



**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PARISH MESSENGER**

**JUNE 2023**

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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In loving memory of Delores and Carl Smyser  
by the family

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### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Articles for the July newsletter need to be in the church office by **June 15**.

## PASTOR'S LETTER

**Colossians 2:6-7** <sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

This month we begin the long season of Pentecost. It is interesting that this season is marked by the color green which signifies growth. That seems quite appropriate when we look at the world around us. The trees and crops and flowers are growing, and we are so blessed to benefit from the fruit of the earth. If you know anything about gardening, you know that the plants need good roots to survive, especially if conditions become harsh, the roots shoot down and look for moisture and nourishment to survive.

We should never forget that this is also designed as a time of growth for the church. Actually, there is never a time when we are not encouraged to grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God, but it is especially important to remember that summertime is not a break time for the church.

We never go on vacation from the word of God, our church life continues to be vibrant all summer long. Not only do we continue our excellent Sunday School program throughout the summer, but we have Vacation Bible School which offers a program for adults as well as the pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children's program.

At worship, we will be examining many different aspects of Jesus' earthly ministry and we will be seeking to learn from our Lord what he is calling us to in this life. Worship and the study of God's word keep us rooted in this ever changing and fast paced world. The longer days and the abundant outdoor opportunities can be refreshing but they can also be a distraction from that which is essential.

Stay rooted this summer, so that you can live in Christ, overflowing with thanksgiving for all that God has done for us as he has provided for us not only in this life, but in the life to come. Thanks be to God!

## SPECIAL APPEAL FOR JUNE - SHALLOW WELLS

Once again, we are supporting the Shallow Wells Project to support the construction of wells in Tanzania and other African regions. To make a donation, use an envelope and include your name and "water" on it and place it in the offering plate. To receive credit on your giving statement, please make checks payable to "Saint Paul Lutheran Church." Thanks for your support of this worthy cause.



**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 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:30. Look for more information in the coming weeks.



**Social Ministry sponsors a Warm Scarves ministry each Fall.** Scarves are distributed through Harvest of Hope Food Pantry at Thanksgiving. We have been able to give around 100 scarves each year. With each is a bible verse and an invitation to worship with us. Please donate yarn, a purchased scarf, or

make a simple scarf. 6" by 36" is a good size but can be larger or smaller. There is yarn available for knitting or crocheting. Contact Donna Rinehart for more information.

## OUR DAILY BREAD



Our dessert for June is oatmeal coconut cookies. Three cookies per bag. We need 360 bags by 9:00 am, Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you can make some cookies, please sign the sheet in the library area. Thank you!



**OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is an **important outreach** to anyone in pain, hospitalized, convalescing or just in need of some loving attention. We need more shawls to add to our supply. Please consider making a prayer shawl or donating yarn. Patterns are available, contact Donna Rinehart for more information.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY 70 +**

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| June | 14 | John Rebert<br>2124 Twin Brooks Dr. York, PA 17408                      |
| June | 15 | William H. Myers<br>3377 Fox Run Road, Apt. 411, Dover, PA<br>17315     |
| June | 18 | Marsha Kindig<br>1688 Martin Rd. Spring Grove, PA 17362                 |
| June | 21 | Mary Lou Hubler<br>4976 Walters Hatchery Rd., Spring Grove,<br>PA 17362 |
| June | 22 | Joy Baublitz<br>1905 Susquehanna Trail, York, PA 17404                  |
| June | 25 | Larry Kaetzel<br>86 Dolomite Drive, York, PA 17408                      |
| June | 27 | Gordon Huckenberry<br>4197 Palmer Ave., York, PA 17408                  |
| June | 28 | Luther Falkenstein<br>48 West Highland Ave., Spring Grove, PA<br>17362  |
| June | 28 | Peggy Shaffer<br>147 Lark Circle, York, PA 17404                        |

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Recap of Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2023**

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Bene.</b>	<b>Bldg Maint.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Capital Fund</b>
<b>2023 YTD Receipts</b>	\$142,767	\$13,983	\$19,884	\$176,634	\$71,239
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$148,616	\$11,500	\$15,025	\$175,141	
<b>2023 Change in Fund Balance</b>	\$(5,849)	\$2,483	\$4,859	\$1,493	
<b>Prior Year's Balance</b>	\$43,028	\$18,084	\$7,638	\$68,750	
<b>Accumulated Fund Balance</b>	\$37,179	\$20,567	\$12,497	\$70,243	
<b>Fund Balance Last Month</b>	\$39,212	\$15,647	\$10,284	\$65,143	
<b>This Month's Change</b>	\$(2,033)	\$4,920	\$2,213	\$5,100	

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on April 11, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

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

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Led by Pastor Sally reflecting on Psalm 66 and Acts 2:42-47

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike Barndt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eva Phillips.

**MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING:** Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Barndt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Grube. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor.

**PASTORS' REPORT:** Presented by Pastor Paul.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Barb Eisenhart

FINANCE – Motion to accept the finance committee report made by Barb Eisenhart and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eva Phillips. Voice vote was unanimously all in favor. Next meeting April 24, 7:00 pm.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Continuing the search for a preschool teacher. Next Meeting April 25, 6:30 pm.

PROPERTY – New roof was installed above the kitchen. Next meeting June 13, 6:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Eva Phillips

FELLOWSHIP – Easter breakfast was successful with an estimated 176 in attendance. Next meeting April 19 1:00 pm.

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Easter egg hunt was successful. Leftover Easter magnets will be left out for members to pick up on Sunday if they have not already. The next event is a bonfire with help from the Fellowship committee taking place on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting May 8, 6:00 pm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Committee is working on a policy for special events strongly encouraging attendance of students. Next meeting May 8, 7:00 pm.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

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

OUTREACH – Joe Jones began taking photos of members on Easter Sunday for the new directory. Photos will continue to be taken on Sundays after services. Next meeting May 16, 8:45 am.

Men of faith – Next meeting May 13, 8:00 am.

Member2member – As needed.

SOCIAL MINISTRY – The spring luncheon was successful.

Next meeting April 18, 9:00 am.

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Dave Grube

WORSHIP & MUSIC – Next meeting April 12, 7:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:** LWR – Turkey Earthquake – Donations will continue to be collected for another month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deployed Ministry – Opportunity for Linda Shipman to become ordained through the LCMC to offer supply pastor services to churches that need it. More information to come.

NALC Disaster Fund

Capital Appeal Update – There is \$81,000 left on the account with outstanding pledges set to cover over \$100,000. Leftover pledges will go towards the Nave.

## **REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:**

AA and Girl Scouts continue use of facilities.

Fellowship Hall – Saturday, June 3, 2023, 12 noon – 7:00 pm –  
Monica Hostetler, Allison's graduation party.

Motion to accept request for use of facilities made by Barb  
Eisenhart 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Yeater.

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:**

Deaths: Carl Smyser, March 15, 2023

Funerals: Carl Smyser, March 27, 2023

Transfer in: Jessica and Herman Frome, April 30, 2023

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

## **CALENDAR UPDATES:**

Next meeting May 9, 7:00 pm

Pastors continuing Education: April 17-23 – Billy Graham's The  
Cove (on Prayer) Pastor Keith Eslinger, supply pastor; Pastor  
Paula Murray – Emergencies

Respectfully submitted by Erica Jones, Secretary



## **WORSHIP IN JUNE**

**June 4**

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Second Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-36

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

**June 11**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Hosea 5:15-6:6

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

**June 18**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8

Second Lesson: Romans 5:6-15

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-20)

**June 25**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33





THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to all the members that supported the CYC Preschool throughout the school year. We are truly blessed to have so many amazing people who contributed financially, but also dedicated their time to help serve the program. A special thanks to Donna Rinehart who helped with Kid writing; Sandy Albright, Sue Dickensheets, Sue Brindle, who filled in when needed, and many others in various capacities throughout the school year. A special THANK YOU to Roxanne Donnan for her many years of dedication and service to make this program successful. She helped make this transition so simple with her guidance and knowledge and I'm truly grateful for everything you have done. Also, THANK YOU to Sherry Smith and Eva Phillips for being amazing assistants and helping the children grow. Malinda Grube, CYC Director

“Give thanks with a grateful heart.” Psalm 86:12 - I want to thank my Saint Paul Church family for allowing me the opportunity to serve at CYC over the years and for all their support. It has been an awesome experience with many fond memories I'll forever treasure. Thank you for the delicious retirement cake and gift card as well. This little light of mine, I'm going to continue to let it shine in other ways now as God leads me on. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Roxanne Donnan

It was a joy to be part of your worship on Sunday, April 16. I wish to say thank you to the congregation for the prayers offered and the concern on my behalf. Everyone was helpful and encouraging toward me and the accident. The Gideons appreciate the support of Saint Paul Lutheran Church as we seek to provide scriptures for those in need of the Word. May the Lord grant you wisdom and health as you faithfully serve Him and share the love of Christ with others. Blessings in Christ, Keith Tombs - Gideons

## SPONSORSHIPS

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

June 4 OPEN / Crystal Cole  
June 11 Ken Worley & Family / Jack & Joyce Hall  
June 18 Donnie & Diana Fake & Family  
June 25 OPEN

### BULLETIN (\$20/wk)

June 4 Brenda McCleary  
June 11 Ira Keech & Family  
June 18 Marty & Sandy Albright & Family  
June 25 Dave & Deb Smyser

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

June 4 OPEN  
June 11 Amy Austin & Family  
June 18 OPEN  
June 25 John & Esther Jacobs

### MAILING MINISTRY (\$10/wk)

June 4 Carl & Sandy Bender  
June 11 Carl & Sandy Bender  
June 18 Richard & Mary Keller  
June 25 John Rebert

### PARISH MESSENGER

Lawrence Smyser

### SANCTUARY LAMP

John Rebert

## 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



## 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 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

Ask the Lord to provide Luke, Ruth and family with a fruitful journey as they travel to participate at a large denomination's general assembly on another Philippine island. They will promote the Unreached People Group Scripture translation work and ministry opportunities. Pray the community center may be completed soon so it can become a hub of Good News for the Sea Gypsy people.

From Andy Stump, Asaph Update, Spring 2023:

"In spite of the real struggles going on, people here remain bright and full of life in general. People in Haiti have hope. Many realize that their hopes may not be realized on this side of death. They are trapped here...for now. Still, they move ahead with their lives. I am here to teach, but I learn every day from the people around me. Pray for the good, sweet, generous people of Haiti."



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

**Congratulations to Cindy Renehan for accepting the position of CYC teacher of the 3s.** We thank God for her willingness to serve! We are blessed!



## 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.



## 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

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUMMER FAITH BUILDERS**

The Children and youth Faith Builders has an exciting summer curriculum we are using during the months of June, July, and August. **BIBLE LESSONS will be based on the popular Children's singing group SLUGS and BUGS.** We will learn important Bible verses accompanied by songs and fun activities. We will combine classes in ages 3 - grade 3.

Another curriculum will be offered to grades 4 - 8. Ninth grade and up can go to the youth room. There is something for everyone!



## **FAMILY RETREAT**

**Fri., Sept. 22, 6 pm–Sat., Sept. 23, 6 pm  
at Camp Kirchenwald**

This fun intergenerational event is growing in popularity, and we want to get our sign ups right away in case we need to request additional housing. There are 10 hotel style

rooms (each containing 2 double beds and 2 bunks) Sheets, blankets and towels are provided by the camp and each room has a private bathroom.

**Sign up in the narthex by June 25, and indicate whether you will fill your room with family or if you are able to share a room.**

The cost will be \$30 for adults and free for those under 18. Join us for fun hikes, Bible Studies, devotions, games, and campfire. For more information, see Pastor Sally



**Join us for a fun time around the campfire in the back yard on Fri., July 7, at 6:00 pm!** We will enjoy hot dogs, chips, watermelon and smores AND devotions, singing and yard games. **The Emigsville Band will also be performing for us!** Please sign up on the sheet in the library area, or email: [parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org](mailto:parishadmin@saintpaultrinity.org), **by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



## Congratulations High School Graduates!

Allison Hostetler, Jakob Smyser, Kendall Brooks, and Tehya Harris. May God Bless you on your journey. We look forward to hearing about your future endeavors on Graduation Sunday, June 4.

## Welcome New Members!

Herman and Jessica Frome, 14 Williamsburg Court, Littlestown, PA 17340

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

### 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**. (Please note: we will not be meeting in June). 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.



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

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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](http://www.saintpaultrinity.org).



Scan for event website  
and to register online