



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

FEBRUARY 2020



***ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331***



Did you know that giving has always been considered among a Christian's most thankful faith response to God? But apparently, there have also always been complaints that the church is always talking about it. Martin Luther observed, "There are three conversions necessary for the Christian to fully

experience the joy of life in Christ: the conversion of the heart, the conversion of the mind and the conversion of one's purse." "And of these three," Luther said, "the conversion of the purse is by far the most difficult." The truth of Martin's message is clearly seen in the Palm Sunday spectacle of Jesus entering the Temple, where in utter disgust at their business practices on display, He whips the money grubbing business owners and over turns their money counting tables while declaring "*My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of thieves.*"

Of all of the subjects that the Gospels address, money is the one that seems to evoke the strongest responses from people. Money and 'the Budget' almost always invites division and distress into the Body of Christ. Yet, fully half of Jesus' 38 parables and nearly 5000 verses in the scriptures address money and possessions and the threat they are to one's eternal soul when they are allowed center stage in our lives outside of the precepts of God. God's knowledge of us, being perfect and complete, recognizes that money and possessions have great significance in our lives and that they can become significant idols in the world by which we harm one another and separate ourselves from God.

Jesus reminds us '*not to store up treasures for ourselves on earth,*' but the world is strongly proclaiming a very different message. The accumulation of money or the fear of having too little; the hoarding and misuse of it, and pride in one's possessions has become the hallmark of success and accomplishment in the world. The old verse, "a fool and his money are soon parted," which once reminded us to be careful in our stewardship, has now become the approving principle of a worldly life of selfishness and neglect that often leads to the detriment and harm of others. Only a fool, the world chides, gives away treasure to do what's right, as God declares, for the love and care of neighbors. Therefore, since I am no fool, I'll not be parted from my money or anything else that is mine, unless there is something I value in it for me. Does anyone really think that attitude towards one another makes God smile?

I have observed that those who have discovered the joy of cheerful and generous giving are always among the most excited and joyful believers in every church I have attended or served. They faithfully realize they are God's stewards and that everything they have comes to them from and belongs to God first, and they have learned that returning a "first fruits" portion to the work of God's Kingdom through His servants in the church, is a sure way of displaying their trust and faith in Him.

In this day and age of max-ed out credit cards and never ending financial crises, the Lord's word regarding spiritual and financial priorities often fall on deaf ears. Yet these very things of this world, which we all are

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK - continued

faced with in one way or another, may be the most important reason for the church to continue to proclaim the Gospel message that it is false to trust in money and what it does for us in this world, and then believe that money is a pathway to our greatest security and happiness.

Jesus wants us to know, beyond any worldly doubt, trusting God is always the better way.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Burkhart

Got a question ...need to talk?
The office is open and the phone is working.

CHANGE IN WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE IN FEBRUARY

The 9:30 am Worship Service will be **cancelled** for **Sunday, February 9th and February 23rd**. Also, we will **not have Healing Services at 8:00 am or 10:45 am on Sunday, February 23rd**.

**LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday evening, February 26, at 7:00 pm. Rev. Faye Snyder will be supplying since Pastor Bob will be away on the New Bern, NC mission trip. We will be using the Service of Word and Prayer and it will include the Imposition of Ashes.



Lent



SUNDAYS DURING LENT

Beginning Sunday, March 1, we will employ "Setting 5" from the red ELW Hymnal at our 8:00 am services, and the same service that was used last year at the 10:45 services.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sister in Christ, Audrey Weiss, claimed the promise of her baptism on December 24, 2019.

PRAYER GROUP

Can you give of your time to be part of a prayer group? The first gathering will be held Tuesday, February 25 at 10:00 AM in the Youth Room (lower gym level accessible by elevator) of St. Paul's. Because Lent is a time for reflection, the Prayer Group will continue to meet each Tuesday in Lent at 10:00 AM, before the Lenten Lunches. (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and on April 7)



Thereafter, smaller groups could also branch off on evenings and/or Saturdays, to accommodate all age groups, working parents, and busy schedules. Bring neighbors, friends, and family; prayer has no limits.

JOIN US FOR LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Please join us for our Lenten Lunches here at St. Paul's every Tuesday in Lent. They start Tuesday, March 3rd and run through Tuesday, April 7th. Time is 12 noon - about 12:45 pm and the lunches are held in our Fellowship Hall. Price is \$4.00 per person which includes a bowl of soup, crackers,

rolls, dessert and coffee or hot tea. During each luncheon there will be a meditation by a clergy person from a different church each week. Come join us and bring a friend!

Watch the bulletin board and upcoming bulletins for a list of Lenten lunch speakers.

HELP NEEDED!!

Come help with our Lenten Luncheons. Starting Tuesday, March 3rd, we can use servers to serve soup to tables and also people to help with clean up after each luncheon. We ask servers to come at 11:30 am. We start to serve at noon. Luncheons are over about 12:45 pm and then we can use extra help to clear and wash tables, and help with washing dishes and putting clean dishes away. We are usually finished by 2 pm. If you can help, contact Cindy Selby at 717-515-1826. You don't need to help with all the luncheons. We will take what ever help you can give.



Lenten Lunch Help Needed

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING



Hanover Area Council of Churches

Council has approved February's Special Designated Giving for the Hanover Area Council of Churches. The Hanover Area Council of Churches is an alliance of local churches working together under the Biblical charge to be One Body and One Spirit. Together our 30 congregations are able to serve the Hanover community through our many ministry programs, programs as diversified as the needs of the people we serve. We are almost 1000 volunteers strong; the Council has a place for all the gifts of the Spirit.

- Financial Literacy Program
- Clothing Bank
- Faith at Work
- Meals on Wheels
- Provide A Lunch (PAL)
- Public Worship
- Changing Lives Homeless Shelter

TO REMAIN ON THE ACTIVE/VOTING MEMBERSHIP ROSTER members need to fill out a communion card yearly and make a contribution of record. Please take a moment and complete your card for 2020 if you haven't already done so.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – Feb. 9, 16 & 23 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – February 23 (one) (\$20 per vase)

Bulletins – February 9, 23 & 26 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – February 2 & 9 (\$10)

Please contact Sue in the church office to reserve your date at swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941.

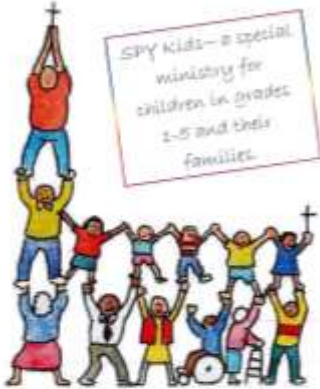


FAITH IN ACTION COLLECTION

Super Bowl Fruit Collection will take place through Sunday, February 2. Items needed by HACC are canned peaches, pears, pineapples, fruit cocktail, and mandarin oranges. Please drop off your donations at the table outside the pulpit entrance and thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

SPY Kids

SPYKids needs YOU! Why not mark your calendars and plan to join us at the events listed below? Unless the event is specifically a "Family Event", youth in grades 1-5 are welcome to stay without parents. A parent should accompany any Kindergarten-age students. We hope you'll make plans today to come to our events...and remember that friends are always welcome!



For more information about events, Check out the Children's Ministry bulletin board in the hallway, like us on Facebook (SPY Kids Children's Ministry), or contact Deb Sewers or the church office.



Our upcoming events:

Feb. 16 FAMILY EVENT—Minute-to-Win-It Lent games

**this event is for the whole family; after lunch we'll play games and learn more about Lent; families will complete a project (devotional) to take home and use for Holy Week

March 15 SPCA Service project

**we do not have many details at this point but we plan to collect items for the SPCA and make blankets (like we did at Family Fest) to give to the organization; we are working on having a tour of the Adams County SPCA (more info coming soon!).

SATURDAY, March 28 FAMILY FUN NIGHT

*our first Fun Night of the year! join Deb and Bill at worship (5:30) or all of us for a potluck supper (at 6:30). We'll eat and fellowship, and then around 7:30 enjoy a family movie in the theater room

LOOKING AHEAD...

+SATURDAY, April 4 EASTER BUNNY HOP

**although not an official SPYKids event, this Saturday morning event has been a tradition at St. Paul's for many years; come learn about Easter...and spend time with the Easter Bunny!

+Family Fest "ROAR" is scheduled for June 14-18. Mark your calendars now for this event! You won't want to miss it! ☺

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Evangelism Committee is looking for a few people to help out with the Dinner Church ministry on the third Wednesday of each month. We need folks to help to setup, cook, and/or clean-up for as little as an hour between 2-5pm and/or 6:30-7:30. Of course, we also encourage you to join in fellowship with our neighbors during dinner! Contact Betty Sheets or Kitty Angel if you can help!





SPYKids Service Project!

Help our group gather in-kind donations for the Adams County SPCA! We will be collecting the following items through the middle of March. Our group has applied for (and hopes to receive!) a Thrivent Action Grant to be able to buy fleece to put together blankets for the animals in the shelter. Our leaders are also working on putting together a tour of the facility. Won't you help us in our efforts by donating any of the items listed below? We will have a decorated box on the cabinet outside of the narthex to collect your donations. Thank you!

The SPCA Wish List includes:

- +lams cat food (dry) +Kitten food (canned) +dog food (sensitive stomach) +latex gloves
- +postage stamps (Forever) +dog & cat collars +disinfectant wipes +dog harnesses
- +toilet paper +paper towels +dog & cat toys +bleach +13 gal Force Flex trash bags

EQUAL EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER



The Global Ministry committee will sponsor the selling of fairly traded products during the month of March through Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative that offers fairly traded products produced by small-scale farmers around the world.

We are offering delicious and organic chocolate, coffee, cocoa, tea, gift boxes and more! **All products to be purchased will need to be ordered and pre-paid by Sunday, March 22.** Order forms will be available on the Global Ministry Bulletin board next to the office. We will also try to be available between and after services with order forms. All products will be ordered and received in time for Easter! Any profit the church receives from the sales of fairly traded products will go to the ELCA World Hunger Campaign. When paying for your items, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and write Equal Exchange in the memo line.

ST. PAUL'S WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SENDING OUR KIDS TO CAMP by paying the cost of Classic camp for each child. Please see Laura Silver (717-632-4223 or silverlkw@hotmail.com) to find out more. Youth, you won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity, to spend time with God in our beautiful camps, doing fun activities and sharing in the Word, learning and strengthening your faith while enjoying fellowship and friendship with other campers.



STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE FOR FEBRUARY

Steward your life: Cultivate a heart of love

Jesus taught, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

—Matthew 5:43-45a

Red hearts, flowers and chocolates remind us that February is the uncontested month of love.

It's excellent (and easy) to love those close to us, but Jesus tells us to go wider, deeper, riskier – to love even our enemies. In so doing, Jesus says, we become children of God.

This challenges us to embrace love as the key discipline and develop a heart so full of love that it flows to even our enemies. Isn't that how we're supposed to live as disciples? It's just good stewardship of our lives.

For this "month of love," practice loving your enemies.

The effort is especially timely in our season of discord, when our loudest voices encourage us – through name-calling, denigrating, lying, smearing – to hate those with whom we disagree. Even calling them "enemies" is too much (they're really neighbors!).

Loving our "enemies" doesn't mean we agree with them or tolerate bad behavior. It means respecting, listening, discussing, refraining from anger and revenge. Here are some ideas for loving our enemies:

- Jesus gives us the first step: Pray! For them and for you!
- Stop seeing them as enemies. They're our neighbors whom God loves.
- Resist hate, the very thing our culture encourages.
- Treat everyone as you would want to be treated.
- Lastly, keep praying.

By embracing love as a spiritual discipline, we cultivate a heart of love that opens our lives to the transformation Jesus dearly desires for us -- to be children of God. Now that's good stewardship.

--Rob Blezard



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SISTERS IN FAITH

FEBRUARY 2019 SISTERS IN FAITH MEETING

St. Paul's Sisters in Faith is meeting on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 9:30-11:30 in the lounge. Our speaker will be Mary Mosebrook presenting a program called HEALTH AND HOPE. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Sisters In Faith bulletin board so that refreshments can be planned. Join us to find a way to live more healthy.

**Sponsored by Sisters in Faith
(more information below)**

CREATE YOUR OPTIMAL HEALTH

**Saturday, February 8th at
9:30 AM in the Parlor**

Are you interested in creating better health in your life or the life of someone you love?

Do you enjoy spending time with positive people who have a shared passion for health?

Do you want to learn how to impact the lives of the people you care about in a really positive way?

Are you simply curious to learn more about our program?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, this event is for YOU.

We are delighted to invite you to this special event. All are welcome!

Event is hosted by Independent Certified OPTAVIA Coaches Ron and Mary Mosebrook.

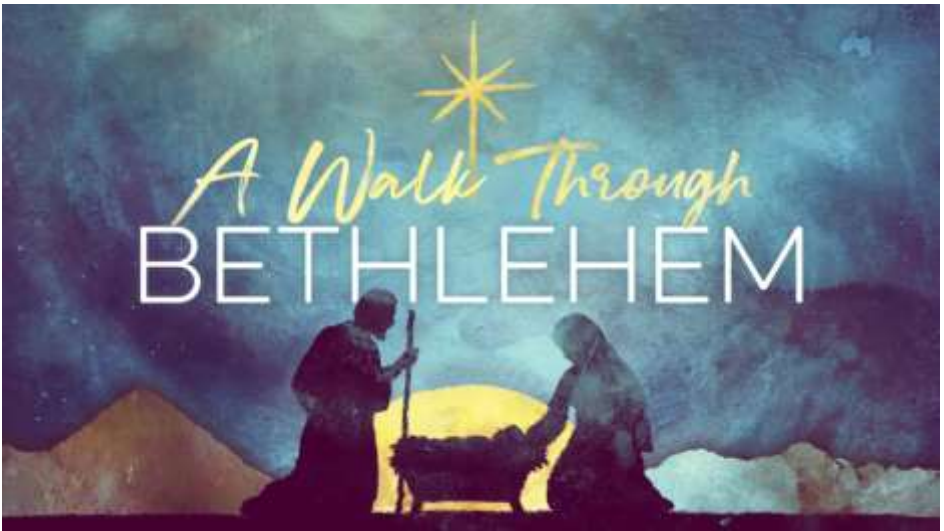
Ron and Mary are passionate about helping people create better health in their lives. Whether you are looking for better physical health, are longing for a life with less stress, or want to create a stronger financial health, we can help. We specialize in Lifelong Transformation -- one healthy habit at a time. Your better life is waiting!

MARCH

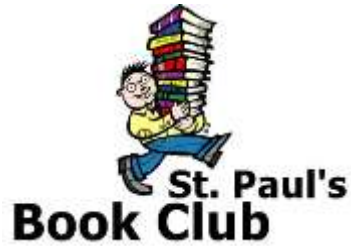
In March, we are attending the the 2020 Women's Conference at Hanover First Church of God on March 20-21, 2020. The guest speaker is Verna Bowman and her topic is "A Well Watered Garden: Encouraging Women - One Story At a Time".

The cost is \$40.00 and covers snacks on Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The money and registration form must be in by February 2, 2020. See the SIF bulletin board.





DON'T MISS OUT ON THE OPPORTUNITY to share the Gospel to our community this December! John 3:16 states: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son; that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." Our mission at St. Paul's is to not just share the Reason for the Season, but the reason for Jesus; saving all of us from our sins. This ministry will touch the lives of many Christians and non-Christians, and YOU can be a part of it! **Introductory meeting for a Walk Through Bethlehem, formerly the Live Nativity, will be Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in the Lounge.** If unable to attend and you are interested in participating, leave a message for Karen Mummert at 717-476-0620.



The St. Paul's Book Club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the homes of members, unless stated otherwise.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the home of Janet Haack. The book we will be discussing is Women Talking by Miriam Toews. This novel is based on real events.

This is the story of eight women in a remote Mennonite colony who face an agonizing decision in the aftermath of a series of unspeakable sexual crimes. Join us for a discussion of this thought provoking book. *PLEASE NOTE that we meeting a week early due to Ash Wednesday falling on our normal meeting date.*

MEN IN MISSION MOMENTS:

Our group is dedicated to grow our faith in God and in our love for others. Each month on the fourth Saturday we meet for breakfast, have a Bible study and business meeting. We invite you to become involved and help us serve our congregation and community.



In February we will be meeting on Saturday, February 22nd at the Railside Restaurant, with a \$10 breakfast buffet served at 9am. Our speaker will be Dr. Ann Shorb. Dr. Shorb has been involved in various Christian ministries throughout her entire life and has her own Christian counseling service. She has served as a missionary in Africa, Europe and U.S. and has been a speaker for various seminars and group retreats along the East Coast. Dr. Shorb will be

speaking on “Beating the Winter Blues”.

A signup sheet is posted on our bulletin board outside Pr. Bob’s office. Everyone is welcome.

Our March meeting will be on Saturday, March 28 and we are honored to have with us Bishop James Dunlop from our Lower Susquehanna Synod. Bishop Dunlop will be speaking on our Lower Susquehanna structure, ongoing ministries, and other various topics within our Synod and ELCA. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our synod and what is happening within it, both of local and national interest. We hope you plan to attend this very informative meeting.



PennState Extension

April brings Spring and we have invited a Master Gardener from the Penn State Extension Center to speak to us on Gardening. The date is Saturday, April 25th. Due to limited time for the speaker and the many areas of gardening that may be spoken on, if you have specific questions on gardening - composting, rotation, particular plants, etc. - please forward them to one of our members and we will pass them on to our speaker.

Signup sheets will be posted on our bulletin board and
EVERYONE is INVITED to our MEETINGS.



**First
Communion
Class**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Youth in grades 3 and up who have not yet attended a First Communion Class are invited to attend this session. Youth will learn about the sacraments of the Lutheran tradition. They will also receive acolyte training as part of our time together. A sign-up sheet will be located on the bulletin board across from Pastor Bob's office. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bob.

EASTER BUNNY HOP

**Saturday, April 4
10 AM – 12 PM**

The Evangelism Committee (formerly known as the Congregational Nurture/Outreach Committees) will be sponsoring an Easter Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. until Noon. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks in the Sunday Bulletins and the March Evangel.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE

**EASTER BREAKFAST - APRIL 12, 2020
SERVING THE MEAL FROM 7AM - 10AM**

more information to follow

If you would like to help us just call the church office.
Thank you!



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START COMING TO BIBLE STUDY!
FEEL FREE TO COME WHEN YOU CAN!



**SOMETHING'S BREWING/BIBLE STUDY
Monday evenings**

from 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**@ Hanover Elks Lodge, 47 N Forney Ave,
Hanover, PA**



In the tradition of Martin Luther and the Fathers of the Lutheran Reformation Movement, St. Paul's weekly, Monday evening Bible study will meet from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the **Hanover Elks Lodge**, 47 N Forney Ave, Hanover. We are studying the book of Acts.



Notes of **THANKS**

Nov. 24, 2019

St. Paul's,

We would like to thank all our friends of St. Paul's for their cards and well wishes while celebrating our 70th wedding anniversary. It was truly a surprise, and much appreciated, receiving so many cards for this special occasion.

All was greatly appreciated. Again, thank you!
Stede and Harriett Mummert

Nov. 26, 2019

I want to thank the members of St. Paul's for your thoughts, cards and prayers while I was recovering from a recent stroke.

I want to give thanks to Pastor Bob for your visit and prayers while I was in York Encompass Rehab. A special thanks to the Senior Choir for the pretty flower arrangement.

Most sincerely,
Harry Dusman

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all your donations to the Christmas Blessing Express. What a wonderful collection of over 110 items for the families of Hanover. I am sure you made someone's Christmas a little brighter.

From the Faith in Action Committee

"Hanover Cares: House the Homeless" Marathon

**Tune in to the Live broadcast on
WHVR 1280 AM Feb. 13 & 14 , 2020
Thursday February 13—Noon till 8pm
Friday, February 14—8am till 4pm**



The proceeds will benefit the Changing Lives Homeless Shelter operated by the Hanover Area Council of Churches.

Give a unique gift to your special Valentine and support those facing challenging life matters resulting in homelessness.

CALL WHVR 717-637-0052 during the marathon to make your pledge!

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

The Food/Items for the Month of February for the Hanover Area Council of Churches programs are as follows:

PAL - BBQ Sauce, Juice 64 oz, Worcestershire Sauce, Ketchup

CLOTHING BANK – Family Size toiletries (shampoo & conditioner, body wash, deodorant, razors, shave cream)

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER - Disinfectant wipes, Dishwasher pods, Laundry pods

RUTH'S HARVEST - Single Serve Vegetables and Entrees

All single serving please!



February Weekly Prayer Requests

Week of Feb. 2 Community Needs Committee-
Week of Feb. 9 Hanover Cares
Week of Feb. 16 Executive Committee
Week of Feb. 23 Faith-At-Work Ministry

Weekly Prayer Requests

Each week we ask you to take a moment and say a prayer for one of our important ministries. As we all know, the power of prayer works!



Our congregation is participating in this Lower Susquehanna Synod initiative! The initiative "aims to help individuals and congregations explore how God is already at work in our congregation and grow spiritually to bring the good news of Christ to a world that needs it more than ever." (from www.lss-elca.org).

We have had a "Blessings Board" posted since this fall. Our first question was "How have you been blessed in the last few weeks?" See how some of our Christian brothers and sisters responded:

- +being God's hands to serve Him packaging food for the hungry
- +I've gained another forever friend
- +thankful I am on the mend and able to serve again
- +employment
- +my daughter's wedding-I gained another son-in-law!
- +safe travels
- +Dinner Church reaching many people in the community
- +mom
- +being able to attend our "son's" wedding in Europe
- +grand-baby on the way
- +a parent thanked me for working with her child
- +a clean bill of health
- +Sisters in Faith Retreat at Mar-Lu-Ridge
- +family and friends
- +beautiful yellow leaves on our maple trees—thanks, God!!
- +an avocado

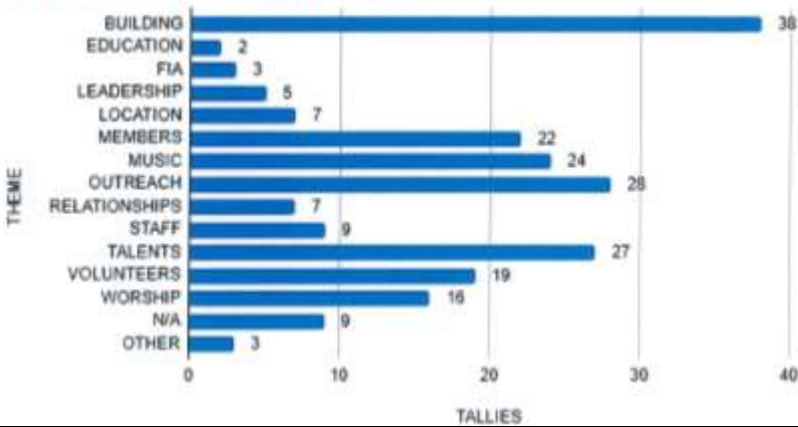
PAWN Assets Questions Data Results

Members of the congregation participated in the Assets portion of the PAWN survey in December 2019. Participants submitted responses at four worship services and via an online survey. Below are the summary results of the aggregate data.

PAWN is an acronym that stands for **Purpose, Assets, Wows, & Needs**. The congregation will use these results to help discern what God’s mission for St. Paul’s-York Street is. We value everyone’s input. If you have questions, please feel free to speak to someone on the R3 team .

Ⓐ If this congregation were to think about starting something new, what are the most useful things we already have to use to get started?

PAWN ASSETS QUESTION A



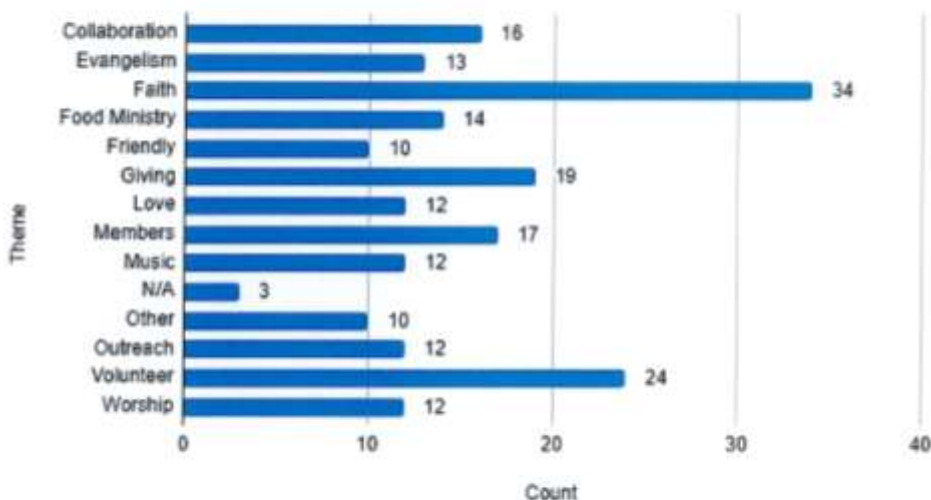
CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Sun. 8:00	Sun. 9:30	Sun. 10:45	Wed. 6:30	Sat. 5:30	Worship Total	SCS
Nov. 24 – 30	59	13	83	159	8	322	28
Dec. 1 - 7	36	10	44	26	13	129	22
Dec. 8 - 14	61	20	72	18	17	188	15
Dec. 15 - 21	40	--	42	14	16	112	11
Dec. 22 - 28	77	9	86		17	189	26
Dec. 24 ...7:00 p.m. - 215...10:30 p.m. - 125...Dec. 25 - 10:00 a.m. - 22							
Dec. 29 – Jan. 4	44	22	40		10	116	24
Jan. 5 - 11	62	30	75	--	6	173	33
Jan. 12 - 18	53	12	80	68	0	213	35
Jan. 19 - 25	62	22	83	--	5	126	29

PAWN Assets Questions Data Results

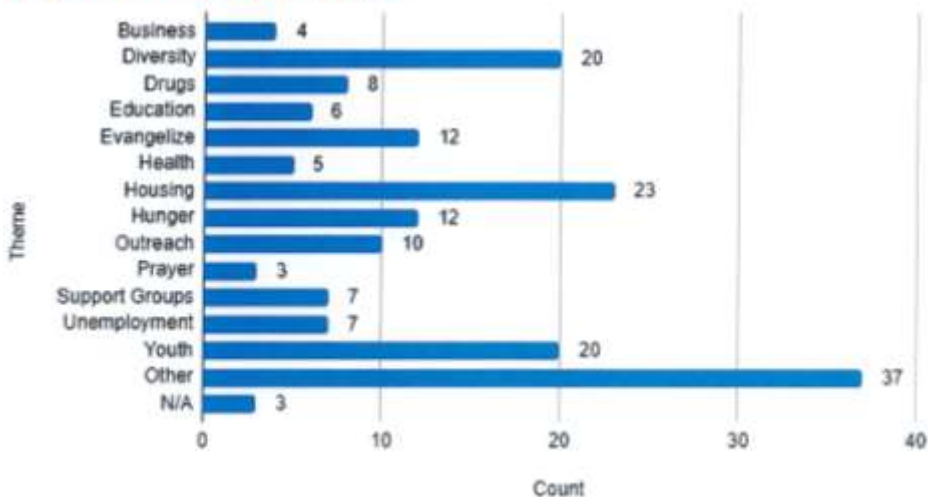
B If you could change or improve one thing about life in the local community before you died, what would you work on?

PAWN Assets Question B



C If you could change or improve one thing about life in the local community before you died, what would you work on?

PAWN Assets Question C



**GLEANINGS FROM THE DECEMBER 2019
& JANUARY 2020
GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**



Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35

"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, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

- Officers of the council and the congregation for 2020 are Russ Kaltreider, President; Nancy Smith, Vice-President; Treasurer - Open; and Linda Zellers, Secretary.
- Committee liaisons assignments are as follows: Worship and Music, Dave Maus; Christian Education, Tom Miller; Congregational Nurture/Outreach, Frank Hueske; Faith in Action, Janet Haack/Cindy Schmidt; Youth, Nancy Smith; Property, Russ Johnson; Finance, Peg Sennett/Laura Silver; Stewardship, Wayne Butler; and Global Ministry, Diana Leppo.
- The making a difference moments are Dinner Church, 110 gifts taken to New Hope Ministries, Christmas Cards made and sent to homebound, military and those we miss at worship, responses to R3 questionnaire, Christmas Eve music, choir and bells.
- Council approved Christmas gift to staff.
- Council approved the motion from the Worship Committee to use Memorial Funds to purchase three burses and veils for the blue, green and white brocade parament sets bought in 2018.
- Council approved the use of Adventures in Ministry Funds to fund 2020 Dinner Church from January to June 2020 at cost of \$1,500.00.
- Council approved using the unused 2019 Dinner Church funds to purchase food to start a pantry for Dinner Church use.
- Annual committee reports will be September 1st through August 31st for years following 2020. For 2020, the reports will be January 1st to August 31st. Since the annual meeting is held in December, this change will keep the reporting closer to the annual meeting.
- Council appointed Bob Colehouse, Crystal Maus and Linda Zellers to the Lay Personnel Committee with terms to end December 31, 2021.
- In financial reporting in bulletin or Evangel, that actual expenditures be included with actual receipts versus budget.
- Council approved use of ELCA Automobile Worksheet reimbursement form.
- The 2017 audit is completed.
- Council approved \$375.00 from Adventures in Ministry Fund for St. Paul's members going to February Disaster Rebuild in New Bern, NC..
- Since the April council meeting would be during Holy Week, the council meeting date was moved to Wednesday, April 15th.

And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did unto me" Matthew 25:40

**JOIN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH ~ SISTERS IN FAITH ~
FOR A TOUR TO**

**QUEEN ESTHER at SIGHT and SOUND and LUNCH at SHADY MAPLE
Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. Lunch will be enjoyed prior to the show at Shady Maple.



9:15 am Depart St. Paul's Lutheran Church (127 York Street, Hanover, PA)

10:30 am Arrive at the Sight and Sound for an 11:00 am show

The story of Esther provides great encouragement and teaches us that one person can truly make a difference. A captivating tale of beauty and bravery set amid the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors and entered a new world of royalty and risk. Esther was an unlikely candidate to become Queen of Persia, but God intervened and appointed her for the difficult task of delivering the Jews from destruction. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production.

2:00 pm Depart for Lunch at Shady Maple (lunch at 2:30 pm)

Enjoy a fabulous lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, which first started as a roadside vegetable stand and where you can discover the unique experience of dining at Lancaster County's largest buffet featuring 14 vegetables, 40 salad bar items, over 30 desserts and much more.

3:45 pm Depart for the home

5:00 pm approximate arrival back to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: transportation, ticket to Queen Esther, lunch at Shady Maple, and tip for driver

Per Person Price: \$127.00

\$50.00/person deposit due with registration-Final payment due by May 1, 2020

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JUDY ZUMBRUM

For more information and reservations contact:

Judy Zumbrum - 717-637-7510; zumbr33@vahoo.com

1/26/20 Financial Update	YTD Actual	YTD Goal	Over/(Under)
Parish	\$20,226.30	\$20,976.08	(\$749.78)
Synod Designation	\$1,937.46	\$2,307.68	(\$370.22)
Property	\$1,394.00	\$2,153.84	(\$759.84)
Capital (HVAC loan)	\$710.00	\$923.08	(\$213.08)

Are you 50+ years old? Need help filing your federal, state, and/or local taxes?

FREE TAX PREP ASSISTANCE

FOR LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS

Courtesy of York AARP Tax-Aide



AARP MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED

Locations in York, Hanover, Delta, Dillsburg, Dover, Lewisberry, Manchester, Mt Wolf, Red Lion, Shrewsbury, Spring Grove and Wrightsville

**Beginning January 21, 2020 call 717.633.6353
to make an appointment at one of our 18 sites**

Due to training limitations, the program cannot prepare taxes for businesses, for self-employed individuals who have employees or losses, farm income, rental property with expenses, and more

Contact yorkaarptaxaide@gmail.com for more information

HOPEFULLY WE WON'T NEED TO REFER TO THIS AGAIN BUT JUST IN CASE HERE IS ST. PAUL'S INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For St. Paul's Lutheran Church is as follows:



- ❄️ If Hanover Public School District has a 1-hour delay the building will open at 9 am.
- ❄️ If Hanover Public School District has a 2-hour delay the building will open at 10 am.
- ❄️ If Hanover Public School District has an early dismissal building hours will follow that dismissal time.
- ❄️ If Hanover Public School District is closed due to weather the building will be closed.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020
MARCH 6, 2020**

World Day of Prayer, is celebrated on the 1st Friday in March every year since 1927. This is an ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the World Day of Prayer worship service. This year the program is written by women of the African nation of Zimbabwe. Our Zimbabwean sisters are acting on Jesus' call to action, "Rise! Take your mat and walk," which for them is a call to love, peace, and reconciliation.



This year, the World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020, at Grace United Methodist Church, 55 Albright Drive, Hanover, PA 17331. Everyone is invited to attend. The service will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove, Inc. is now accepting applications for the Florence DeHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship. Any person living in the areas surrounding Hanover or Spring Grove or in any part of Adams County is eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program or accepted for classes beginning in the fall of

2019 for a career as an R.N. or L.P.N. Scholarships in the range of \$3,000 - \$5,000 will be awarded this year. Applications are due by March 13, 2020 and may be obtained by visiting www.vnahanover.org or by contacting Heather Reynolds at 717-637-1227 or 1-800-422-3197, Ext. 292.





The Hanover Area Council of Churches would like to make you aware of the Stolte Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in 1973 in memory of Rev. Robert H. Stolte, pastor of Lohr's Memorial United Methodist Church in Hanover from 1962-1973. The administration of the fund has been handled by the Hanover Area Council

of Churches, and has been supported with the offerings received at the Community Good Friday Service and with private donations.

The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a one-time grant of \$1,000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of **ministry, missions, or humanitarian service**. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or seminary student. He or she must complete an application form and submit a brief summary of his or her call into the field of ministry, missions, or humanitarian service and future vocational goals. They should be active members of a church, display good moral character, and exhibit high scholastic ability.

Please contact St. Paul's Church office for an application. The deadline for accepting applications this year is April 30, 2020.

Please call Kathy Bortner at 717-637-6973 or e-mail at kabortner@comcast.net with any questions you might have.

Making Room

A workshop to consider the clutter that accumulates not only in our homes and places of work, but also in our hearts, minds and spirits. It's an opportunity to reflect on where in your life you need more room for yourself, for others and ultimately, for God.



**Saturday,
February 22, 2020**
(snow date February 29)
**9:00 am to 1:00
pm, with lunch
provided**

**21236St. David's Lutheran Church
1032 Musselman Road
Hanover, PA 17331**

There is no cost for this event, but pre-registration is requested.
Call 717-632-1922 or email stdavidlutheran@yahoo.com

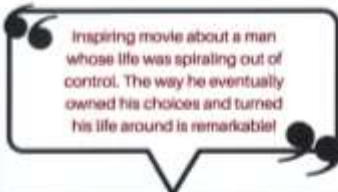
*Led by Rev. Dr. Marianne S. Grabowski
Sponsored by the St. David's Lutheran Church
Adult Faith Formation Committee*



FREE MOVIE EVENT

Presented by Your Choice Foundation

Choices is an inspiring film, showcasing the devastation that comes with addiction, and how one local man fought to overcome it all! This movie will set the stage for you to have an open dialogue with the youth in your life.



CHOICES: The Ron L James Story

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Event starts at 6:15 pm

Doors open at 5:45 pm

Genesis Church - 1405 Seven Valleys Road (York, PA)

Free Tickets and Movie Trailers Available at
yourchoicefoundation.org/events



On Sunday evening, March 1, 2020, there is a **movie event** sponsored by the Your Choice Foundation that can **IMPACT** the teens and pre-teens in your church, and their parents and other adults! The event will be held at Genesis Church, Seven Valleys, PA.

Through a true story about the life of a local man, movie viewers will learn about consequences that can arise from poor choices in our lives and the life-changing benefit of good choices. This new independent feature film will not only inspire them but they will leave knowing that no matter what their personal circumstances are in life, there is always hope, and that through faith and conviction ***lives can be changed.***

EASTER PLANTS



Tulips, lilies, hyacinths and hydrangeas will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12. You have the opportunity to purchase a flower or make a donation to "Pastors' Discretionary Fund". The donation and/or flower will be recognized in the Easter bulletin. Flower(s) must be taken home following the 10:45 a.m. Easter service. If you are unable to take your plant home following the service please give serious consideration to a donation. Please fill in the form below (**extra forms are available on the counter outside the sanctuary**) and attach \$10.00 for each tulip, hyacinth and lily and \$30.00 for each very large 8" potted hydrangea. Return this form to the church office by Sunday, March 15.

Please fill in the blanks and return the money (\$10.00 per tulip, hyacinth and lily and \$30.00 for hydrangea) and/or donation (any amount) and form to the church office by Sunday, March 15.

(because of the many choices we ask you to be specific as to which wording goes with each flower or donation – extra forms are available on the counter outside the sanctuary or you can write on the back of this form)

Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

In Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for the following:

(total dollar amount)

Check one _____ lily(\$10) _____ tulip(\$10) _____ hyacinth(\$10) _____ hydrangea(\$30)

or

Make a \$ _____ donation to "Pastors' Discretionary Fund"

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