St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield

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		Sunday School Superintendent	Stephanie Stephens



SAINT PAUL'S CALL – September 2018

Regular Sunday Schedule

Worship – 8:15 a.m. Sunday School – 9:00 a.m. Confirmation – 9:00 a.m. Adult Class – 9:00 a.m. Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Summer Schedule

The Sunday After Memorial Day through Labor Day Worship – 8:15 a.m. Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Each Month

First Sunday - Holy Communion (2nd service) Second Sunday - Teaching and Prayer Service (Communion 1st service) Third Sunday - Holy Communion (2nd service) Fourth Sunday - Contemporary Service (Communion 1st service) Fifth Sunday - Healing Service

St. Paul's Mission Statement

We are a community of faith called to share the good news of Jesus as our model of life. We seek spiritual maturity through worship, learning and serving. We invite and welcome all who desire to share this journey of faith active in love.



ST. PAUL'S CALL

September 2018

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT...

Dear Congregation,

Summer has gone by quickly here at St. Paul's. Here are some highlights. We enjoyed our covering Pastors including Tom Richards, and Chris Matthy. We also enjoyed Vicar Adam Reinhart's time with us. We wish him well on his continued faith journey in Honesdale. Vacation Bible School made a comeback this summer with great success! We hope to see some of the children return for Sunday School. This summer was also full of little jobs for our volunteers including the property committee. Kathy Ertle and her helpers completed a tremendous renovation of the choir room and hallway! The carpets in the sanctuary and the classroom upstairs were shampooed and look great! The sign on the outside of the brick façade of the church has been replaced, and repairs were made to the roof on Celebration Hall. Many other odd jobs and plumbing fixes were made in both buildings. There are still several T-shirts left from our fundraiser. If you would like to purchase one, please see Mike Romer or Jeannette Richardson. A reminder that the 9:30 a.m. service will return to the 10:15 a.m. time on Sunday, September 9th. We will have an outside service and a picnic that morning. Thank you!

Adrian Martenco

FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE...

Dear fellow members,

On behalf of the call committee, I would like to provide you an update as to how the call process is going. Back in May we were notified that we had two potential candidates interested in our open position. If you recall, we are a multiple candidate call, versus a single candidate call - which requires two candidates to be interested in position in order to proceed with interviews, etc. Since that time we have met with each candidate either in person or through a Skype interview.

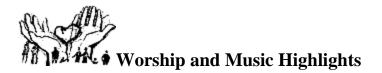
By next council meeting on September 11th:

- We will have witnessed each candidate preach.
- We will have either a recommendation to council of a single candidate or we will advise the church council we have decided to move on from both candidates and start the process over.
- You will also be brought up to date of the progress.
- If, we recommend a candidate, he/she will be interviewed by the church council.
- If, they are approved be council, we will then set up a weekend where the candidate could meet the congregation in a social setting (dinner and/or refreshments) on a Saturday to get the know the candidate.
- He/she will preach the next Sunday (one service combined)
- The congregation will immediately vote on candidate after the service (while the candidate is not present)

Obviously, I may be getting ahead of myself with all these details. However, I felt it was important to remind you all of the steps that would happen in the call process.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me and/or any member of the call committee. In the meantime, please continue to keep the call committee and our congregation in your prayers as we contemplate these important decisions

In Christ's Service, Ed Stephens 570-460-2028



The Worship and Music committee would like to thank all of the musicians and singers who provided musical offerings during the summer months here at St Paul's. We were blessed with great music for the summer. The next Worship and Music committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10th at 6pm. Tim Lasslett will be Chair this year. Ms. Kathy Ertle will be leading the choir for the 2018-2019 year and has many great offerings planned. Chris Matthy and Thomas Krause will be leading the Praise Team this year. The Praise Team will be providing music every fourth Sunday for the contemporary service. Dave Libecap will be the Music Director for St. Paul's as well as the organist. The second service will return to 10:15 am on Sunday September 9th. The service will be outside weather permitting.

The Worship and Music Committee



The annual end of Summer Potluck Picnic will be held directly after the 10:15 service on Sunday September 9th. The service will be outside weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair. Hot dogs, beverages, and paper products will be provided. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We hope to see you all there with your families! Welcome back everyone!



Stewards of The Good News

"St. Paul's Stewardship committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. We are committed to sharing the Good news with our congregation and reminding them that stewardship is not just about money. It is about Love! We hope that our short messages shared on the fourth Sunday of each month challenge us all to reimagine the ways in which we steward God's resources — time, talents and treasures — in response to God's commandment to love God and our neighbors. Join us!"

The Stewardship Committee will begin to share a program called "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts" in September. The program will assist us all in opening our spiritual gifts by guiding us through three activities:

Scripture Review: highlighting scripture references that support the existence of spiritual gifts and identify those which are commonly found in service today. Watch for "Gift Definitions and References" in our Stewardship Insert in the bulletin beginning in a few weeks!

Self-Assessment: A list of 60 questions which will help you identify the gifts you have received in greatest measure. THIS ASSESSMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

Exploration Of Use: Suggestions for the various types of ministry you might be most effective in because of your spiritual gifts.

The program will carry us through November 18th when we will celebrate our gifts together on Stewardship Sunday!

The following is a temple talk given by Mrs. May Ertle on August 19th.

The Bible uses the word stewardship somewhat sparingly and though I searched diligently I could not find Jesus using the word stewardship at all. Instead, in Mark 9:33, when his disciples were bickering over who was the first, the most important, Jesus sat them down and let them know that the first shall be last of all and servant to all. Jesus let them know in no uncertain terms what their mission on earth would be. Jesus talked of being a good shepherd tending to his sheep. He never did went around saying "I am the greatest", he just went about healing the blind, curing the lame and the ill, raising the dead, feeding 5000 with loaves and fishes, proclaiming the Kingdom of God without a lot of hoopla. Our church is full of people who are that kind of shepherd as well. First Peter 4:10 says "Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others, the special gift they have received from God." Sitting quietly near the back of the church is Linda Rouzer who saw for years that fresh flowers were always on the altar every Sunday. In addition, Touch of Home packages sent to our college students and military personnel that were away from home. Freida Seiple tends to our Weis receipts, Dick Rehm tends our prolific garden. Joanne A. shared her talents for half her life seeing that the choir sang an anthem on Sunday AMS. The Friday ladies make lap robes to keep people in nursing homes warm. Nancy Fritz has seen for years that the pantry was stocked for people who need food. The altar guild sees that when we arrive at church on a Sunday the communion wine and bread are ready, altar clothes spotless, candles filled with oil, collection plates in place. Faye Jones with sister Kaye and Sam set up Celebration hall and prepare spaghetti dinners every month. Jeanette Richardson makes sure our ushers and greeters carry out their tasks. This year VBS was revived and led by Stephanie Stephens. Adrienne Martenco oversees our council. and Laura tends to everything else! And we have been blessed this year with another steward who came to help us in our transition and that is Adam Christian Reinhardt. Whoever named him must have had a premonition that he would choose to become a pastor.

Several years ago, I read a passage that said Christianity is only one generation away from extinction and it frightened me. And so, we talk about the third leg of Stewardship----our treasure. Pastor Harding never liked that term much said to just call it our money. Here at ST P we have a wonderful fellowship. Our passing of the peace is as though we have seen each other in months and it our mission to sustain that not only with our time and talent but with our treasure---our wealth. Are we willing to support with our wealth, our church and the Man who said, "I am the Good Shepherd" willing to die for you? And that is what he did-----he died for our eternal salvation.

OUR STEWARD OUR SERVANT OUR SHEPHERD OUR SAVIOR OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST AMEN



Finance Report

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)

	June <u>2018</u>	July <u>2018</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year to <u>Date Budget</u>
INCOME				
CHURCH INCOME				
GENERAL INCOME	\$9,827.70	\$12,761.83	\$80,867.49	\$93,245.81
BENEVOLENCE INCOME			. ,	
Regular Benevolence	157.00	190.00	1,186.00	1,750.00
Thrivent Choice	0.00	105.00	882.00	0.00
Pantry/Good Samaritan	524.68	601.00	4,356.79	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	0.00	65.36	0.00
Designated Scholarship	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	793.52	1,621.93	88,390.46	7,504.19
INTEREST INCOME	(1,325.16)	2.58	(1,657.18)	64.12
MEMORIAL INCOME	0.00	0.00	845.00	0.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	100.00	2,224.24	0.00
C. H. WISH LIST	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	1.48	2.13	10.88	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$9,979.22</u>	<u>\$15,384.47</u>	<u>\$177,321.04</u>	\$102,972.43
EXPENSES CHURCH EXPENSES				
STAFF BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE	\$3,081.41	\$2,865.13	\$20,679.20	\$50,332.94
Benevolence (Synod)	583.33	583.34	4,083.33	4,083.33
Pantry/Good Samaritan	0.00	1,419.36	6,567.18	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	0.00	50.37	0.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	375.75	529.06	4,311.86	4,404.17
WORSHIP	407.13	368.90	3,032.75	3,966.67
LEARNING	163.68	72.09	1,100.78	1,983.33
PROPERTY	3,890.66	1,967.15	26,600.36	27,818.73
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,173.89	1,173.89	8,217.23	8,217.42
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	0.00	522.08	729.17
WITNESS	0.00	0.00	242.50	233.33
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	405.54	143.65	1,972.97	1,925.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
COMMUNITY GARDENS	0.00	0.00	131.96	0.00
PLAYGROUND REPAIRS TRANSFER	0.00	0.00	99.99	0.00
IRANGER	0.00	0.00	24.24	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$10,081.39</u>	<u>\$9,122.57</u>	<u>\$79,635.81</u>	<u>\$103,694.09</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>(\$102.17)</u>	<u>\$6,261.90</u>	<u>\$97,685.23</u>	<u>(\$721.66)</u>

Cash Accounts

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH THRIVENT FINANCIAL MIF - DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$58,315.11 109,079.02 <u>5,023.49</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$172,417.62</u>



There are a limited number and sizes left of St. Pauls t-shirts left for sale. Shirts are \$10 each. Please show your support by making a purchase before the summer. Sizes and number of shirts left: Small: (5), Medium: (10), Large: (3), XL: (8), XXL: (3) See Mike & Nita Romer, Adrian Martenco, or Jeannette Richardson if you are interested.



Hello All! Summer is slowly coming to an end-I'm so sad to say! However, Youth Night will still continue for the school year as the third Friday of every month from 6:00-8:30 P.M. in Celebration Hall. This month we will be roasting marshmallows again and making s'mores. We will be meeting Friday, September 21, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 P.M. in Celebration Hall. Hope to see you there! Many of God's blessings!

Questions? Rachel A. Martenco (570) 242-3461 <u>Rachii1215@gmail.com</u>



Sunday School News

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 9 at 9 AM. Children age 4 through sixth grade are welcome to attend our classes. Children in seventh grade and older, who have not been confirmed, are welcome to join our confirmation class.

Please share this information with your family and friends.

We will meet in the fellowship hall before going to our individual classes.

Please contact Stephanie Stephens (<u>thestephens06@gmail.com</u>) or Laura Pride in the church office for more information.

Please check the acolyte and crucifer schedule each month to see if your child is serving. If your child can not serve on the scheduled day, contact the church office so that a substitute can be found.



We are All Companions on the Way Drop in on a Wednesday Night for a refreshing Spiritual Formation Worship Service. We Share Scripture, Prayer, Meditation, Discussion, and of course Food! To Eat with Friends First, <u>First Wednesday of the Month</u>: Bring a dish to share at 6:00 <u>Second – Fourth Wednesdays</u>: Bring your own Dinner 6:00pm Worship 6:30pm – 7:15pm

The Following Story comes from a recent Wednesday evening at Spiritual Formation. Enjoy.

TRUST IN GOD'S PLANS FOR YOU

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. The first little tree looked up at the stars and said, "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure in the world!" The second little tree looked out at a small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world."

The third tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave this mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they will raise there eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world." Years passed. Rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain. The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the first tree fell. "Now I will be made into a beautiful chest. I shall hold wonderful treasure!" the first tree said. The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "this tree is strong, it is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the second tree fell. "Now I shall sail mighty waters!" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings!" The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looker her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven. But the woodcutter toppled it. Any kind of tree will do for me." he muttered. With a swoop of his shining ax the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feedbox for animals. The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, nor with treasure. She was covered in saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals. The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead, the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail an ocean, or even a river; instead she was taken to a small lake. The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard. "What happened?" the once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God."

Many days and nights passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams. But one-night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feed box. "I wish I could make a cradle for him, her husband whispered. The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and

sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful," she said. And suddenly the first tree knew she was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain. The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand and said, "Peace, be still." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun. And suddenly the second tree knew she was carrying the King of Heaven and Earth. Early one morning a couple years later, the third tree was startled when her beam was yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel. But three days later, with he sun shining and the earth trembling beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything. It had made the third tree strong, And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God, that was better than being the tallest tree in the world!

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:3 ... 2 jesus



The Women's Prayer Group is Going Great! We are steadily in our study of "Power of a Praying Woman" Group Meets the Second and Fourth Sundays Immediately After the second Service Building Relationships with One Another and Strengthening our Prayer Lives Together!! All Are Welcome to Drop in for Prayer and Discussion! We have books if you don't already have one. See Laura Biddulph for more information.



The garden has already produced copious amounts of lettuce and spring onions for our pantry clients! We cannot wait to see what's ready next! Help is always welcome! No Experience necessary!!!! See Dick Rehm, Ed Stephens or call the church office at 570-223-9422 if you are interested.



There are many odd jobs to be done on a continual basis to maintain our church property. If you would like to donate time to the upkeep of our church property please contact Ted Strohl at 570-856-8008. There are always jobs to be done! The Property Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Social Hall floor needs to be replaced. The estimated cost of the materials is \$3000.00. Donations for this cause are appreciated. You may indicate such on your envelope. Thank you!



FOOD PANTRY NEWS:

SEPTEMBER IS CEREAL MONTH. **PLEASE BRING AS MANY BOXES AS YOU ARE ABLE TO CHURCH** ON SUNDAY AND PUT THEM IN THE BASKETS ON THE ALTAR! THANK YOU!!

The pantry does not turn anyone away and makes due with what we have so that every family receives groceries every two weeks. St. Paul's and the community thank you for your continuous support of this important ministry. In addition to the "food of the month" item requested in the bulletin, donations of any nonperishable food items along with laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, bath soap, and other hygiene items are most welcome. Also, don't forget when purchasing items for our pantry to also hand in your Weis Market Receipts! I offer a tremendous and heart-felt thank you to those who have helped pick up food at the stores! We could not do it without your help. For more information or questions on the food pantry, please see Laura Pride, Jackie McGhee, and Nancy Fritz.



The Hospitality Committee meets quarterly to review the operation of Celebration Hall. They take care of advertising the hall as a venue, booking events and acting as on-site stewards during those events. They also oversee the care of the hall including maintenance and cleaning. The committee met on April 25th and discussed organizing the hall's closets and maintaining and cleaning the tables and chairs. At this time there are several items that Celebration Hall is in need of. As the committee plans fundraising efforts, they would like to offer a list of these items to the congregation in hopes that we might be able to donate funds to defray costs. The following is a list of items needed and their estimated cost. If you would like to help, please see a member of the Hospitality Committee: Laura Pride, Faye Jones, Kay Malinowitzer, Sam Malinowitzer, Audrey Barr, or Ed Stephens. Thank you! *1 Round Table: \$200.00, 20 Stacking upholstered chairs: \$25.00 each, 6 Banquet-Length Tablecloths: \$25.00 each*



We are scheduled to co-host with the Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church the week of October 21-27. If you would like to make a meal or make a meal & host, please let Laura Pride know. If you would like to make a meal but need financial assistance, please her know that too. We are in search of a coordinator to help with Family Promise. The job includes making phone calls to the congregation to enlist their help in providing two meals during our co-host week. There is a meeting between church volunteers once a month. We co-host with Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church 4 times a year. We NEVER have to host during a holiday! If you're interested please see Laura.

SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Greeters

2 The Fernandez Family
9 Faye Jones & Don Killeen
16 Sal & Noreen Manda
23 Laura Biddulph & Ann Braun
30 Mike & Nita Romer

Lay Readers

2 George Power
 9 Rachel Martenco
 16 Nancy Fritz
 23 Mike Romer
 30 Hilary Lew

Acolytes

2 Marissa Stephens
9 Chloe Shane
16 Faith Ward
23 Connor Hartmann
30 Nicholas Trubiano

Coffee Servers

2 Church Council
9 Church Picnic
16
23 Birthday Cake- Fellowship Committee
30 Hilary Lew & Gloria Killeen

Counters:

2 Joy Donnelly9 Doug Albertson16 May Ertle23 Sophie Cramer30 Freda Seiple

Ushers

2 Sally Harps & Laura Biddulph
9 Alan & Laura Pride
16 Jeannette Richardson & Doug Albertson
23 Walter & Carrie Strohl
30 Nancy Fritz & Faye Jones

<u>Nursery Assistants</u> TBA

Communion Assistants 2 Alan Pride & Ed Stephens 16 Dick Rehm & Adrian Martenco

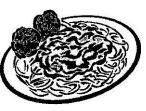
<u>Crucifers</u> 2 n/a 16 Camille Patrick

Altar Guild: Dana Strohl & Jaime Frailey. ****If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, *please find a replacement* and notify Laura in the church office as soon as possible. Thank You.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

at



St, Paul's Lutheran Church of

Smithfield



In Celebration Hall (located behind the church) September 20, 2018 EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Donation - \$6.00 per person

Eat in or Take out

If you have any questions, please call: Kay Malinowitzer - (h) 570-223-5049

(c) 570-242-3157



Faye Jones - (h) 570-223-8035 Directions: 'Take business 209 N - Turn L onto Craig's Meadow Rd. 1/4 mile behind Country Kettle on Craig's Meadow Rd. - Celebration Hall is located behind church.

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Raffle sponsored by People of the Way

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:15 Worship 9:30 Worship	3	4	5 6:00 First Wednesday – Potluck Dinner followed by Prayer and discussion in C.H.	6 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00 Friday Ladies	8
9 8:15 Worship- C 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship- Outside, Church Picnic follows	10 7:00 Property Meeting Worship & Music Meeting	11 7:00 Church Council	12 6:00 Bring your own Dinner followed by Prayer and discussion in Celebration Hall	13 6:30 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	14 10:00 Friday Ladies	15
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23 8:15 Worship- C 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Contemporary Worship	24	25	26 6:00 Bring your own Dinner followed by Prayer and discussion in Celebration Hall	27 6:00 Stewardship Mtg 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	28 10:00 Friday Ladies	29
30 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Service of Healing			- I			