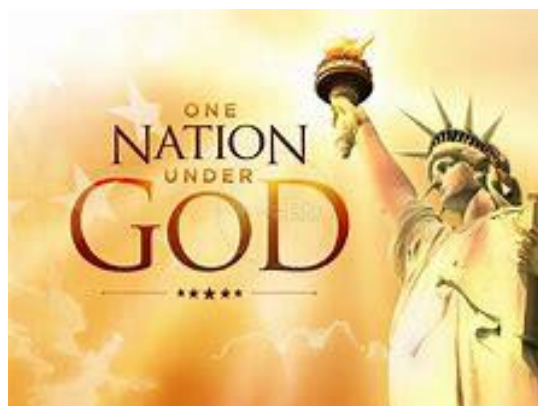


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#### **Congregational Council Members**

Laura Pride – President	570-807-6114		
Carrie Strohl – Vice President	570-656-5600	Patricia Clements	570-856-7433
Kay Malinowtizer – Secretary	570-242-3157	Ed Stephens	570-460-2028
Laura Biddulph -	570-369-0359	Don Carr	Treasurer
Patricia Clements –	570-856-7433	Church Secretary	Juli Jupin
Adrian Martenco –	570-807-3897	Choir Director	Katherine Ertle
Tom McGhee –	570-994-4169	Financial Secretary	Dana Strohl
Dick Rehm -	570-350-2615	Sunday School Superintendent	



#### ***SAINT PAUL'S CALL – JULY 2019***

##### **Summer Sunday Schedule**

Worship 8:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. through Labor Day

##### **Each Month**

First Sunday - Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> service)  
Second Sunday - Teaching and Prayer Service (Communion 1<sup>st</sup> service)  
Third Sunday - Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> service)  
Fourth Sunday - Contemporary Service (Communion 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## **Saint Paul's Call July 2019**

Dear Congregation,

June was A full month of changes and experiences for St. Paul's. This month we lost the presence of Charles Howcott. But his music and zest for life will live on in all of us that knew him. Once again, I am humbled and so very grateful for all of the wonderful volunteers who assisted us in providing the Howcott family with a service to remember.

We also welcomed Pastor Joe Veres as our part time interim pastor. He began his work with us on June 1 however I personally feel God planted a seed with him on the first day he visited our congregation back in the winter.

This time of transition as we call a new permanent pastor has been and will continue to be filled with many experiences and I am grateful that Pastor Joe will be sharing some of that journey with us.

This summer is typically a slowing down time for many. We enjoy more family time and vacations. The church schedule also slows down in July and August. The council will not meet in July. Worship and music will also take July off. Please check the bulletin and the newsletter to make sure that your meeting or event will take place as changes are often made in the summer. If need anything, please give Juli, our secretary a call. Please don't forget your giving while you are away during the summer.

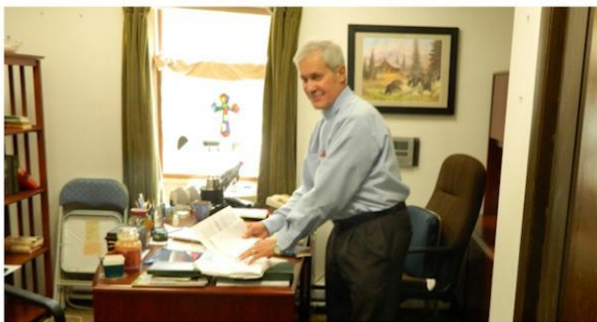
So, relax! Summer is here! Glorious, sun-shiny, eat ice cream for dinner summer - when the weather is warm and we're feeling fine! Don't forget to make regular worship part of your summer schedule. Come and enjoy a good sermon, beautiful music, and great food and fellowship with friends- all in a comfortable air-conditioned environment! Bring a friend!

With love and respect,

Laura

Sent from my iPhone

## **WELCOME PASTOR JOE TO SAINT PAUL'S**



## A Moment

**NRS 2 Corinthians 13:12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.**

Greet one another. Such a simple idea since we always figure that some hello or salutation occurs when people gather or someone new is introduced. Paul prefers the greeting be personal and intimate; one in which the sense of the followers of Christ is known by a gesture showing their love for one another... even those who are new to them. Note how it is also a greeting in which the saints were seen as collectively acting in that welcome.

I'm new in many respects, but having preached at St. Paul's in April and May-- I'm also a familiar face. The council wisely thought that should I introduce myself. In the varying ways I might choose to do that, maybe the important one is to say how I see the work of the church: we are the agents of the life and the joy so intimately connected to knowing Jesus. The Sunday morning church should have that same purpose so everyone knows this reality when they encounter St. Paul's. St. Paul's (for that purpose) is not the building, but the people. The church gathers weekly and then explodes back into the daily life of jobs, chores, education, socializing, and living.

Another perspective: I am a second career pastor. My background as a tax attorney and accountant informs my views. The 25 years solving legal issues and doing tax returns was preparatory to what I do now. My client experience leads me to see a world much larger than 139 Craig's Meadow Road or the Northeastern PA Synod or the ELCA. The work we do has a cosmic import to how the gospel threads its way into creation.

I retired in October 2018 from Faith United Ev. Lutheran Church in Denver, PA. (Yes, there is also a Denver in Pennsylvania). My wife, Paula, is a retired teacher for children with special needs. We have 3 sons (Andrew, Matthew, and Adam) and we plan to spend more time with their families and enjoy our grandchildren. I loved my seminary experience at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg (now part of United Lutheran Seminary) and I advocate that EVERY congregation recognize it is part of their mission to raise up and support church leadership. I also believe the seminaries are not being used as fully as possible to benefit the mission field of local congregations.

There is much more I could say, but I understand our mission is the mutual work to discern Christ's call within our lives... yours and mine. In the vast treasury of our experience, from gardening to government work; how are the skills and gifts of followers being used? I love the food ministry you conduct. I'm having fun with the Tuesday Bible study on Luke's parables in from 15:1-17:9. Dick and I talk garden. I have yet to find someone who loves fishing (since I love fly fishing... "practice catch and release"). The joy of Spiritual Formation is in the shared time and life experiences of one another. There is a rich musical bent in everything I see and purposeful fellowship. Each of these are "greetings." They are part of how we make, maintain, and engender relationships among the gathering AND in the world.

I am "half time" which is meant to be an average of 20 hours per week in each 28-day period. That means I must balance where to commit time knowing emergencies, health needs, and other 'surprises' simply are not easy to factor in the time needed to the critical task of knowing all of you. Please help me get to know your name. You are learning one name and I am learning many more. It will help me set "name to face" when you say: "I'm (add your name)." Don't be afraid to tell me something about your life.

I greet you all as saints who are part of my spiritual journey.

Blessings... Pastor Joe



## Greetings from Music and Worship!

We are also looking for anyone interested in providing special music through the summer, please contact Tim to see which dates are available.

### Help Wanted

Cemetery Committee is looking for someone to mow the cemetery. This is a paid position. Please contact Dana Strohl - 570-856-9486 or Faye Jones - 570-223-8035.

Thanks to Don Carr for the wonderful job done to beautify the grounds outside Celebration Hall.



### Annual Church Service and Picnic

Thanks to all who came to worship and share a dish or desert for everyone to enjoy.



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

	May <u>2019</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year To Date <u>Budget</u>
INCOME			
CHURCH INCOME			
GENERAL INCOME	\$11,589.29	\$47,471.28	\$63,274.98
BENEVOLENCE INCOME			
Regular Benevolence	143.00	828.00	1,000.00
Thrivent Choice	9.00	630.00	625.00
Pantry/Good Samaritan	453.00	2,640.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	525.11	6,136.06	6,789.55
INTEREST INCOME	1.87	6,740.58	68.75
MEMORIAL FUND	0.00	1,095.00	0.00
ORGAN & PRAISE BAND INCOME	40.00	3,760.00	0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>6.04</u>	<u>22.41</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$12,767.31</u>	<u>\$69,323.33</u>	<u>\$71,758.28</u>
EXPENSES			
CHURCH EXPENSES			
STAFF	\$3,144.47	\$18,208.75	\$39,558.40
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.33	2,916.66	2,916.66
Pantry/Good Samaritan	0.00	2,627.17	0.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	285.58	3,594.49	3,041.70
WORSHIP	1,136.48	2,998.37	2,616.64
LEARNING	297.37	507.37	1,479.15
PROPERTY	2,913.94	20,067.12	21,534.27
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,173.89	5,869.45	5,870.00
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	302.60	862.50
WITNESS	125.00	262.50	166.66
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	357.42	1,118.72	1,458.35
ORGAN & PRAISE BAND EXP.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>395.05</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$10,017.48</u>	<u>\$58,868.25</u>	<u>\$79,504.33</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>2,749.83</u>	<u>\$10,455.08</u>	<u>(\$7,746.05)</u>

**Cash Accounts**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$44,001.48	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	135,769.18	
MIF - DESIGNATED FUNDS	<u>7,915.47</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$187,686.13</u>

## SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

### Greeters

**7** Sally Harps and Lynne Williams  
**14** Gloria and Don Killeen  
**21** Linda Rouser and Laura Biddulph  
**28** Walter and Carrie Strohl

### Ushers

**7** Doug and Joanne Albertson  
**14** Jeannette Richardson and Nancy Fritz  
**21** The Pride Family  
**28** Marylee Rehm and Laura Biddulph

### Lay Readers

**7** Nancy Fritz  
**14** May Ertle  
**21** Tim Lasslett  
**28** Madeline McCarron

### Acolytes

**7** Chloe Shane  
**14** Ashley Tully  
**21** Marissa Stephens  
**28** Brook Nixon

### Crucifer

**7** Camille Patrick  
**14**  
**21** Hanna Stephens  
**28**

### Communion Assistant

**7** Pat Clements and Dick Rehm  
**14**  
**21** Ed Stephens and Jeannette Richardson  
**28**



*Ruth Ann Rumbold 570-620-1362 and Freda Seiple 570-421-4882 \*\*\*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement and notify **Laura Biddulph lbiddulph0812@yahoo.com** as soon as possible. Thank You.*





We had to cancel our June Youth Group and with all the summer activities going on our July Meeting plans will be announced at a later date.  
Hope to see everyone who comes out to enjoy our time together very soon.

Celebration Hall from 6:30 to 8:30  
Grades 6th - 12th Welcome  
Blessings the Youth Committee



Please be sure to check the acolyte and crucifer schedule to see if your child is scheduled to serve. We appreciate our wonderful children and their supportive families!

Sunday School is on Summer Break.



### **TEE Shirts for Sale!!**

There are a limited number and sizes left of St. Paul's 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 Jeannette Richardson if you are interested.

### **A Little News from One of Our Members**

We would like to wish good luck and success to Alice and Charlie Farley in their new book store location. You will now find the store across from McDonalds in Marshalls Creek  
For more information call Alice @ 570-202-8288.



5126 Milford Rd  
East Stroudsburg



### **We are All Companions on the Way**

Drop in on Wednesday Night for a refreshing Spiritual Formation Worship Service.

Summer Service will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday. **July 10th and July 24th,**

We Share Scripture, Prayer, Meditation, Discussion and of course Food!

**July 10th** will be Pot Luck dinner, bring a dish to share, starts at 6:00

**July 24th** Bring your own meal. starts at 6:00

Worship 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

## **Women's Prayer Group**

The Women's Prayer Group will be meet this month on  
July 14th and 28th after late service coffee hour.  
If you would like to join our group please contact Laura.

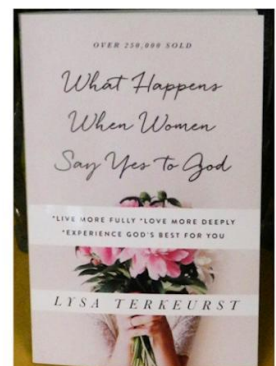


We are starting a new book!

**What Happens When Women Say Yes to God: Live more fully, Love more deeply, Experience God's Best for you. Lysa TerKeurst .**

See Laura Biddulph to get your book or if you have any questions.

Building Relationships with One Another  
And Strengthening our Prayer Lives Together!!  
All Are Welcome to Drop in for Prayer and Discussion!





# Friday Ladies

## St. Paul's Friday Ladies



Making Quilted Lap Robes for Nursing Homes including Pleasant Valley, Hospice, Meals on Wheels and personal requests for someone in need is just one of the important jobs done by this fantastic group of volunteers that meet every Friday in the Social Hall.



In 2018 these special ladies distributed 44 Lap Robes.



Thanks to Thrivent for sponsoring the group twice a year to help buy supplies needed.

A Big Thanks go out to Friday Ladies for contributing Delicious baked goods when ever needed and for coffee hour every few months.

**Making Book Marks for the Choir was the great project taken on in month of May.**



The Congregation is also welcome to request a robe for a family member or friend in need.



**JULY** will be **MACARONI AND CHEESE, SPAM, CEREAL and JELLY MONTH**. **PLEASE BRING AS MANY ITEMS AS YOU ARE ABLE TO CHURCH** ON SUNDAY AND PUT THEM IN THE BASKETS ON THE ALTAR! THANK YOU!! **Laundry and dish detergent, toothbrushes and personal hygiene items** are also welcome. We can accept perishables. *Thank you to our fabulous volunteers!!*

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 Jackie McGhee or Susan Cerrato-Brown.

**FREE: We have a walker and crutches if anyone is in need. Contact the office: 570-223-9422**



## Community Garden

*This year's spring garden has been planted thanks to Dick Rehm. Blueberry Bushes have been added new this year inside our fence as we continue to watch the Raspberry Bushes outside the garden grow. Already you can visit the garden and see the Sweet Onion, Leaf Lettuce, Radishes', and Head Lettuce starting to grow. We have been blessed by God and Dick Rehm's green thumb and our pantry clients and congregation members are so grateful! Last fall material purchased with money we received from Thrivent will be wrapped around our apple trees for deer control. 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.*

**UPDATE:** *The harvest has begun, lettuce, onions, radishes have already been picked. The zucchini is flowering and will be ready soon, and this month we will also see the cucumber and tomatoes. If you haven't been out to see the garden be sure to take a walk out back to enjoy for yourself.*



## 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.**



**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 Laura.



# SPAGHETTI DINNER

ST Paul's Lutheran Church  
of Smithfield

In Celebration Hall

**JULY 18, 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) 570-242-3157

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.

*Sponsored by the Evangelism Committee  
Raffle Sponsored by People of the Way*





# 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**

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Phone: 570-982-4999

E-mail: [info@phoenixmartialartssociety.com](mailto:info@phoenixmartialartssociety.com)

Web: [www.phoenixmartialartssociety.com](http://www.phoenixmartialartssociety.com)

- 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!



NOTE: This activity is not officially endorsed or financially supported by the East Stroudsburg Area School District. Permission to distribute this information is provided as a service to the students and staff.



## July 7<sup>th</sup> Music and Worship Meeting is Canceled.

### JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
	<b>1</b> 6:00 Music and Worship Meeting  7:00 Property Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:15 Worship  9:30 Worship - Communion	<b>8</b> 7:00 Evangelism Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>10</b> 6:00 Wednesday Potluck Dinner followed by;  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>11</b> 6:30 Finance Meeting	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:15 Worship - Communion  9:30 Worship  Women's Prayer Group *	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies  Youth Group 6:30-8:30 in CH	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:15 Worship  9:30 Worship - Communion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 Bring your own meal followed by:  Spiritual Formation in Celebration Hall at 6:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Friday Ladies	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:15 Worship - Communion  9:30 Worship  Women's Prayer Group *	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**\* Womens Prayer group** meets after 9:30 Coffee Hour

**NA:** Every Thursday and Saturday @6:30 - 9:30 pm

**Karate:** Every Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 pm

**Boy Scouts:**

**Girl Scouts:**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Music and Worship is Cancelled.**