate it to the appropriate Biblical texts. Please sign up, join us, and invite a friend if you wish!

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

We are having lunch together at Hoss's on January 8 after 2nd service. Join us for food and fellowship. We will do lunch again in February, and then start some outings in March. The schedule will be available next month!



Saint Paul will hold its annual meeting at

approximately 12:30 pm on **Sunday, January 15** in Fellowship Hall. Remember, our constitution requires us to hold an annual meeting and we need your attendance to make quorum, without which no business can be conducted, so please plan to attend. **We will have a potluck lunch starting at noon. Please sign the list in the library to indicate what you will bring.** The annual reports will be available in the narthex on Sunday, January 8.



Book Club

We will be meeting on Thursday, January 19, at 1:00 pm, to discuss “The Women of the Bible Speak”, by Shannon Bream. We will cover the first half of the book this month and the second half in April.

BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 am for our Bible Study on Saint Paul’s letter to the Philippians. This engaging study will inspire us and enrich our faith and understanding of this beloved letter. We will be meeting in the mornings only every Wednesday from 10-11 am, meeting both live at church, and over Zoom simultaneously. The study begins on January 4 and will go through February 15. On February 22, we will begin a new study for Lent.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

We pray for a speedy recovery for our recently hospitalized members: Gerry Brown, Rod Sloat, Joyce McCoury, Grace Leppo, and Carolyn Grove.



Please call the church office if you or a loved one are in the hospital, we do not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation’s name, and we want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!



CARE PACKAGES SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

The Youth and Family committee will once again be spreading some love to our college students studying local and a far. These care packages provide a taste of home and are always a highlight for the students. This year, we will be sending approximately 15 care packages. We will be accepting donations of the following items: school supplies and home baked cookies would be greatly appreciated. Items donated must be in the INDIVIDUAL FORM: hot cocoa packets, snack bags of pretzels, crackers, popcorn, life savers, gum, wrapped candy, soup packets. Also, pens, highlighters, post-it notes, erasers, and tissues. A box for donations will be placed near the coatroom in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, January 8. You may also place labeled monetary donations in the offering plates to offset the cost of shipping. Care packages will be assembled following second service on Sunday, January 22, and lunch will be provided for youth that come to help with this project.