

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield
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Church office: 570- 223-9422

Congregational Council Members

Adrian Martenco – President	570-445-4481	Mike Romer	917-848-5443
Ed Stephens – Vice President	570-460-2028	Patricia Clements	570-856-7433
Carrie Strohl – Secretary	570-656-5600		
Kay Malinowitz	570- 223-5049	Treasurer	Don Carr
		Church Secretary	Juli Jupin
		Choir Director	Katherine Ertle
		Music Director	Dave Libecap
Laura Biddulph	570-369-0359	Financial Secretary	Dana Strohl
		Sunday School Superintendent	Stephanie Stephens



SAINT PAUL'S CALL – January 2019

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.

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.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Church Reminders: Our next congregational meeting on January 27th after 2nd service. The ministry reports from 2017 will be reviewed. All Ministry chairs please send your year -end reports to the office by January 15th.



The following is the procedure for inclement weather. The church council will make the decision if services will be delayed or cancelled due to weather. If there will be a delay or closing or if Sunday School is cancelled, that information will be on Facebook. There will also be a message put on the answering machine for the church. If you are not sure if services are cancelled, please call the church at 570-223-9422 and listen for a message. If there is not a special message, then services are at their usual time



Worship and Music Highlights



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" this month. 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. Go to www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Faith-Practices/Spiritual-Renewal/Assessment-Tools. (copy and paste this link) and take the self-assessment. Copies to do by hand will be available in mid-October.

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

The Stewardship committee would like to remind everyone to return their commitment cards and their time and talent sheets. We need to have them so we can do the budget for 2019.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield
Income & Expense Statement (Unaudited)

	November <u>2018</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>
INCOME			
CHURCH INCOME			
GENERAL INCOME	\$8,423.05	\$118,367.12	\$144,129.15
BENEVOLENCE INCOME			
Regular Benevolence	179.00	1,891.00	2,750.00
Thrivent Choice	299.00	1,286.00	641.63
Pantry/Good Samaritan	290.00	7,678.40	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
Designated Scholarship	0.00	100.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,293.67	94,034.51	11,620.87
INTEREST INCOME	2.01	(668.67)	100.78
MEMORIAL INCOME	0.00	870.00	0.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	500.00	2,734.24	0.00
CELEBRATION HALL WISH LIST	0.00	150.00	0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>2.90</u>	<u>20.97</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,989.63</u>	<u>\$226,528.93</u>	<u>\$159,242.41</u>
EXPENSES			
CHURCH EXPENSES			
STAFF	\$2,737.55	\$32,998.65	\$79,094.62
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.33	6,416.66	6,416.66
Pantry/Good Samaritan	1,159.89	8,394.75	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	285.95	6,146.08	6,920.84
WORSHIP	548.83	4,863.07	6,233.34
LEARNING	-73.20	1,963.83	3,116.66
PROPERTY	5,546.29	39,815.36	43,543.72
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,173.89	12,912.79	12,913.09
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	522.08	1,145.84
WITNESS	0.00	242.50	366.66
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	95.20	2,954.16	3,025.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
COMMUNITY GARDENS	0.00	131.96	0.00
PLAYGROUND REPAIRS	0.00	99.00	0.00
TRANSFER	<u>0.00</u>	<u>24.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,057.73</u>	<u>\$119,550.49</u>	<u>\$162,776.43</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>(\$1,068.10)</u>	<u>\$106,978.44</u>	<u>(\$3,534.02)</u>

Cash Accounts

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$46,917.65	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	130,058.64	
VANGUARD	<u>0.00</u>	\$176,976.29
MIF - DESIGNATED FUNDS		<u>5,033.58</u>
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$182,009.87</u>



TEE Shirts for Sale!!

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.



Youth Night is postponed until further notice.



Sunday, **January 6** Classes will resume. Nativity Pageant at the 10:15 service.



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,
First Wednesday of the Month: Bring a dish to share at 6:00 pm
Second – Fourth Wednesdays: Bring your own Dinner 6:00 pm
Worship 6:30p.m. – 7:15p.m.



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.



Community Garden

The garden has produced an abundance of produce this season. From lettuce in late spring, a monster crop of zucchini, tomatoes, and green beans in the summer, to jewel-colored onions, carrots, and beets this fall! We have been blessed by God and Dick Rehm's green thumb and our pantry clients and congregation members are so grateful! This fall material purchased with money we received from Thrivent will be wrapped around our apple trees for deer control. The garden is being cleaned up, weeded and closed for the winter. We will start up again in March & April 2019, 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.



Property Committee



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!



JANUARY IS SPAGHETTI, CANNED CHICKEN and CANNED TUNA MONTH. PLEASE BRING AS MANY BOXES AND CANS 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.

Jackie and Nancy would like to thank everyone for all of the Christmas donations and help. Special thanks to the Boy Scouts for their donation of two trees with all of the trimmings and to the Girl Scouts for their donation of a Christmas meal to a needy family. Our hearts are warmed by our Sunday School for adopting a family.



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 September 26th. 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.

1 Round Table: \$200.00, 20 Stacking upholstered chairs: \$25.00 each, 6 Banquet-Length Tablecloths: \$25.00 each

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!



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. We co-host with Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church 4 times a year, and our next co-host date will be in February 2019. We NEVER have to host during a holiday! If you're interested please see Adrian.

SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Greeters

6 Don Killeen and Sonji Patrick
13 Walter and Carrie Strohl
20 The Fernandez Family
27 Tom and Jackie McGee

Ushers

6 Laura Pride and Nancy Fritz
13 Sally Harps and Faye Jones
20 Doug Albertson and Hank Williams
27 Noreen Manda and Laura Biddulph

Lay Readers

6 TJ Lasslett
13 Nancy Fritz
20 Sam Malinowitzer
27 Carrie Strohl

Nursery Assistants

TBA

Acolytes

6 Faith Ward
13 Brooke Nixon
20 Connor Hartmann
27 Marissa Stephens

Communion Assistants

6 Alan Pride and Ed Stephens
13
20 Dick Rehm and Kay Malinowitzer
27

Coffee Servers

6 Church Council
13
20
27 Birthday Cake

Crucifers

6 Chloe Shane
20 Sam Pride

Counters:

6 Joy Donnelly
13 Hank Williams
20 Tom Smith
27 Ed Stephens



*Susan Hartman and Delores Hartman****If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and notify church office as soon as possible. Thank You.*



SPAGHETTI DINNER

ST Paul's Lutheran Church
of Smithfield

In Celebration Hall

January 17, 2019

4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Donation - \$6.00 per person

Eat in or Take out



If you have any questions...Please call:

Kay Malinowitzer

(h) 570-223-5049 or (c) 570-242-3147

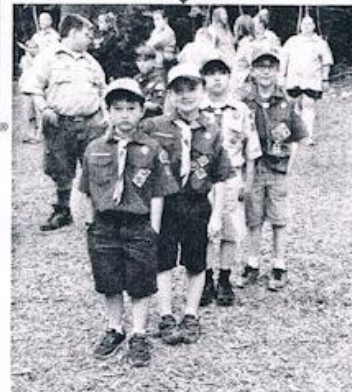
Faye Jones ~ (h) 570-223-8035

Directions: Take business 209 N ~ Turn L onto Craig's Meadow Road ~ 1/4 mile behind Country Kettle on Craig's Meadow Road ~ Celebration Hall is located behind the church.

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St Paul's Lutheran Church



Come join us on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
here at St Paul's Lutheran Church.

Boys from 1st grade to 5th are welcome.

For more information please contact

Bill Donovan : bdonovanpack82@gmail.com

Or

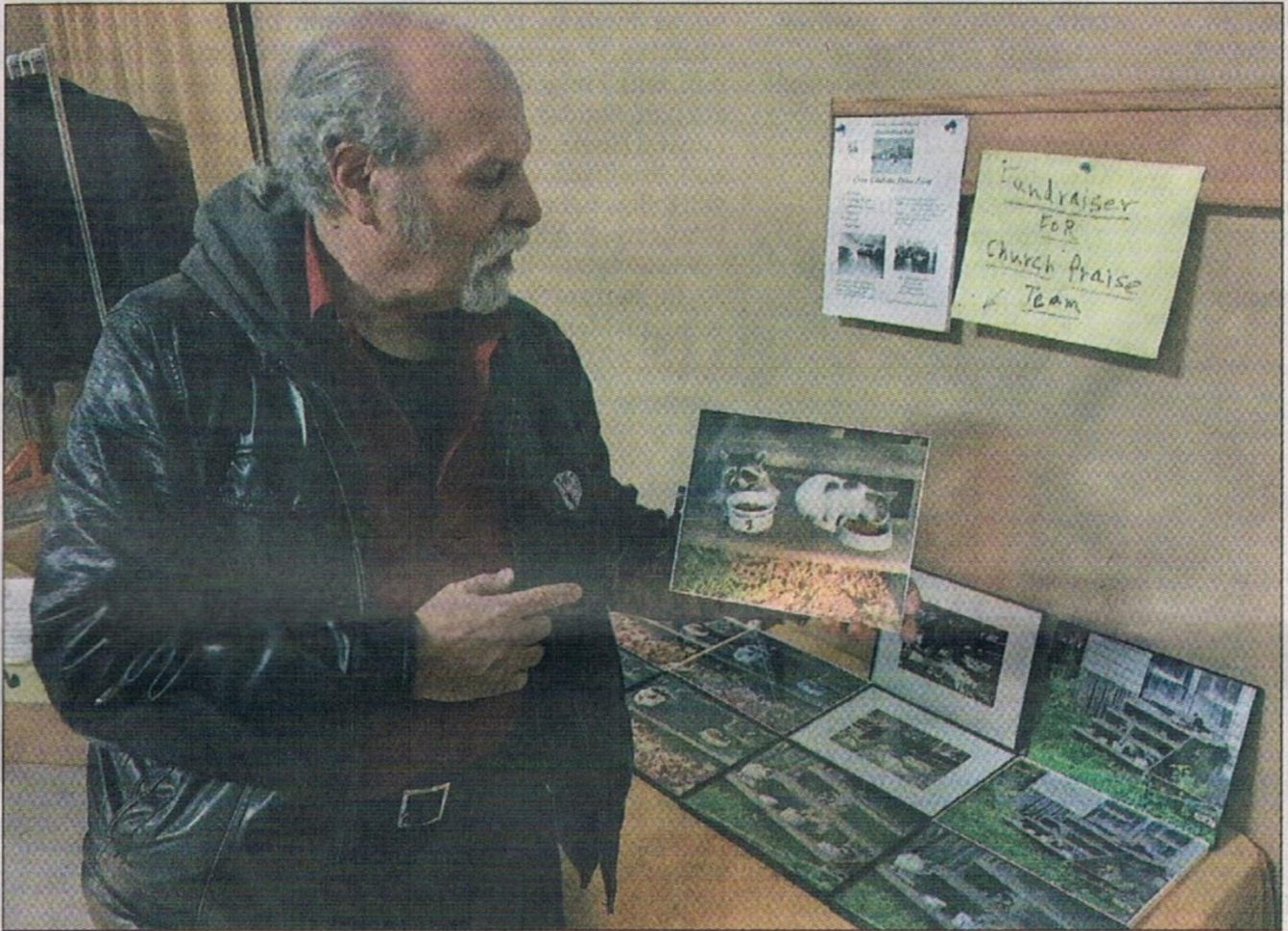
Mike Romer :

LEE123@PTD.NET



This Article about Sam's fundraiser ran in the Pocono Record Web Site, Facebook and Daily Paper

Pictures show peaceful animal co-existence



During the monthly spaghetti dinner Thursday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Smithfield Township, Sam Malinowitzer holds one of the pictures he took showing one of his two cats eating with a raccoon at his home. Malinowitzer is selling these pictures, from which people can learn to peacefully co-exist as animals do, to raise money for church praise team equipment. Anyone wishing to buy a picture can contact Malinowitzer at (570) 242-3155. [ANDREW SCOTT/POCONO RECORD]

There are different framed pictures available that Sam took in his backyard with his cat's and different wildlife who visit at dinner time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31	1	2 6:00 First Wednesday – Potluck Dinner followed by Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall	3 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00 Friday Ladies	5
6 Epiphany Sunday 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship (C) Epiphany Play	7 7:00 Property Meeting Worship & Music Meeting 6:00	8 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal 7:00 Church Council	9 6:00 Bring your own meal. 6:30 Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall	10 6:30 Finance Mtg 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 Friday Ladies	12
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20 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship-(C)	21 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:00 Evangelism Meeting	22 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	23 6:00 Bring your own meal. 6:30 Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall	24 6:00 Stewardship Mtg 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	25 10:00 Friday Ladies	26
27 8:15 Worship- C 9:00 Sunday School/ Confirmation 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Contemporary Worship Congregational Mtg.	28	30 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	31 6:00 Bring your own meal. 6:30 Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall	Cub Scouts: Every Monday at 6:30 -8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. Karate: Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m. NA: Every Thursday and Saturday 6:30-9:30		



KARATE CLASSES

We invite you to become part of our karate family. Our certified instructors will teach age appropriate Isshin-Ryu Karate as well as grappling, judo and self-defense techniques.

Class Information:

Days:

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Times:

Children (6-12) 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Adults (13 and up) 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Location:

St Paul's Lutheran Church
139 Craig's Meadow Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Cost:

Suggested donation: \$40 per month

Phoenix Martial Arts Society is a public 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

For more information contact:

Phoenix Martial Arts Society

PO Box 326
Analomink, PA 18320
Phone: 570-982-4999

E-mail: info@phoenixmartialartssociety.com

Web: www.phoenixmartialartssociety.com

Come and explore the many benefits that martial arts training has to offer.

- Confidence
- Leadership
- Discipline
- Coordination
- Physical Fitness
- Friendships
- Anti-Bullying
- Self Defense

Each class focuses on the traditional Okinawan karate values and skill sets while making sure our students have a great time!



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