

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield**  
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Katherine Ertle  
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Dana Strohl  
Stephanie Stephens



***SAINT PAUL'S CALL – December 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.

**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.

*St. Paul's Call*  
*December 2018*



**FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ....**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Thanksgiving dinner was well put together thank you to all members who made this possible. It is a great ministry for outreach program.

We Need to give thanks to our God for our gifts. We are having a strong worship every Sunday  
All ministries are meeting and continuing their journey serving the Lord.

Worship Services are **8:15 a.m.** and **10:15 a.m.** and Sunday School at 9 a.m. for all ages. Our **Christmas Eve Services** will be **3:00 p.m.** and **7:00 p.m.**

Thank you to Dana Strohl and Lynne Williams for working in the office and training the new Secretary Juli Jupin and doing the Celebrate.

The pantry ministry distributed 50 turkey dinners for Thanksgiving...Thank you Jackie and all of the helpers. Thank you all Stewardship Committee Members for a great program.

Thank you to the choir and praise team for the great music. The Bluegrass Celebration with The Lost Ramblers was a huge success. The Christmas Concert on December 1<sup>st</sup> with the cookies and carolers was a wonderful treat for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church for Christmas and Dick Rehm for making the Advent wreath the beautiful wreaths for the front of the church.

Please see the newsletter and celebrate for coming events...

Looking forward to Christmas and New year. In the Lords services God Bless

Adrian Martenco



## 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](http://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.***

### ***A Special Note from Abigail Ertle***

Thank you very much to everyone at the Church for the care package! I truly appreciate the time everyone took to gather the treats and prepare the packages. Receiving it made my week! I hope everyone is doing well and thank you again!!

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

	<u>October</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Year to</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>Budget</u>
INCOME			
CHURCH INCOME			
GENERAL INCOME	\$9,169.64	\$109,944.07	\$131,408.31
BENEVOLENCE INCOME			
Regular Benevolence	172.00	1,712.00	2,500.00
Thrivent Choice	0.00	987.00	583.30
Pantry/Good Samaritan	1,719.00	7,388.40	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
Designated Scholarship	0.00	100.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	831.22	92,740.84	10,591.70
INTEREST INCOME	2.21	(670.68)	91.60
MEMORIAL INCOME	25.00	870.00	0.00
MAJOR REPAIRS & REPLACEMENT	0.00	2,234.24	0.00
CELEBRATION HALL WISH LIST	0.00	150.00	0.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>2.99</u>	<u>18.07</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$11,922.06</u>	<u>\$215,539.30</u>	<u>\$145,174.91</u>
EXPENSES			
CHURCH EXPENSES			
STAFF	\$3,901.01	\$30,261.10	\$71,904.20
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.33	5,833.33	5,833.33
Pantry/Good Samaritan	667.68	7,234.86	0.00
World Hunger	0.00	65.36	0.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	766.74	5,860.13	6,291.67
WORSHIP	671.59	4,314.24	5,666.67
LEARNING	410.89	2,037.03	2,833.33
PROPERTY	2,338.14	34,269.07	39,612.47
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,173.89	11,738.90	11,739.17
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	522.08	1,041.67
WITNESS	0.00	242.50	333.33
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	634.47	2,858.96	2,750.00
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>\$11,147.74</u>	<u>\$107,492.76</u>	<u>\$148,005.84</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>(\$774.32)</u>	<u>\$108,046.54</u>	<u>(\$2,830.93)</u>

**Cash Accounts**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$48,200.68	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	130,058.64	
VANGUARD	<u>0.00</u>	\$178,259.32
MIF - DESIGNATED FUNDS		<u>5,030.68</u>
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$183,290.00</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.



Hello All! Happy Winter! Youth Night will be on Friday, December 21st, 2018 from 6:00-8:30 P.M. in Celebration Hall. We will be doing a Christmas party to close our year. Wear your Christmas attire! Hope to see you all there!

God bless,  
Rachel A. Martenco  
(570) 242-3461  
[Rachii1215@gmail.com](mailto:Rachii1215@gmail.com)



The Sunday School children will be singing during the 10:15 service on Sunday, December 16. This is the third Sunday of Advent.

Some children will be serving as greeters, readers, and helping the ushers. Teachers and parents will be hosting coffee hour.

#### **Please make note of the following dates:**

Saturday, **December 8** Breakfast with Santa.

Sunday, **December 16** Children will be singing and serving at the 10:15 service.

Sunday, **December 30** No Sunday School or Confirmation Class.

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 6:30pm – 7:15pm



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.



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!**



DECEMBER 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.

**Jackie would like to thank everyone for all of the Thanksgiving donations and help. A special thanks to the Boy Scouts for the six boxes of Thanksgiving fixings.**

**With the Christmas Season upon us Jackie is requesting donations of hams and volunteers to assist with packing and distribution. Please contact her as soon as you can.**





**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 Adrian.

## **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

We had a successful Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to give a special thanks to Chef Doug Petruzzo for all of his help and Boy Scouts pack 100 for their service.



# SERVING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

## Greeters

2 Sally Harps and Dough Albertson  
9 The Fernandez Family  
16 Sunday School  
23 Laura Biddulph and Madeline McCarron  
30

## Ushers

2 Nancy Fritz and Faye Jones  
9 Adrian Martenco and Rachel Martenco  
16 Sunday School  
23 Don Killeen and Jeannette Richardson

## Lay Readers

2 Carrie Strohl  
9 George Powers  
16 Stephanie Stephens  
23 Sam Malinowitzer

## Nursery Assistants

TBA

## Acolytes

2 Faith Ward  
9 Chloe Shane  
16 Sunday School  
23 Connor Hartmann

## Communion Assistants

2 Alan Pride and Ed Stephens  
16 Dick Rehm and Pat Clements

## Coffee Servers

2 Church Council  
9 Friday Ladies  
16 Sunday School  
23 Birthday Cake – Fellowship

## Crucifers

2 Marissa Stephens  
16 N/A

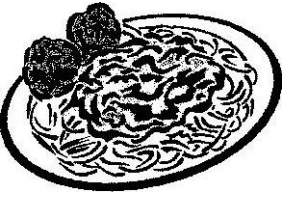
## Counters:

2 Joy Donnelly  
9 Doug Albertson  
16 May Ertle  
23 Sophie Cramer  
30 Jaime Frailey

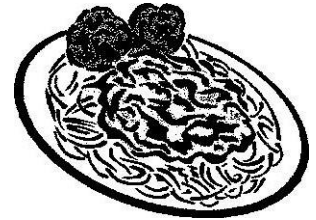


*Nancy Fritz, Lynne Williams and Marylee Rehm \*\*\*\*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** and notify church office as soon as possible. Thank You.*

# SPAGHETTI DINNER



St, Paul's Lutheran Church  
of Smithfield



In Celebration Hall

**December 20, 2018**

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

Donation - \$6.00 per person

Eat in or Take out

At this Dinner we will be  
collecting NEW socks and undergarments for the  
men and women in our community.

Please help with this collection.

Thank you...God's Blessings to you.

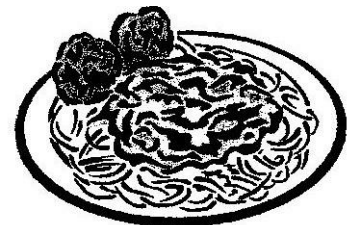
If you have any questions, please call:

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.



Sponsored  
by the  
Evangelism Committee

Raffle sponsored  
by  
People of the Way



## **GIFTS**

We all know that it is better to give than to receive, and many of us want to give, but are not sure where to begin. As the holiday's approach, I would like to remind everyone of the various ways St. Paul's Church gives to our community both during the holidays and all year through. Please read the list below when considering how to give this season. Thank you! Laura Pride

### **YEAR-ROUND GIVING OPTIONS:**

**The Food Pantry-** Nonperishable food, bags, and money can be donated to the food pantry at any time. The first Sunday of the month is "pantry Sunday" and a special additional offering is taken especially for the food pantry. See Laura Pride. This year we will distribute Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner to 55+ families.

**Weis Receipts-** Please remember to bring in your Weis Market grocery receipts. Weis gives the church 1% of the amount of the receipts and this has proven to be an easy way to make valuable extra income for the church. You may give receipts to Laura or Dana or the blue ceramic box on the table in the narthex. You may also mail them to the church office.

**World Hunger-** You may donate to World Hunger at any time. Designate your contributions on a Sunday morning or put money in the jar in the narthex.

**Family Promise-** Our church has been involved as a support congregation for Family Promise for over five years. We support Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church by helping prepare meals, hosting the dinner hours, and doing laundry. Often when families graduate the program they need furniture, and household items. If you would like to help, see Noreen Manda.

### **HOLIDAY GIVING:**

**The Angel Tree-** A Christmas Tree containing tags was placed in the narthex beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>. The tags contained names of needy children in our community. Take a tag and purchase a gift for that child and return it under the tree by December 6th. The Salvation Army picks up the gifts and distributes them. See Laura Pride.

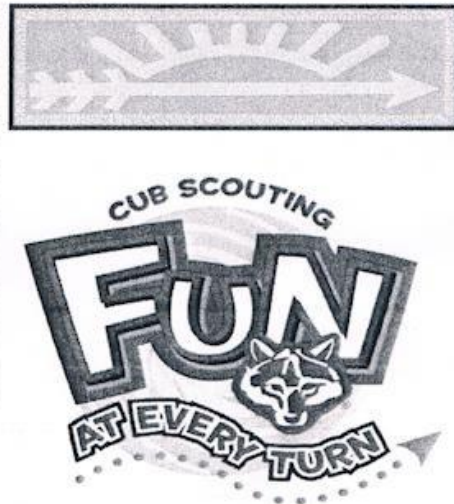
**The Mitten Tree-** Please place new mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks in children's sizes on or under the tree in the narthex. (It is the same tree as the Angel Tree.) The items will be donated to needy children in our community. See Laura Pride

**The Most Important Gift Catalog in the World:** A gift idea book from Heifer International can be borrowed from the church office. It will be available in the narthex or during coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Heifer International helps you donate livestock, bees, rabbits, and even trees to needy families around the world so that they can become self-sustaining.

**Helping The Homeless:** During the winter months we are collecting warm hats, gloves, and socks as well as sleeping bags, blankets, and long underwear for the homeless of our area. Please bring these items to the Spaghetti Dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup>. There is also collection box in the narthex.

# Pack 82

## *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](mailto:bdonovanpack82@gmail.com)**

**Or**

**Mike Romer :**

*lee123@PTD.NET*





## THE MITTEN TREE

Please place unwrapped mittens, gloves and scarves under the tree in the narthex.

(It is the same tree as the Angel Tree.)

The gifts will be donated to our local WIC office.

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Nutrition Program promotes the health of women, infants and children by providing food and nutrition education to pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers as well as their infants and children. WIC services include nutrition education, healthy food vouchers, breastfeeding support, farmer's market vouchers, and much more.

Please drop off by December  
16th and Laura Pride will  
deliver.



You can help this holiday season, underprivileged children in our area receive toys and clothing through the Angel Tree program.

Pick a ticket from the tree, please do not gift wrap just tape the bottom half of the request ticket to the package.

Please place your gift by the tree by Dec. 9th. so the Salvation Army can pick-up. If you are unable to drop gift off by the 9th, please drop off to Salvation Army directly.

Thanks to all !!!!!





ENVISIONING A MONROE COUNTY  
WHERE EVERYONE HAS A  
SAFE AND DECENT PLACE TO LIVE



Dear Monroe County Neighbor,

Monroe County Habitat for Humanity (MCHFH) is requesting your support this holiday season to reach its goal of raising \$12,500. Your gift will support the administration of MCHFH's programs including Home Preservation. This year MCHFH plans to complete **30 Home Preservation repair projects** for deserving home owners in Monroe County.


Through its mission, MCHFH seeks to put God's love into action and brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. MCHFH only succeeds when neighbors are helping neighbors.

Home Preservation allows homeowners affected by low income, age and disability to make necessary repairs on their homes. When critical repairs are made homeowners are healthier and more likely to remain in their homes. Home Preservation is a hand up-homeowners volunteer on their own home repair project alongside community volunteers and pay MCHFH back for materials over a 5-year period.

This holiday season please consider giving your neighbor in Monroe County the gift of a "hand up" to a safe, decent home. When you donate to Monroe County Habitat for Humanity you are helping your neighbors to be healthier, more productive citizens in our community. Learn more about our fundraiser by visiting <http://www.habitatmc.org/donate/holiday-fundraiser-2018/>.

Monroe County Habitat for Humanity can only continue to build better lives in Monroe County with the support of our neighbors like you! Happy Holidays and thank you for your support!  
In Partnership, Jean Kemmerer, Executive Director

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Christmas Concert
<b>2</b> 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship- Comm	<b>3</b> 6-8:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 Worship & Music Meeting 7:00 Property Meeting	<b>4</b> 11:30am Bible Study 6:00 Karate in CH. 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Contemporary Music Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 10:00am Exercise Hour  6:00 Wednesday – Potluck Dinner followed by Prayer and discussion in CH.	<b>6</b> 6:00 Karate in CH. 6:30 Finance Mtg. 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 – 9:30 NA	<b>7</b> 10:00 Friday Ladies	<b>8</b> 9:00 – 11:00 Breakfast with Santa   6:30 – 9:30 NA
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<b>16</b> 8:15 Worship 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship- Comm	<b>17</b> 6-8:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 Evangelism Mtg  7:00 NA	<b>18</b> 11:30am Bible Study 6:00 Karate in CH.	<b>19</b> 10:00am Exercise Hour 6:00 Bring your own Dinner followed by <b>BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b> in Cell Hall	<b>20</b> <b>4:30 – 7:00 Spaghetti Dinner</b> 6:00 Karate in SA 7:00 Choir Rehearsal  6:30 – 9:30 NA	<b>21</b> 10:00 Friday Ladies 6:00 – 8:30 Youth/Teen Game Night in Celebration Hall 6:00 Game Night in Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b> 6:30 – 9:30 NA
<b>23</b> 8:15 Worship-C 9:00 Sunday School Confirmation Class 9:10 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Worship-	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal  6:30 – 9:30 NA	<b>28</b> 10:00 Friday Ladies	<b>29</b> 6:30 – 9:30 NA
<b>30</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 Service of Healing	<b>31</b>					