

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

August 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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	Terri Masemer	(24)
	Barbara Eisenhart	(25)
	Sandy Patchel	(25)
	Bob Yeater	(25)

Assist. Treasurers: Larry Kaetzel, Bob Yeater

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

PASTORS' LETTER

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. - 2 Timothy 1:2b

With these words I have started my sermons for the last 24 years, borrowing from God's word the tender greeting that St. Paul had for his protegee Timothy. St. Paul continues to say that he thanks God as he remembers him in prayer. It is with this same sense of love for all of you and trust in God's mercy and grace that Pastor

Paul and I embark on retirement and a new season in our lives of service to our Lord.

We thank God for our call to Saint Paul Lutheran Church and the partnership in the gospel that we have shared with you for almost a quarter of a century. This has not only been our longest call, but it has become our spiritual home as together we have joined our voices as one in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. For some of our members we are the only pastors they have ever known, for others we have just been starting to form those close relationships. We cherish you one and all and we will be very sad to no longer be in ministry together. However, we want to retire while the congregation is on a very strong footing and poised to meet new heights under fresh pastoral leadership.

Eventually you will have new pastoral staff who will find a congregation with two reverent and fully supported worship services, with slightly different formats but both with consistently good music and liturgy. You also have a beautiful facility to present to them. (And it is very close to being paid off!!!) You have many exciting ministries to invite them to be a part of: Adult and Youth education opportunities, Veterans Outreach, Harvest of Hope, Men's ministry, Feed the Hunger, Campfires, etc. And there will be many more things to come.

It is our prayer that we have together as pastors and laity laid the foundation for many more years of growth in service to our Lord.

The church council is poised to lead the congregation through this transition with support from Pastors Shipman and Murray, regional and local deans, who are both capable leaders in the North American Lutheran Church.

We have many more thank yous to say and will be using the coming months to do our part to help in preparing for the completion of our ministry at the end of November. At that point we will officially be at the end of 24 full years of ministry here and you will be able to start a new church year with many new opportunities before you.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Philipians 4:7.

In Christian Love, Pastors Sally and Paul

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR AUGUST: Center for Young Children

Exciting things are happening at our Center for Young Children (CYC) which meets 5 days a week from 9:00 am-2:00 pm for 4-year olds and 3 days a week from 9:00 am -12:00 pm for 3-year olds. We are planning a very enriching program which is supplemented by regular visits from the pastors, field trips and other events. Please include us in your prayers and contribute as you are able to help us in meeting the needs of families in our community who are looking for a good solid Christ centered pre-school program.

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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| August 1 | Clair Worley Jr.
70 South Alwine Ave., York, PA 17408 |
| August 3 | Ruth Ann Abel
1700 Normandie Dr. #312, York, PA 17408 |
| August 6 | John Runk
1478 Route 116, Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| August 8 | Dolores Hoover
Spring Village Apt. 327 N. Pine Ave. #16C
Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| August 12 | Donna K. Keefer
3616 Equestrian Drive, Dover, PA 17315 |
| August 13 | Sheila Brenneman
1850 Baker Rd. York, PA 17408 |
| August 13 | Sandy Bender
2672 Chadbourne Drive York, PA 17404 |
| August 19 | Carol M. Frey
204 Melinda Drive, York, PA 17408 |
| August 22 | Jack L. Hall
3843 Old Joseph Rd., York, PA 17408 |
| August 28 | Theodore Krebs
2864 Golden Villas Dr., York, PA 17408 |
| August 29 | Donald L. Nace
2760 Oakland Rd. Dover, PA 17315 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Recap of Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2023

	Current	Bene.	Bldg. Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2023 YTD Receipts	\$196,055	\$18,053	\$26,805	\$240,913	\$79,308
Disbursements	\$209,054	\$11,500	\$47,011	\$267,565	
2023 Change in Fund Balance	\$(12,999)	\$6,553	\$(20,206)	\$(26,652)	
Prior Year's Balance	\$43,028	\$18,084	\$7,638	\$68,750	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$30,029	\$24,637	\$(12,568)	\$42,098	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$31,459	\$22,856	\$(5,545)	\$48,770	
This Month's Change	\$(1,430)	\$1,781	\$(7,023)	\$(6,672)	

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on June 13, 2023, at 7pm.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, Mike Barndt, Donna Rinehart, Eva Phillips, Terri Masemer, Sandy Patchel, Barb Eisenhart, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Dave Grube, Erica Jones, Roxanne Donnan, Lawrence Smyser

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Sally - Luke 15:1-10

Discussion on welcoming new members and if you don't know someone, say I don't know your name, please share your name...

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mike seconded by Barb. Voice Vote was all in favor.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike and 2nd by Barb. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Paul.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

FINANCE – Treasurer's Report - Al Dickensheets. Current Offerings down a little. Benevolence on budget, Building on budget. Steeple needs repair and is recommended to repair even

though not budgeted. Kinsley for repair. Next Meeting July 10, 7:00 PM Motion to accept the report by Barb, 2nded by Bob.

MUTUAL MINISTRY –Barb Eisenhart (25) Terri Masemer (25)
Next Meeting September 26, 6:30 PM

PROPERTY – Bob Yeater (25) Kitchen Roof completed and took a large portion of the budget. Steeple will be addressed for repair. Cleaning the CYC rooms. Deadbolts for CYC rooms will be added for safety. 2025 for CYC/Sunday School Roof Repair. Next Meeting October 2, 7:00 PM

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Bob Yeater

FELLOWSHIP –Sandy Patchel, Ice cream Floats on 6/18. Camp Fire on 7/7 with Emigsville Band. Next Meeting October 2, 7:00 PM

Women of the Word - Next Meeting September 20, 1:00 PM

YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE – Erica Jones, Youth will do a July service for Harvest of Hope. Pinchot Park gathering in August.

Next Meeting August 14, 6:00 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Eva Phillips, VBS coming up with 41 kids signed up. New Sunday School program for summer with Slugs & Bugs. Next Meeting July 29, 8:30 AM

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Mike Barndt

STEWARDSHIP – Mike Barndt, Lawrence Smyser Next Meeting July 24, 7:00 PM

OUTREACH – Barb Eisenhart - Church Directories - hoping to complete soon. \$7,800 raised for Veterans Walk for this Sat. 6/17 so far. Sponsors - American Legion and many individuals, and church council (\$2000). There is a DJ for the walk! Planning for Feed the Hunger on Sat. 9/30. Next Meeting June 20, 8:45 AM

Men of Faith - Next Meeting September 9, 8:00 AM;

Member2Member - As needed

SOCIAL MINISTRY – Donna Rinehart, Cards for Shut-ins is planned. Next Meeting July 18, 9:00 AM

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Barb

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Roxanne Donnan, Minutes reviewed but nothing new needing action. Everyone could welcome the online attendees with a wave suggested. Next Meeting June 14, 7:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

Turkey House money disbursed.

Linda Shipman will be invited to preach one Sunday in July. Have Linda preach first and then meet with Mutual Ministry committee to discuss her status as a preacher/lay person and share her

experience. Special ordination is the goal. She would like to preach and do communion at supply churches.

NALC October Meeting - Keep on the radar!

NEW BUSINESS:

Western Mission District June Meeting - The Keepers volunteered to attend to represent our congregation.

Hiring New Preschool Teacher: Cindy Renehan was hired.

NALC Annual Meeting - August 7-11 - Pastor Paul and Pastor Sally are planning to attend. It is in Oklahoma City.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

- AA and Girl Scouts continue use of facilities
- August 19, Noon to 5 - Food Pantry Event. Mike made the motion to approve. Barb 2nd. All were in favor.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Transfer in: Howard & Earline Kemnitz, June 4, 8:15 am Service

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

CALENDAR UPDATES:

- o Next meeting July 18th @ 7pm

VBS

Many thanks to all those who helped and donated to the Vacation Bible School. Your prayers, time, and dedication to spreading God's Word are a blessing to Saint Paul. We had over 40 kids plus many helpers and teachers who enjoyed learning about Jesus!



OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for August 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!



WORSHIP IN AUGUST

- August 6 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5
Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5 (6-13)
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21
- August 13 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Job 38:4-18
Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33
- August 20 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Second Lesson: Ro 11:1-2a,13-15,28-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
- August 27 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
Second Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

FAMILY FUN DAY

We will have a Family Fun Day at Pinchot Park on August 6, 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. Thank you!



SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50/wk)

August 6 OPEN
August 13 Roxanne Donnan / Pat & Butch Maul
August 20 Donald & Diana Fake / Ken Hoffman
August 27 OPEN / John & Linda Sherman

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

August 6 Richard & Mary Keller
August 13 Brenda McCleary
August 20 Brenda Shorts & family
August 27 The Little family

BREAD & WINE (\$15/wk.)

August 6 Richard & Mary Keller
August 13 OPEN
August 20 Rodney & Joyce Smyser
August 27 OPEN

MAILING (\$10/wk.)

August 6 Charlotte Hoffman & family
August 13 OPEN
August 20 Richard & Mary Keller
August 27 Brenda McCleary

PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)
The Little Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (\$15/month)
Al & Sue Dickensheets



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.



Friends in Christ is a group for widows, widowers, and anyone who wants to join us for a time of fellowship.

Friends in Christ has an exciting Fall planned!

On Friday, **September 8**, we will be going to **Old Bedford Village**. Admission is \$9 for seniors and \$10 for adults. We will leave the church at 8 am and return by 6 pm. Sign up by July 30.

On Friday, **October 6**, we will be going to Jim Thorpe and riding the **Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway**. The cost of the Railway tickets is \$24 and bring money for lunch. We will leave the church at 8:00 am and return home by 5:00 pm. Sign up by July 30.



Thank you for sharing your love with neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey. Your \$1,369 emergency gift is a godsend to families in desperate need. In gratitude, Daniel Speckhard, Lutheran World Relief

Pastor and Donna Keefer along with their entire family wish to offer many thanks to St Paul Congregation for the exceptionally meaningful celebration of Ed's 55th Anniversary of Ordination. The worship service itself and the beautiful and delicious cake following were very moving and humbling for us. One of our Best Days Ever. The Kingdom of Heaven did indeed feel very close at hand.

Dear Saint Paul Family – Thank you so much for the aid towards my college tuition. Saint Paul has been so generous to me my entire life. I'm beyond grateful for my faith and the strong church I've grown up in. I hope to pay all of this kindness forward. Thank you all again. God Bless, Karsen Hax



Thanks to Joyce Hall and Joe Jones our picture directory is getting close to being completed. Have you had your picture taken? This book is designed to be a blessing to our church so that we can identify one another and speak to one another by name. Please see Joyce or Joe to have your picture included. **Final photography date is September 10.**

The stewardship committee would like to remind congregational members that, to be considered an active/voting member of the congregation, you are to both commune and make a contribution of record each year. A contribution of record means that you give an offering that includes your envelope number. We are trying to update the membership records so that, when the picture directory is produced, we have an accurate list of active members. Thank you for your help!

SAINT PAUL SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the following young people who received scholarships from Saint Paul's Scholarship Fund: Kendall Brooks, Karsen Hax, Allison Hostetler, Erica Jones, and Jakob Smyser. May God bless them on their journey!



Movie Night at the Pastors' House

We will be finishing up the video series that we started at VBS: Drive Thru History/Act to Revelation. We will be doing the three sessions on John and the Book of Revelation. These are self-contained. (You did not have to attend adult VBS to appreciate these.)

We will be meeting **Thurs., August 24, from 6-8 pm.** Ice cream will be served!



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.



BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AT BOTH SERVICES

School age boys and girls should bring their backpack to church, and they will receive a tag for their packs and a blessing for the start of the school year.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the September newsletter need to be in the church office by **August 15, 2023**.



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) Look for the sign-up sheet in the library area.
Come join the fun!



CHOIR SCHEDULE

Our choir schedules will resume this Fall and we hope to welcome many people to our music ensembles!



CALLING ALL PROSPECTIVE HANDBELL RINGERS!

Interested in joining the handbell choir as a regular or substitute? Carol Moscony will be offering a brief "Handbell Basics" course for prospective ringers with no prior handbell experience. Please contact Carol prior to August 15 if you are interested. Join the fun and help us "make a joyful noise"!



PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

Philippines - Continue to pray for the translation project, for Ruth's perseverance, and team unity in Christ as they work to bring more of God's Word into the Sea Gypsy language. Give thanks for a successful basketball camp in the community and that there may be lasting spiritual fruit for the 4th to 7th graders involved. Please continue to pray for help for the homeschooling situation for Luke and Ruth's family.

Haiti - Pray for God's continual guidance and provision of resources for Andy Stump's ministry. Pray for strong faith and courage for Andy and for new believers in Haiti.

MEN OF FAITH

Men of Faith will resume on **Saturday, September 9, at 8 am**, in Fellowship Hall as we enjoy a time of good food and fellowship together. This year the topic should be particularly engaging as we do thematic Bible studies based on themes from the classic old Mayberry R.F.D series. This is bound to be both fun and engaging as we see Andy and the gang muddle their way through situations that arise in beloved Mayberry, while revealing lessons that can fit in well with many solid Biblical themes and lead to good discussions. So don't miss an episode and join us for inspiration!



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.



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



BLANKET WORKSHOP

The Quilt & Kit Ministry allows LWR to love our neighbors during the hardest time of their lives, when they are exhausted, homeless, grieving, and terrified. Without your generosity, some neighbors may be completely on their own to survive when everything they worked for is gone. The quilts and kits are literally the answer to their prayers. Come to the quilting room at Saint Paul on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 am. Donations of all sizes of sheets are always needed. This ministry is a tangible way to express Christian love to those in dire situations.