

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

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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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President	Al Dickensheets	(24)
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	Donna Rinehart	(23)
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	Terri Masemer	(24)
	Barbara Eisenhart	(25)
	Sandy Patchel	(25)
	Bob Yeater	(25)

Assist. Treasurers: Larry Kaetzel, Bob Yeater

Cemetery Caretaker: Terry Emig

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the August newsletter
need to be in the church office by **July 17.**

PASTOR'S LETTER

⁹You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. - Psalm 65:9-10

Our recent drought conditions cause us to recall how abundantly we are normally blessed with water. York and Adams County have a total population of around 550,000, more than half a million who need water to function each day. On top of this, we are a rich agricultural area with multiple crops that need water. Then there is the need for water in running industrial processes. All these demands on our water supply remind us that we operate from a situation of vast abundance, we are very blessed indeed.

Knowing that we have been abundantly blessed with water for so many essential and non-essential needs we have offered our prayers for rain to end the recent drought in a spirit not just of want but also of thanksgiving and it seems as though our prayers are being answered as we experience good rains. We also thank God for cooler temperatures that have kept the demand for water somewhat down, we thank God for reservoirs that store water, we thank God for abundant rain elsewhere that means we can get food shipped in from other areas, we thank God for those crops planted that need less water, and for these things which go into dormancy when subject to drought conditions. But then we also pray for rain for parched crops throughout the world, for water for everyday need in lands close and far away, for farmers in need of rain. In this way we do not take for granted either the blessings we receive or the needs that many around the world have. May God bless us with quenching rains and keep us thankful for all our blessings.

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JULY Lutheran Disaster Assistance

Recently we voted to affiliate with the North American Lutheran Church. (NALC) One of the opportunities we have through this association is to support their work in areas such as Disaster Relief. The NALC has a Disaster Response Fund which provides resources to:

- respond rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur
- alleviate human suffering
- provide transitional assistance
- enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process

The NALC's Disaster Response Coordinator administers the use of the fund, working cooperatively with and through local NALC congregations and members, as well as other compatible disaster relief organizations such as LCMS Disaster Response. They also have opportunities throughout the year to put together **Disaster Care Kits which include** flood buckets, health kits, school kits, blankets, quilts, Bibles, and gifts cards (Home Depot, Lowe's, Walmart). NALC Disaster Kits can include items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, religious symbols, messages, or your group's name. We will let you know the next time they have a local collection for these items. In the meantime, please give your monetary donations through Saint Paul and mark it "NALC Disaster," or use the envelope provided in your packet.

Welcome New Members!

Howard and Earlene Kemnitz, 1093 Countryside Road, Seven Valleys, PA 17360. They are joining us from Bethel Lutheran Church in Winchester, Virginia.

If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with Pastor Paul or Pastor Sally.



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
863 Blossom Dr., 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 | 27 | Allen Dickensheets
3393 Indian Rock Dam Road, York, PA 17408 |
| July | 28 | David Shaffer
147 Lark Circle York, PA 17404 |
| July | 30 | Charles Frey, Jr.
204 Melinda Dr., York, PA 17408 |



Congratulations and God's blessings to Jessica and Herman Frome on the birth of their daughter, Mabel Rose, on June 19th! Mabel is the granddaughter of Larry and Becci Stair, and great granddaughter of Joyce and Richard McCoury. Thanks be to God for the gift of life!

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

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2023 YTD Receipts	\$168,370	\$16,272	\$23,964	\$208,606	\$75,438
Disbursements	\$179,939	\$11,500	\$37,147	\$228,586	
2023 Change in Fund Balance	\$(11,569)	\$4,772	\$(13,183)	\$(19,980)	
Prior Year's Balance	\$43,028	\$18,084	\$7,638	\$68,750	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$31,459	\$22,856	\$(5,545)	\$48,770	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$31,179	\$20,567	\$12,497	\$70,243	
This Month's Change	\$(5,720)	\$2,289	\$(18,042)	\$(21,473)	

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on May 9, 2023, at 7pm.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Dave Grube, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Donna Rinehart, Lawrence Smyser, Barb Eisenhart, Bob Yeater, Eva Phillips, Sandy Patchel, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Mike Barndt, Terri Masemer

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul reflecting on Psalm 146:9

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Lawrence Smyser and 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the April 11th church council meeting minutes was made by Barb Eisenhart and 2nd by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Sally.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Barb Eisenhart.

FINANCE – Motion to accept the treasurers report made by Lawrence Smyser and 2nd by Barb Eisenhart. Carl Smyser had a life insurance policy with the church being the beneficiary. Carl requested money go into the endowment fund. When the check is received, \$50,000 will be invested and placed into the endowment fund. Next meeting is July 10, 7:00 pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Dr. Cindy Renehan has accepted the CYC position and will be the new 3's teacher.

PROPERTY – Committee is keeping up with mowing the grass and weed-whacking the bank. Next meeting is June 13, 6:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Bob Yeater

FELLOWSHIP – Next meeting June 12, 7:00 pm
Women of the word – Next meeting May 17, 1:00 pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Next bonfire is July 7th with a performance by the Emigsville Band. The committee rented a pavilion at Pinchot Park for August 6th. There will also be a

youth day at the food pantry over the summer if enough youth volunteer. Next meeting is June 12, 6:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – The teaching position for the 3's has been filled. There are currently seven 3's and eleven 4's registered for the fall. Next meeting June 12, 7:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Sandy Patchel

STEWARDSHIP – Next meeting July 24, 7:00 pm.

OUTREACH – Next meeting May 16, 8:45 am.

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

Member2Member – As Needed

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Next meeting July 18, 9:00 am

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Motion to purchase seven bells using monies from the choir robe fund and Memorial fund made by Roxanne Donnan and 2nd by Lawrence Smyser. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor. Next meeting is May 10, 7:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LWR Turkey House – Council will wait one more month to collect more donations.
2. October NALC meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Western Mission District June meeting – The Keepers have volunteered to attend to represent the congregation.
2. Hiring New Preschool Teacher

3. NALC Annual Meeting: August 9th-11th in Oklahoma City. We have the opportunity to send 2 lay people (The church will most likely have to cover their travel costs)

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

AA and Girl Scouts continue use of facilities.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

New Members: Earline and Howard Kemnitz June 4, 2023

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

CALENDAR UPDATES: Next meeting: June 13, @ 7pm



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!



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 with a trip on Friday, September 8, to Old Bedford Village. On October 6th, we will be going to Jim Thorpe and riding the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway. Sign up by July 31 for both trips. Railway tickets need to be purchased in advance.

Beautiful Stained-Glass Windows

We invite you to join the Lutheran Theology class for a six-week exploration into the themes and beauty of our stained-glass windows. We meet in the conference room and plan to start mid-July going to Labor Day. Bring your Saint Paul Lutheran Church 1962-2013 history of the church if you have one, or pick up a free copy in the church office.



WORSHIP IN JULY

- July 2** **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Second Lesson: Romans 7:1-13
Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42
- July 9** **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12
Second Lesson: Romans 7:14-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30
- July 16** **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13
Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-19,18-23
- July 23** **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8
Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43
- July 30** **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50/wk)

July 2	OPEN
July 9	Pastors / OPEN
July 16	Geraldine Bahn / OPEN
July 23	Wayne Adams / OPEN
July 30	Dean Eisenhart

BULLETIN (\$20/wk)

July 2	OPEN
July 9	John & Esther Jacobs
July 16	OPEN
July 23	OPEN
July 30	Pat Eisenhart

BREAD & WINE (\$15/wk)

July 2	Doug & Lesa Masemer
July 9	Mike & Marguerite Keller
July 16	OPEN
July 23	Richard & Mary Keller
July 30	Ted & Norma Krebs

MAILING (\$10/wk)

July 2	Deb Shue
July 9	Deb Shue
July 16	OPEN
July 23	Mike & Marguerite Keller
July 30	Dot & Gary Mann

PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)

Carl Smyser Family

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



Two youth and family events to put on your calendar. We will be working at the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry on July 19 from 11:15 am to 2 pm, and we will have a Family Fun Day at Pinchot Park on August 6th from 12:30-4:30 pm. The Youth and family committee will be providing fried chicken, paper products and drinks and we are asking those who attend to bring a side dish. (Please sign up by July 23.) Look for more information in the coming weeks.



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. We are currently studying hope, the Resurrection and Heaven with *Surprised by Hope* by N. T. Wright. Pastor Biles and Larry Rinehart are leading this study with plenty of time for discussion.

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.

Ends of the Earth – Pastor Paul’s class meets in the parlor and this summer is looking at and discussing the excellent fast-paced series, “Ends of the Earth,” a historical road trip of important sites in Acts, the Epistles, and the early church.

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.



Book club will meet again in September! Our Book Club is reading: *Undaunted: "One Man's Real-Life Journey from Unspeakable Memories to Unbelievable Grace,"* by Josh McDowell and Cristobal Krusen. We will meet on September 21 at 1:00 pm. Join us for a lively discussion.



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 \$50.

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES



Philippines - Praise the Lord with Luke and Ruth for the initial completion of the community center. Pray that the facility will be a good meeting place for community members and that the gospel may grow and bear everlasting fruit. Join with Ruth in prayers that the Sea Gypsy Scripture translation team will work well together. Continue prayers for homeschooling success for the family and a person to help with homeschooling the five children.

Haiti - From Andy Stump: "I pay attention to prayers that I hear people pray. Sometimes in the quickening pace of American life, our prayers of Thanksgiving last only a few phrases. However, I often hear people in Haiti praying thankful prayers that go on and on. You would think the wealthier society would have the longer thanksgiving list. It is proof that it is not about what you possess. It is the kind of heart you have as you live life. The thankful heart honors God.

How thankful are we, really? Take some time to thank God, and don't skip the details. There is nothing too small to note...remember, water, air, gravity, light, language, teaching."



Looking ahead: We have a BIG upcoming project – FEED THE HUNGER PACKATHON

When: Sat., September 30, 2023

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

Thank you for your help and continued support of Our Daily Bread with your donation of \$650. We greatly appreciate your generosity as together we continue to help the poor of York. Your help allowed us to serve more than 3,600 meals in March. Together we will make this Spring a bit easier for those in need. Paula Koch, Our Daily Bread

🎵🎵 A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the children who served the Lord with their voices in song during both early and late services in the past months. These singers are very fun to sing with during our time in the educational hour, such enthusiasm should be bottled up!! Please pray over these children and their love of singing for the Lord as we move forward. Also, my heartfelt thanks are extended to all the parents who supported our little singers. Blessings to each one of you, Connie D. 🎵

Pastors, Staff & Congregation: **Thank you so much** for the lovely gift and outpouring of love and support you have given me throughout my time here at the church! Allison Hostetler

Borderless Hope has 220 students registered for 2023-24 and had 15 students graduate this year. From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of all our sponsored children, **thank you** all for being the voice of HOPE for the voiceless in Barahona, Dominican Republic! Many blessings, Sharon Soullier

Thank you for being such compassionate and generous people! Your gift of \$884, as a result of your Mystery Dinner, makes it obvious that you put in a lot of work! Thank you for believing in the worth of everyone in our shared community. Best regards, Averie Clark, Bell Socialization Services



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.

Join us for a fun time in the backyard on Fri., July 7, at 6:00 pm! We will enjoy sandwiches, chips, watermelon, devotions, and yard games. The Emigsville Band will also perform for us at 7 pm! (Our very own Carl Bender is a member of the band!) Please sign up on the sheet in the library area, or email:

parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org, by July 2nd. **After the concert we will have a variety of ice cream treats. (No campfire this time due to dry weather.) Invite a friend and spread the word, we want a great turnout for this special event!**

