

SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH MESSENGER

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



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	Donna Rinehart	(23)
	Mike Barndt	(23)
	Terri Masemer	(25)
	Barbara Eisenhart	(25)
	Sandy Patchel	(25)
	Bob Yeater	(25)

Assist. Treasurers: Larry Kaetzel, Bob Yeater
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Articles for the October newsletter need to be in the church office by **September 15th.**

Pastor's Letter

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1

We are now more than halfway through the calendar year, and we have many things that we can be thankful for as a congregation as we consider our work for the Kingdom of God.

First of all, we can be thankful for a very vibrant worship life that dynamically follows the church year and provides the congregation with two robust services of Word and Sacrament each week. The church music program is excellent and offers over the course of the year numerous musical offerings that are excellent praises to God. How thankful we are also that the setting for our worship life, the sanctuary, has been renovated and looks more beautiful than ever. Then we can be thankful for year-round Sunday school at a time when many churches do not even have Sunday school at all.

Also, we can be thankful for our countless benevolent efforts which have now gotten to the point where we support a huge variety of wonderful causes both around the world and locally. Of course, the Harvest of Hope Food Pantry stands out among these in that we offer a lot of hands-on support for this effort through many volunteers to their operation including in many crucial leadership roles. Certainly, the various quilting and sewing ministries also add a personal approach to giving.

Our Fellowship is super thanks largely to the efforts of the Fellowship Committee which graciously time and again ensures that we have great food to gather around as we converse with one another or listen to a super presentation.

Then there are all the ministries of care from visits to cards, to phone calls, that help ensure our mutual care for one another.

Behind all this is the Lord leading the way, providing us with His sustaining Word, before all this is the Lord who is the Head of the church. What a blessing it is to be anchored in the church of Jesus Christ, the ancient Apostolic church, to be so grounded in this age of madness, so vibrant even as so much around us is in tatters. Hold on to this treasure, be fully a part of it, be renewed together in Word and Sacrament what a wonderful gift, you can't beat it!

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR SEPTEMBER ASAPH Teaching Ministry

Since 2012, ASAPH Teaching Ministry has been growing. Andy's work includes leading a brass band, a soccer academy, a Bible academy, Asaph Radio ministry and Asaph tuition assistance. We ask you all for continued prayers for his health and his ministry. Due to funding shortages from some of his other sponsors, we have this additional opportunity to support his worthy ministry. Please give generously as you are able.

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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| Sept 1 | Marvin Barnhart
5203 Lehman Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| Sept. 2 | Donald Reeve
4463 Walters Hatchery Rd., Spring Grove, PA
17362 |
| Sept. 5 | Cindy Christensen
4962 Lehman Rd, Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| Sept. 6 | Ann Shultz
Village at Sprengle Drive, 2001 Gross Court
York, Pa 17404 |
| Sept. 10 | Joyce McCoury
2222 Stoney Point Road, East Berlin, PA 17316 |
| Sept, 15 | Ronald Bailey
3253 Honey Run Drive, York, PA 17408 |
| Sept. 15 | Frances Barnhart,
5203 Lehman Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362 |
| Sept. 15 | Charlotte Hoffman
1802 Folkemer Circle, Apt. 118, York, PA 17404 |

- Sept. 16 Rita Shotzberger
1745 Normandie Drive, York, PA 17408-9013
- Sept. 17 Joyce Smyser
2790 East Berlin Road, York, PA 17408
- Sept. 19 Bettie Lovejoy
3150 Lark Drive, York, PA 17404
- Sept. 21 Esther Jacobs
104 KBS Rd., York, PA 17408
- Sept. 21 Mary Kopp
1801 Folkemer Circle, York, PA 17404
- Sept. 22 Larry Brenneman
1850 Baker Rd., York, PA 17408
- Sept. 23 Clayton Myers
2684 Seven Valleys Rd. Seven Valleys, PA
17360
- Sept. 26 John Jacobs
104 KBS Rd., York, PA 17408
- Sept. 27 Regina Springer
4271 Marlborough Rd. Dover, PA 17315
- Sept. 28 David Smyser
396 Old Hanover Rd., Spring Grove, PA 17362
- Sept. 29 Terry Cox
55 Iron Springs Rd, Fairfield, PA 17320



OUR DAILY BREAD: Our dessert for September is Sugar Cakes. Use your favorite recipe and place (2) 2" cookies in each bag. We need 360 bags by **9 am on Friday, September 15th**. If you are able to make some, please sign the sheet in the library area. Thank you

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

	Current	Bene.	Bldg Maint.	Total	Capital Fund
2023 YTD Receipts	\$229,006	\$20,580	\$31,370	\$280,956	\$82,806
Disbursements	\$237,366	\$16,885	\$61,750	\$316,001	
2023 Change in Fund Balance	\$(8,360)	\$ 3,695	\$(30,380)	\$(35,045)	
Prior Year's Balance	\$43,028	\$18,084	\$ 7,638	\$68,750	
Accumulated Fund Balance	\$34,668	\$21,779	\$(22,742)	\$33,705	
Fund Balance Last Month	\$30,029	\$24,637	\$(12,568)	\$42,098	
This Month's Change	\$ 4,639	\$(2,858)	\$(10,174)	\$(8,393)	

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council meeting was held in the conference room on July 18, 2023, at 7pm.

Council Members in attendance: Al Dickensheets, David Grube, Donna Rinehart, Eva Phillips, Terri Masemer, Sandy Patchel, Lawrence Smyser, Pastor Paul, and Pastor Sally

Excused: Erica Jones, Mike Barndt, Barb Eisenhart

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Led by Pastor Paul - Psalm 34. The devotion centered on the monks of Mt. Athos in Greece and their focus on life's blessings. Saying "Glory to you oh Lord" is one of their habits.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Lawrence, seconded by Dave. Voice vote was all in favor.

MINUTES OF LAST COUNCIL MEETING: Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dave and seconded by Sandy. Voice vote was unanimously in favor.

PASTORS' REPORT: Presented by Pastor Sally. The Pastors Letter was centered on the announcement of Pastor Paul's and Pastor Sally's upcoming retirement at the end of November 2023 after 24 years of pastoral service at Saint Paul. Pastor Sally explained that it was a difficult and bittersweet decision for her and Pastor Paul. Al expressed thankfulness for our pastors' leadership and service, for himself and on behalf of our church council.

Pastor Sally assured the council that there will be an interim pastor and shared a Call Process Manual for each council member to review. The Call Committee will be chosen by Council. Pastor Sally believes that our church will be a desirable option for interested pastoral candidates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MINISTRY OF RESOURCES – Prayer offered by Al Dickensheets

FINANCE – Treasurer’s Report - Al Dickensheets. Reviewed the Finance Committee minutes. Discussion on church giving.

Outstanding pledges of \$84,539 and remaining loan of \$59,000.

As of the end of June, the Nave Appeal has \$51,758 owed and the outstanding pledges total \$7,960. The overage of the Capital fund will pay off any Nave balance. Next Meeting October 9th, 7:00 PM. Motion to accept the report by Lawrence, seconded by Dave.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Barb Eisenhart (25) Terri Masemer (25)

Announcement of Jean’s retirement at the end of 2023. Next Meeting August 3rd, 6:30 PM

PROPERTY – Bob Yeater (25) Steeple scheduled for repair this Thursday, July 20th. The fixtures in the Narthex bathroom will be changed out next week. Next Meeting October 2, 7:00 PM

MINISTRY OF GROWTH – Prayer offered by Sandy Patchel

FELLOWSHIP – Sandy Patchel, The “Campfire” event was moved indoors due to weather on 7/7 with Emigsville Band. Attendance was greater than the last campfire event and it was an enjoyable evening. The Emigsville Band will also perform at our Christmas event. 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 participate in service for Harvest of Hope on July 19th from 11:15 am to 2 pm.

Pinchot Park gathering, called Family Fun Day, on August 6th for a picnic and fun activities. Next Meeting July 31st, 6:00 PM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Eva Phillips (25) VBS went very well with over 40 kids in attendance, including many CYC children. The CYC Three’s class is full and the CYC Four’s class has 14 or 15 enrolled. Next Meeting July 29, 8:30 AM for next year’s planning.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE – Prayer offered by Lawrence Smyser

STEWARDSHIP – Mike Barndt, Lawrence Smyser, Working on cleaning up attendance rolls. This Fall there will be a Stewardship Letter to the congregation to thank members and encourage continued stewardship. Next Meeting July 24, 7:00 PM

OUTREACH – Barb Eisenhart - Church Directories - planning to complete photos by September 10th. The Veterans Walk on Sat. 6/17 went very well with strong participation. Planning for Feed the Hunger on Sat., 9/30. Encouraging church members to sign up.

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 was accomplished this month. Food Pantry discussed. Display for Prayer Shawls is needed. Next Meeting September 19th, 9:00 AM

MINISTRY OF PRAISE – Prayer offered by Roxanne Donnan

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Roxanne Donnan - Minutes reviewed.

Linda Sherman will preach on Sunday, July 30th. A Thanksgiving

community service is in the works. For the NALC conference in

October, the Friday evening service will follow our 8:15 service

format and the Saturday morning service will follow our 10:45

service format. Next Meeting August 2nd, 7:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

NALC October Meeting - keep on the radar!

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES:

No new requests

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

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

CALENDAR UPDATES:

- Next meeting August 15, 2023 @ 7pm

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by

Lawrence and seconded by Dave.

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by Eva Phillips, Assistant Secretary



Sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Keller.

We are praying for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection through Christ our Lord.



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 3** **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28
- Sept. 10** **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20
- Sept. 17** **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35
- Sept. 24** **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Lesson: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30
Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

BOOK CLUB



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.



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 – Beginning mid-September, this class will begin a new course of study focused on the Psalms and the Small Catechism. Luther called the Psalms a summary of Scripture and wrote the Catechism for the instruction of all Christians, young and old. Consider joining us as we approach these two books from the perspective of prayer.

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.

SPONSORSHIPS

ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50/wk.)

- Sept. 3** ½ OPEN / Jack & Joyce Hall
Sept. 10 ½ OPEN / Barb Sloat
Sept. 17 ½ OPEN / Charlotte Hoffman
Sept. 24 ½ OPEN / Jackie Meyer

BULLETIN (\$20/wk.)

- Sept. 3** Mary Keller
Sept. 10 Margaret Will
Sept. 17 Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Leppo
Sept. 24 Mary Keller

BREAD & WINE (\$15/wk.)

- Sept. 3** Mike & Marguerite Keller
Sept. 10 Hoffman Family
Sept. 17 Deb Shue
Sept. 24 John & Esther Jacobs

MAILING (\$10/wk.)

- Sept. 3** Carl & Sandy Bender
Sept. 10 Carl & Sandy Bender
Sept. 17 Carl & Sandy Bender
Sept. 24 Roy & Lisa Gentzler

PARISH MESSENGER (\$60/month)

Margaret Will

SANCTUARY LAMP (\$15/month)

Sandra Albright



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

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!

WOMEN OF THE WORD

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 pm**. We will be starting a new Bible study. Check out the September bulletins for the title and more information about the Bible Study.

WELCOME THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Mabel Rose Frome, daughter of Jessica and Herman Frome. Mabel is the granddaughter of Larry and Becci Stair, and great granddaughter of Joyce and Richard McCoury. We pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon her!

FAITH BUILDERS

God's Amazing Promises

It is said by a few scholars that there are more than 8,000 promises in the Bible. God is so amazing and so good to us that he would make so many promises to us and that he would keep every one of them.

We will have an emphasis on God's promises throughout the year. On Sunday, September 10th at 9:40 am, we will be having our annual Sunday School Kickoff event in Fellowship Hall. There will be lots of food, fellowship, and activities for everyone. We sincerely hope that everyone will make this a personal priority and join us as we begin a new year of study and learning the Word of God. Won't YOU be a part of this mission to take a closer look at all that He has promised us?



Oh, promises, promises God's kind of promises, can lead to joy, and hope, and love. . .



ANNOUNCING: PASTORS' BIBLE STUDY ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS! We will be meeting at **10:00 am each Wednesday, starting September 6 and continuing through November 8.**

Bring your Bible or use one provided by the church (page numbers are always shared). Join us as we are encouraged in our faith by these powerful words from God. All studies will be held in person at the church.



YOUTH AND FAMILY COMMITTEE reminds everyone about our great family retreat!

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

This fun intergenerational event is growing in popularity. 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 today 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

Thank
you!



I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to the pastors, the choir, and the congregation of Saint Paul Church. I am no longer able to attend the 8:15 service. I truly miss the Word, the music, and the fellowship. God bless you as you continue to serve our Lord! William (Bill) Everhart, 1700 Normandie Road, Apt. 2107, York, PA 17408

ASAPH activities are made possible through the continued and generous support of ASAPH Teaching Ministry sponsors. Andy Stump and the ASAPH board of directors thank you for your recent donation of \$801 to ASAPH Teaching Ministry.

Saint Paul Congregation – Borderless Hope would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,830 and love for the students in Dominican Republic. From the bottom of our hearts and on behalf of our precious students, thank you all so much!
Sharon & Jim Soullier

Dear Friends – On behalf of For the Love of a Veteran, thank you very much for your \$10,000 donation. Thank you for supporting us with this fantastic fundraiser! We are able to help several York County veterans because of your generous support. Chris & Volunteers

Dear Scholarship Committee – Thank you for choosing me as a 2023 scholarship recipient. I am blessed to be able to put this money toward my freshman year tuition. It is wonderful to have the support of so many people as I start my new journey! Thanks,
Kendall Brooks

Dear Friends – Thank you for your recent gift of \$3,000 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways. Daniel Speckhard, LWR

Saint Paul Scholarship Committee – Thank you for awarding me my scholarship. It is very much appreciated. Allison Hostetler



PRAYERS FOR MISSIONARIES

The Philippines -

Join with Luke in prayer for God's wisdom for how to continue engaging the Sama people online with Scripture material. Continue to pray for help with homeschooling for the children. Pray that the use of the new Community Center will grow relationships and that the practice of prayer and discussion around the translated Scriptures will draw more to know the Savior.

Haiti -

Praise God for the ministry of Andy Stump in Haiti! Pray for wisdom in all of his ministries and for provision of resources. Pray for the people of Haiti and that many will be drawn to the Savior.



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. There is an additional charge of \$15 for the van. Please make checks payable to Saint Paul and turn in the full amount by August 31.

The October trip to Jim Thorpe is full!

In November we will go for lunch together on November 5 and a sign up for that will be available closer to the time.



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



QUILT MINISTRY

The quilt ministry has used most of the fabric pieces you previously donated. We are now in need of cotton material as well as sheets of any size for use in making the quilts. If you are interested, you may help knot quilts at Saint Paul (or learn of ways to help from your home) on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 am (usually for an hour & half.) This ministry is a tangible way to express Christian love to those in dire situations.