



JESUS SAYS...WELCOME HOME!

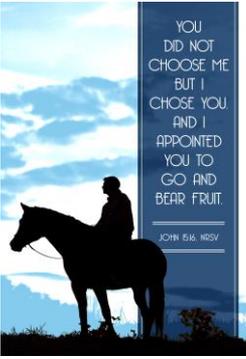
⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.¹ Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

THE EVANGEL

AUGUST 2020



***ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Jesus said "You did not choose me, but I chose you, ... (John 15:16)

As much as we would like to believe it, serving the will of God with God's own people is not always easy. The church always needs all the help it can get with money, time, and talents. Jesus chose us to help Him in the world because the Lord's work is never finished. There's always more good work to be done. But sometimes, more helpers in the vineyard means more conflict, too, and that can be a real challenge to a church.

Opinions in the church over how and what things are to be done, who is supposed to be doing them, and when all such things should happen are as common and varied as there are people in the pews. The troubles for churches start when strong opinions separate us into competing special interest groups, and we see the Church as our personal Burger King, where we are entitled and insistent 'to have it my way.'

In all such times of difference, the ensuing wrestling matches in the church become the test of our faithfulness. But it's not our faithfulness to 'the corps' and our preferences that is being tested, but our faithfulness to the Lord our God, who purposefully made each of us different and yet expects us to love each other just the same.

Keeping faith is always the message of the Gospel, and the lesson we should be learning in our times of trial and contention together. We must come to see that **Faithful** does not fold its tents and go home when things don't go the way it wants. **Faithful** does not take its bat and ball and go home, leaving everyone else standing on the field, when it looks like it's going to lose the game. And **Faithful** does not look for ways to continue the fighting and harming for personal gain once the peace has been made. Jesus did not call us to win battles over one another or prevail over our brothers and sisters in every difference of opinion. And Jesus did not call us to start wars or abandon ship because we're not getting our own way.

Even when things are not going the way we would choose, Jesus chose us: to be **Faithful** to Him, His church, and to love one another, anyway. That is the test of faithful service. It always loves God and others first. Always.

Pastor Burkhardt

Got a question ...need to talk?

The office is open, and the phone is working.

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OUTSIDE SERVICE:

With no path for a return to normalcy until we have a vaccine, the following protocols will apply to St. Paul's until the start of Advent, November 29th.



SERVICES:

On June 14th we resumed worship with our 9:30 AM Outdoor Service; attendance has averaged between 50-70 per week and the requirements to wear a face covering and to keep 6 ft. of social distance has served to protect everyone. We invite you to join us; however, your personal safety is of the utmost importance. If you feel at risk, then stay at home and watch the service on the St. Paul's website.

We will continue to hold our service on the lawn into October and as long as weather permits. At that time, we will move inside, keeping to one service at 9:30 AM, while complying with state and CDC guidelines.

Some have questioned why the service is held at 9:30 when 8:00 AM would be cooler and with less traffic. Nine-thirty was selected to take advantage of the sun's ability to kill germs. Come September we will appreciate the warmer temperature at 9:30. Whether it is hot or cool, outdoors or inside, 9:30AM provides a mid-morning opportunity to accommodate all worshippers.

We are also evaluating ways to share Holy Communion. Plans are to start Communion on August 2nd using one element, the Bread, distributed by the Ushers to prevent cross contamination. More information will be forthcoming.

Plans will be made with the Music Staff regarding choirs and instrumental music for our indoor Sunday services.

Decisions regarding Sunday School and Children's Time will be made in coordination with the leaders of those programs.

OPENING THE BUILDING FOR SERVICES, STAFF, COMMITTEE AND GROUP MEETINGS, SCHOOLS, SPACE RENTAL, ETC:

Staff will continue to work from home, and from the office as necessary to complete duties.

Receptions, dinners, ceremonies, social functions, funerals, weddings, etc. cannot be held in the building.

Committees of the church should hold their meetings at other locations, such as at private homes and outside when appropriate. The Task Force will meet with the various Committees to discuss plans for their programs and projects.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE UPDATE July 19, 2020 – continued

We are meeting with groups that are an integral part of our church family, including Music and Motion and Scouting, to devise a way for them to meet at the church while maintaining the health of everyone involved including minimizing the potential spread of germs throughout the building.

We welcome your input, suggestions, concerns. Please feel free to contact any Task Force member: Pastor Burkhart, Suzanne Butler, Carla Hausmann, Russ Johnson, Peg Sennett (Chair).

COVID-19 TASK FORCE POLICY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION – Effective August 2, 2020

As Christians we believe that in receiving Christ's spiritual flesh and blood, He lives in us, providing us with eternal life and assurance of resurrection on the last day. We have deeply missed receiving the Eucharist during this Coronavirus pandemic. After five months of severe restrictions, the ELCA is permitting distribution of Communion on the condition that all possible safety efforts are in place. At St. Paul's we will distribute wafers only, no wine; Communion in one element is acceptable for Lutherans according to long standing doctrine. Communion will be distributed to each parishioner at their seat as a means to provide the best protection from the spread of the virus.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION WAFER

1. Stand and remain at your chair.
2. As the usher approaches, hold out an open hand, palm up, fingers straight out.
3. The usher will place a wafer in your open palm.
4. **DO NOT REACH FOR THE WAFER. DO NOT TOUCH THE USHER'S HAND. DO NOT TOUCH THE PATEN OR OTHER WAFERS.** Such actions would cause contamination.
5. Consume the wafer and take your seat. Remain in silent meditation until the Pastor gives the Blessing.

In order to continue weekly communion, we need four (4) volunteers each Sunday whose duties include preparation of the wafers, ushering, and communion distribution. We are covered for the month of August. We need additional volunteers in order to continue with Communion in September and going forward. Please notify the office of your availability.

Because we are exploring safe ways to resume communion (in one element for the time being) we need volunteers to safely distribute communion wafers. Please notify the church office ASAP if you are willing to be trained and assist in either of those important worship duties.



**SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
WORSHIP ON THE LAWN**

If Worship Service can be held, please refrain from attending if you are sick. Worship with us online instead.

Summer Worship Schedule

- Bring your own lawn chair. (Chairs will be available if you forget to bring your own.) Masks are recommended.
- Families can sit together but family groups and others should sit 6' apart.
- Holy Communion will **NOT** be celebrated.

THE FOLLOWING HELP IS NEEDED WITH WORSHIP SERVICES



HELP WILL BE NEEDED with set-up and break down for the outdoor summer 9:30 AM service when it can begin! **GLOVES WILL BE WORN.**

We do not expect anyone to take a full month at a time, but if you could help during a few weeks from June thru the end of August please sign up on the sheet provided in the Elevator Entrance on a clip board. Simply sign-up for the week(s) you would like to participate, and we will be in touch.

If are willing to help with tear down and set-up on Sunday mornings, please let Pastor Bob know or you can contact the church office by phone of email.

ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

If you are uncomfortable attending services in person at this time, please join us through St. Paul's website on the "RECORDED SERVICES" page at

<http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org/recorded-services.html>



Services will be recorded live and we will make every effort to have them published on our website by 12 noon or shortly thereafter. For the weeks of August 16th and 23rd it will be later since Jon Shaw will be on vacation and will be doing it from there. Please be patient those weeks and keep checking back

If Outdoor Sunday Worship cannot be held due to inclement weather or if you are not feeling well you can still watch online at

<http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org/recorded-services.html>

AUGUST SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

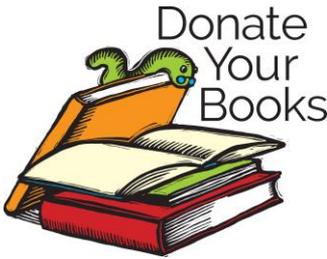
Radio – August 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – August 2 & 9 both vases, August 16, 23 & 30 one vase (\$20)

Bulletins – August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – August 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10)

Please contact Sue Wineholt to reserve your date at swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941.



MEN IN MISSION FALL BOOK SALE

We are planning and hoping to have our fifth annual book sale in October or sometime this fall. Last year was our most successful one to date, and we look forward to an even better one this year.

We will begin to accept book donations in September so start saving those used books, puzzles, DVD's. Proceeds benefit our youth.

Watch upcoming bulletins and Evangels for more information and if there are any changes to be announced.



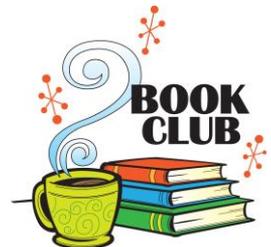
With Deepest Sympathy

Our brother in Christ, Earl Bowman, claimed the promise of his baptism on June 27, 2020.

Our sister in Christ, Lillian Dusman, claimed the promise of her baptism on July 1, 2020.

Our sister in Christ, Kathryn Sanders, claimed the promise of her baptism on July 8, 2020.

Our August meeting will be at Millie Dubs' house Wednesday August 26, 2020 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. We hope by this time that things will be opened but I will get back to you about any changes.



Please stay safe and healthy.

School Kit Collection - The Faith in Action Committee will again be collecting school supplies to assemble school kits. During the months of July and August there will be a bin at the outdoor service for your donations and a bin in the elevator foyer as well. The following supplies are needed:



- 500 number 2 unsharpened pencils
- 500 blue or black ball point pens - no gel ink
- 100 - 2 1/2-inch erasers
- 100 pencil sharpeners
- 400 spiral notebooks of 70-80 pages wide or college ruled

Crayons, rulers, and scissors have all been generously donated by a member of a congregation.

Thank you in advance for supporting this project. We hope to fill 100 school bags with supplies to donate to Lutheran World Relief.

AUGUST'S SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING
R3 Grocery Ministry as described on the next several pages

From the R3 Team

Greetings, sisters and brothers in Christ,

Did you know that for seven Saturdays during April and May, a few members of our congregation have shopped for and distributed food bags to the immediate neighborhood around our church facility? With the assistance of a \$1700 grant from the Synod Office and funding from our Adventures in Ministry fund, we provided 206 grocery parcels, filled with FRESH produce and pantry staples, to neighbors and families from Hanover Street Elementary. However, the most important part of this ministry has not been the food, it has been the relationships that we have built with the community.



Our R3 team desires to continue this program for the rest of the summer. The team, along with volunteers, will provide support for a total of 12 Saturdays, from June 20 through September 5. We estimate that we will distribute about 30 bags per week for a total of 390 bags for the duration of the ministry. Therefore, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer for one of the following roles.

- **Shopper:** Shoppers purchase a list of groceries and pack them into bags. Five red bags will be provided for shoppers. Bags should be dropped off at church Saturday morning between 9:15-9:30. Turn in your receipt with your first and last name printed on top for reimbursement.
- **Distributor/Greeter:** Distributors will be at the church from about 9:30-11:15. Following safety guidelines, they will help pass out food bags to guests and engage them in short conversation. Some distributors may need to walk food bags through the neighborhood for distribution if needed.
- **Other Options:** If you're unable to volunteer in person, please pray for this ministry to build strong relationships with our neighbors. You may also want to consider supporting this ministry financially. Please note "Grocery Ministry" on your envelopes or checks. Thank you!

Please know that you do not have to volunteer for the entire summer. You may sign up for as many Saturdays as you wish. There will be signup sheets at worship, or you can contact one of the project managers.

We will leave you with the following words of Jesus as you consider how the Holy Spirit may be calling you to this ministry.

From the R3 Team - continued

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Matthew 9:37-38

Thank you for considering how you can support this ministry!

R3 Grocery Ministry Co-Managers,

Deb Sowers, debsowers@gmail.com and

Russ Kaltreider, rakaltreider@gmail.com, 717-515-2630



Updated Grocery List starting August 1

NO produce should be purchased, only dry stock. Please purchase the items below and bring them Saturday morning at 9 am. We won't be using the red bags. Thanks

Great Value Fruit & Grain Bars
Strawberry 1.3 oz 16 Count

Great Value Long Grain Enriched
Rice, 32 oz



\$2.84

17.8cents/EA



\$1.26

3.9cents/OZ

For jelly, pick EITHER grape OR strawberry OR do half & half.

Great Value Creamy Peanut
Butter 40 oz

Great Value Squeezeable Grape
Jelly, 20 oz

Great Value Squeezeable
Strawberry Fruit Spread, 20 oz



\$2.26

5.7cents/OZ



\$1.78

8.9cents/OZ



\$2.16

10.8cents/OZ



Our theme this year is
“SECRET MESSAGES FROM GOD”

Five-day online event 8/10-8/14

Parable, music, games, crafts, snack.

M-TH pre-recorded and Friday online live.

Craft, music, games, and snack supplies will be in tote bags available for pick up at both churches the week before.

Online Registration starts June 29th at

<http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org/calendar---events.html>

Registration is required by August 1 for tote bag.

You may register after that, but we may not have a tote bag for you.

The family of Earl Bowman wish to thank everyone at St. Paul's for the cards and prayer during Earl's hospital stay and since his passing. Nadine is at Senior Commons at Powde Mill. Her address is 1775 Powder Mill Road, York, PA 17403 and her room phone number is (717) 434-1353. She is adjusting very well but we know she would love to hear from you.



On behalf of the family of Lillian Dusman, we want to thank everyone from St. Paul's who offered words of encouragement, prayers, and cards during her time of suffering and for the comforting words, sympathy cards, and phone calls for us after her passing.

Special thanks to Pastor Burkhart for all your support and prayers over the past several months and for leading the funeral service. Special thanks to Steven Ruppright for organizing and providing music at the service. We also want to thank the members of the Senior Choir for the lovely plants you sent to us. Lillian was a life member of St. Paul's, was honored to serve in many ways throughout her life and to call St. Paul's her church home.

Most Sincerely,

Harry Dusman, Gay Dickson, Holly Neupauer, Dan Dusman and families



NEWS from the PEWS

Can you believe another month has flown by! My mother us to tell me, “The older you get the faster the time flies”. I didn’t understand what she meant when I was young! No that I’m old I know how wise she was. I guess the majority of us are still home bound, for the most part. My husband and I have not gone to a restaurant yet to eat. If we get tired of my cooking (Rachael Ray has a lot of good recipes) we call a restaurant, order, then pickup and bring it

home.

We have been lucky with the weather for our “Sunday services on the lawn”, although it has been hot, it did not rain. I told Pastor Bob he is going to have to get some “water-proof” makeup. By the end of the service he looks like he just walked out of the shower, as he wipes his face with his hand towel!

The R3 Team has been busy with the ‘grocery bag’ give away. The last two weeks we had to urn people away, because we ran out of food. It’s a good feeling to be able to hand out food knowing because of St. Paul’s generosity some folks will have a few meals which they may not have had. We not only hand out food, be we talk to each one who comes and try to make them feel welcome. Like I said before, I think God is watching to see how we are handling this pandemic. How are we caring for those who are alone and need someone to care for them – those who are hungry and have no way of getting food.

I think the last time we had a situation somewhat like COVID-19 was the Flue of 1918. Believe it or not, I don’t remember that! All ha I know of it was what I have read. How people were dying with no hope of a cure. My parents and my aunts and uncle lived through it (they were born between 1900 and forward). Maybe because they lived in the country on small farms or in small towns like Hanover and Gettysburg away from the crowds of the city. I don’t know how they survived, but they did, and we will also. I only know e need to keep praying and follow what the people in the medical field tell us we must do Maybe this is a test to see how we follow the teaching of Jesus, when he gave us our marching orders – TAKE CARE OF MY PEOPLE.

Submitted by Judy Zumbrum



THANK YOU! MERCI! GRACIAS! DANKE! EFCHARISTO! GRAZIE!

How many ways can one say thanks to all for your help with Faith Formation (aka Christian Education) of the people of St. Paul's? The sharing of your faith with students of all ages is greatly appreciated. As a community of faith, we share in the responsibility of teaching the Gospel and supporting one another in each of our faith journeys. You all did this by teaching or shepherding on Sunday, teaching confirmation, helping with Family Fest, evening Bible Study, Summer Children's Time, and Morning VBS. The Christian Education Committee and the congregation of St. Paul's share in appreciation of the following for their commitment to Christian education.

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STEWARD OUR FUTURE CHURCH

For clarifying our thoughts and helping us to reset priorities, there's nothing like a crisis – whether it's a job layoff, a death in the family, social upheaval, or a health emergency.

With Covid-19 we've witnessed plenty of all of these, and more! Despite our natural resistance to change, we're learning new ways to live. As a disciple of Christ, what thoughts have clarified for you? As a follower of Jesus, what personal priorities have you reset?

The questions arise because you are the church, we are the church together and stewards of the church. We will pray the Holy Spirit will guide us to a “new normal” of holy living as both disciples and community that will be different – and better – than what we've known.

What might that look like? Here are some questions to pray over and discuss:

- When your church suspended in-person worship, what ways did you find to stay connected to God? To one another? What did this teach you about holy living? About being church together?
- Covid-19 forced us to “be church” without buildings. What has this revealed about the nature of community? About the value of buildings? As we go back into our buildings, how can things be different? Why must they be?
- In light of what we've learned, what values, ideas, traditions, habits should we let go of? Which should we keep? What really matters? And why?
- How can your insights, strengths and gifts help to shape the future of your life as a disciple and follower of Jesus? Of your congregation? What can you give to the future church in time, talent, and treasure?

Covid-19's crises are still teaching us. As stewards of God's church, we can renew and restructure our church to fulfill God's mission. With God's guidance, we will.

--Rob Blezard

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The physical Church Office will remain closed until further notice but can still be reached by calling either of our phone numbers (above) or by email at **stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net**

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