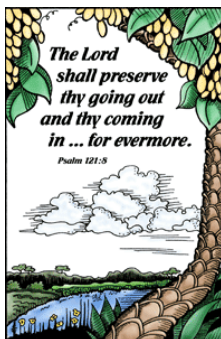


SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

MAY 2023

In the name of Jesus Christ,
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the June newsletter need to be in the church office by **May 15.**

PASTOR'S LETTER

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" - John 20:28

All of us know the story of the doubting Thomas of course. Sometimes poor old Thomas gets an extra bad rap for the skepticism which seems to have been so evident in his failure to believe that the other disciples had seen the Risen Lord. When Thomas confronted with that same Lord finally gets it and says, "My Lord and My God," he has a change of heart, and we can be confident he means it. After all we never hear again in the history of the early church that Thomas failed the Lord, although he was not perfect, he took the same road of suffering and faithfulness even unto death that the other Apostles did, ending his life as a martyr for the Lord in India, where he is still very much remembered to this day.

Indeed, Thomas' simple confession of faith is not impersonal, not some academic reflection on the reality of Christ being alive again, for Thomas uses the more personal term "my." By that word we know that Thomas was not just acknowledging the Lord's presence, he was renewing the faith relationship he had with the Lord before, only now he and the others were finally getting the fact that Jesus was both the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

In each of our daily lives we are called upon to remember that "Jesus is my Lord," but also "Jesus is our Lord." We have a personal relationship with Jesus but also a very shared relationship with him. Indeed, often the two complement each other as at those times when we pray that Jesus will strengthen our faith that we might be a better witness to others. This "my, our" aspect of faith helps us to avoid too much spiritual pride while helping us to go forward together in faith and mission. No two of our callings in life is exactly alike, but hopefully they can complement each other to further the work of God's Kingdom. May each of us use our gifts to God's glory, joyfully sharing the news of His victory to those we encounter. Amen.

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!

BIBLE STUDY



We will be meeting at 10:00 am on the first three Wednesdays in May; the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. This course will be based on the seminar the Pastor's just attended at the Cove in North Carolina and is titled, "The Power of Prayer: How to Hear the Voice of God."

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Women of the Word will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17th at 1:00 pm. We are continuing our Bible Study on "*Adventurous Prayer*". Nadine Worley will be leading this month's study titled "*Count It All Joy*". We invite the women of our congregation to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Join us on Monday May 15th for a fun visit to Gettysburg. We will be hosted by Saint Paul member Codie Eash Director of Education and Museum Operations Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center. We will tour the museum and explore the battlefield significance of the seminary campus. We will leave church at 8 am and return after lunch (around 2 pm) The cost is \$7 for seniors and \$8 for others, plus lunch. Sign up and money due by May 7th.



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
2400 Kingston Court, York, PA 17402
- May 17 Dirinda Minnich
3217 Honey Run Drive, York, PA 17408
- May 19 Deb Smyser
396 Old Hanover Rd. Spring Grove, PA 17362
- May 27 Donna Huckenberg
4197 Palmer Ave. York, Pa 17408
- May 30 Barbara Eisenhart
5072 Hickory View Dr. Spring Grove, PA 17362

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the congregation for all their prayers, cards, and words of support after dad went to be home with the Lord last month. We are so blessed to have such a caring and loving community of believers here at Saint Paul. We are so thankful for his life on this earth and his dedication to the church during his lifetime. We believe we all have an example to look to in our Christian walk. Lucinda, Lynette, Lawrence, and families

Thank you to all of our friends and family for their support, thoughts, prayers, hugs and love following our surgery. Rodney is doing well and is "finally" done with his therapy. I had my first procedure done but will need more treatments in the coming months. Thank you for all the cards and encouraging words the past few weeks. A "special" thank you to Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally for their phone calls, visits, and prayers. May God continue to strengthen them in their ministry to our congregation and our God. Joyce and Rodney Smyser

Thank you to the highway clean-up crew. Our numbers are getting smaller but somehow, we still manage to get the job done. Anyone interested in joining the team can contact Sue Brindle.

Thank you to Joyce Hall and Lyn Greco for the beautiful pall they made to cover the cremains at funeral services. Now we have a large pall for the caskets and one for urns or other burial containers. Palls are used to remind us of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, we are covered with his love and mercy unto eternal life.

Dear Friends at Saint Paul – Thank you for the care package! Snacks go a long way when cramming for an exam or writing a research paper. I needed more pens & sticky notes so that was perfect! Cassidy Patchel

Dear Saint Paul's Church – Thank you so much for the care package! I loved all the yummy treats and snacks! The school materials also came in handy and saved me from trouble. Thank you so much. Luke Patchel

TREASURER'S REPORT
Recap of Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2023 YTD Receipts	\$103,975	\$9,443	\$14,830	\$128,248	\$57,880
Disbursements	\$107,791	\$11,880	\$12,184	\$131,855	
2023 Change in Fund Balance	\$(3,816)	\$(2,437)	\$2,646	\$(3,607)	
Prior Year's Balance	\$43,028	\$18,084	\$7,638	\$68,750	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$39,212	\$15,647	\$10,284	\$65,143	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$43,291	\$20,469	\$10,443	\$74,203	
This Month's Change	\$(4,079)	\$(4,822)	\$(159)	\$(9,060)	

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on March 14, 2023, at 7pm.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Barb Eisenhart, Donna Rinehart, Sandy Patchel, Mike Barndt, Terri Masemer, Bob Yeater, Eva Philips, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Lawrence Smyser and Dave Grube

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Sandy Patchel 2nd by Barb Eisenhart. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the Church Council meeting minutes from February 14, 2023, was made by Mike Barndt 2nd by Roxanne Donnan. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Sally reflecting on Isaiah 66:18.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

FINANCE – Al Dickensheets reviewed the Monthly Income & Expense Report for February. Motion to accept Finance committee report made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Barb Eisenhart.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Because no interest has been shown for the teaching position, a job description has been posted on Indeed for the public to see. A member of the congregation offered to take the position if no other applicant is found.

PROPERTY – Upcoming projects: 1. A paint job is needed to cover moisture stains in the bathrooms of the CYC. 2. The windows outside of the Nave and Fellowship Hall need to be caulked on the outside. 3. The kitchen roof needs to be redone; it is predicted to cost around \$19,000. This is something that could be completed this year. Plans for 2025: replace CYC roof (decision needs to be made on a peaked or flat roof) and parking lot. On April 1st, the committee will be picking up sticks and trimming the grass where outdoor services will be taking place. A make-up date is scheduled for April 8th in case of bad weather.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Donna Reinhart

FELLOWSHIP – Next meeting April 3, 1:00 pm

Women of the Word – Next Meeting – March 15, 1:00 pm

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Pastor Sally reported that the committee is preparing for the Easter egg hunt. They will be making magnets again this year instead of balloons. The Women's retreat took place on March 10th and received the best attendance yet. Next Meeting – April 10, 6:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Next meeting April 10, 7:00 pm.

CYC - Continuing to receive signups for the 3's and 4's

classes. There are still no applicants for the teaching position.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Terri Masemer

STEWARDSHIP – Next meeting April 24 7:00 pm

OUTREACH – Working on getting a picture directory started.

Joyce Hall will be taking pictures with assistance from Joe Jones. The committee suggested offering pictures on Easter Sunday. Next Meeting – March 21, 8:45 am.

Men of Faith - Meeting May 13, 8:00 am.

Veteran's Outreach: Committee decided not to use the Rail Trail, they will instead plan two routes around the church.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Luncheon for members over 70 scheduled for the Wednesday of Holy Week. The committee will be making cards for shut-ins during their next meeting on March 21 at 9:30 am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Roxanne Donnan

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Caroling event Sunday, April 16 at Spirit Trust. Pastor Keefer's ordination anniversary of 55 years will be celebrated June 25 at 1st service.

Roxanne Donnan made a motion to approve \$13,242 to be taken from the Organ Fund to cover organ repairs, 2nd by Donna Reinhart. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.

Next Meeting – April 12, 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: LWR – Turkey Earthquake - Video will be played to raise awareness and encourage members to donate to the cause.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES: AA and Girl Scouts continue use of facilities

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Deaths: Elaine Smyser, February 8, 2023;

Tom Davidson, February 20, 2023; Bernice Beal, February 27, 2023.

Funerals: Elaine Smyser, February 18, 2023; Tom Davidson, March 1, 2023; Bernice Beal, March 6, 2023.

Transfer from Saint Paul: Turnbaugh family (Rocky, Sara, Kaia, Asher and Aila), February 28, 2023

Weddings: Eric Hostetler & Tiffany Jones, Saturday, October 21, 2023

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Next meeting April 11 @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike Barndt and 2nd by Terri Masemer.

LORD'S PRAYER



OUR DAILY BREAD

Our dessert for May is carrot cake cupcakes with white frosting. We need 30 doz. by 9:00 am Friday, May 19th. If you can make some cupcakes, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



WORSHIP IN MAY

- May 7** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 6: 1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: John 14: 1-14
- May 14** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel: John 14:15-21
- May 18** **Ascension of Our Lord**
First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23
Gospel: Luke 24:44-53
- May 21** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26
Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-11
- May 28** **Day of Pentecost**
First Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30
Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Gospel: John 7: 37-39

Ascension Day worship service will be held on May 18, at 7:00 pm, and we will have ice cream after the service. We will be outside, weather permitting. **Bring a lawn chair if you can.**

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50/wk)

May 7 OPEN
May 14 Faye Nace /Jack & Joyce Hall
May 21 John & Esther Jacobs
May 28 OPEN

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

May 7 Gary & Dot Mann
May 14 Mike & Marguerite Keller
May 21 John & Esther Jacobs
May 28 Keith Bergey

BREAD & WINE (\$15/wk.)

May 7 OPEN
May 14 Ira Keech
May 21 Donnie & Diana Fake
May 28 Faye Nace

MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk.)

May 7 OPEN
May 14 Charles Smyser
May 21 Richard & Mary Keller
May 28 Keith Bergey

PARISH MESSENGER

Lawrence Smyser

SANCTUARY LAMP

Ted & Norma Krebs



BOOK CLUB

Join us on Thursday, May 18, at 1:00 pm, when we will discuss a book entitled, "They Were Christians," by Cristobal Krusan.



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. During the Easter season, Pastor Dan Biles and Larry Rinehart will co-teach a six-week course on the Resurrection.

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 reviewing of this powerful film.

For the Young People:

Grades 9-12 are meeting in the youth room at the end of the hall for Common Threads – see how scripture weaves into your daily walk.

Grades 7 and 8 meet in the small Conference room for Confirmation class.

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!



PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

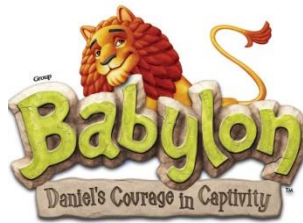
Continue in prayer for the people of Haiti and for the ongoing ministry of Andy Stump. May the Lord's comfort, courage, and guidance be Andy's

daily experience.

Join with Luke and Ruth in prayers for God's working in their Sea Gypsy community in the Philippines as they move ahead with the construction of the envisioned community center and office. Pray that God will use the construction process as a blessing to the community.

MEN OF FAITH

Our next Men of Faith meeting will be on Saturday, May 13. We will enjoy an egg casserole breakfast with side dishes and then have our last session of the popular "Kingdom Men Rising," by Dr. Tony Evans. The men are, as well as everyone else, invited to our trip to Gettysburg on May 15th. Invite a friend along if you wish. Sign up list is in the library, please let us know you are coming if you can.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For children ages: 3 – 12

Dates: June 25 – June 29, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Registration forms are available on Saint Paul Church'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, 2023.



CENTER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN PRESCHOOL (CYC)

CYC preschool is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year for both the 3 and 4-year-old classes. Children need to be either 3 or 4 by September 1st. The registration fee, first month's tuition and forms are due at the time of enrollment to ensure your child's placement. To register your child, contact Malinda Grube at: cycdirector@saintpaultrinity.org.

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 \$150/month, and for the 4's is \$325/month - both with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$25 before May 1st and \$50 after May 1st.



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



Join us for a fun time around the campfire in the back yard on Fri., May 5 at 6:00 pm! We will enjoy hot dogs, walking tacos, chips, watermelon and smores AND devotions, singing, basketball and/or yard games. Please sign up on the sheet in the library area, or email: parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org, by **May 1st**.



Outdoor worship for the second service is scheduled four (4) times this summer. The first Sunday of the month in June (4th), July (2nd), August (6th) and September (3rd). There will be a sign-up sheet for helpers to set up and take down the equipment.

SCHOLARSHIP Applications are now being accepted for the church scholarship fund. Please see the packets in the library for information regarding qualifications for consideration. All applications are due by **May 28th**. Interviews will be held in June.

Our well-equipped kitchen is a real blessing to Saint Paul Lutheran! Social Ministry and Fellowship committees recently cleaned and organized the kitchen, labeling the drawers and cabinets.

Please take the time to return items to the proper place after you use anything. It makes work in the kitchen go much smoother if we can find what we need. Also, all paper products should be stored in the plastic bins in the pantry. Do not leave leftovers in the refrigerator. No one knows if they can be used or should be discarded. Help us keep the kitchen clean and organized!

RECIPES FROM THE SPRING COMMUNION LUNCHEON

Ham Loaf

2 lb ham loaf mix (Faye buys from Nell's butcher)

1 c. Bread crumbs

1 egg

1 tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

1 cup milk

Mix all and shape into loaf, dust with flour and place in roasting pan. Bake at 350 for 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. at 1/2 hr. Before the loaf is done, pour sauce over the loaf.

Sauce

3/4 c brown sugar

1 tsp dry mustard

1/2 c water

1/3 c cider vinegar

Mix and bring to a boil before pouring over the ham loaf.

Scalloped Potatoes

Melt 2 Tbsp butter

Stir in 1 Tbsp flour

Slowly add 1 1/2 c. Milk

Cook and stir over low heat until thickened. Season with salt and pepper.

Put in a buttered baking dish

4 golden potatoes, sliced thin

Pour sauce over the top.

Bake at 350 until potatoes are tender (about 1 1/4 hrs)

Serves 4-6.

SERVANTS MINISTRY

If anyone is interested, **Servants Ministry in York** has three workcamps scheduled this summer. We have often sent groups in the past. If you want to organize a group from church or just volunteer individually, here are the dates and locations.

June 4, 5:00 PM – June 9, 5:00 PM

Chapel Church, 3050 Cape Horn Rd, Red Lion, PA 17356

June 25, 5:00 PM – June 30, 5:00 PM

Zion UMC, 1030 Carlisle Rd, York, PA 17404

July 23, 5:00 PM – July 28, 5:00 PM

Starview UCC, 4832 N Sherman St Ext, Mt Wolf, PA 17347

THE CORPORAL LUKE RUNYAN MEMORIAL WALK



Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 250 Trinity Rd, York PA, is sponsoring a community walk on **Saturday, June 17** to raise funds and awareness for PTSD treatments for our local veterans. All money raised will be given to “For the Love of a Veteran” organization to help cover costs of veteran PTSD treatments.

A brief opening ceremony will begin at **9:00 am** with the walk to follow.

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 7 times around the church’s extensive grounds and will be 5K in length. Drinks and snacks provided.

Suggested Donation: \$30 for adults, \$10 for veterans and other frontline, and children under 18.

If paying by check, it should be written out to: “Saint Paul Lutheran Church.” 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 28. A donation must be made to receive a t-shirt.

(Early pick up for t-shirts at Saint Paul –
Friday, June 16, from 4:00 -6:00 PM)

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



Scan for event website
and to register online