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ST. PAUL'S CALL

NOVEMBER 2024

Pastor Deb Staniszewski



***WE WELCOME EVERYONE
TO JOIN US FOR PRAYER,
WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP***

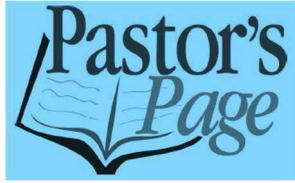
SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30AM AND 10:00AM

**LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK FOR THE
10:00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.**

**You can connect to FB direct or go to our web site FB tab.
A PDF of the 10:00am service is on the web site.**

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.



November Greetings Beloved!

Thanksgiving is a holiday that reminds us to be aware of all that we have to be grateful for, and to thank God for all of the ways we are blessed. We are also reminded that the blessings we receive are meant not just for our own good, but that we are blessed to be a blessing to others. The words of 1 John 13:17-18 say, ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed, and truth." It is a gift to share our love and hospitality especially with those in need during the holiday season, and what a joy to share our abundance with the Thanksgiving food pantry where we provide a meal for about sixty of our friends and neighbors in the community.

God of all goodness, we give you praise and thanks for all the blessings of this life. We are grateful for: The gift of food, and the opportunity we have to feed others in your name; the blessing of shelter, and the challenge before us to care for the homeless; the love of friends and family, and your call to love those who are lost and alone; the fellowship of the church, and the presence of Christ in the lives of our needy brothers and sisters. You have given us much, Holy Lord, and you expect much of us. Help us to accept your blessings and challenges with gratitude, and may we find that through your grace, blessings become challenges and challenges become blessings. AMEN¹

Your Sibling in Christ,

Pastor Deb

¹ Banquet of Praise, Bread for the World, Bread for the World, United States of America, 1990, p.56

Worship & Music!



Remember to Fall Back! – Daylight Savings is on Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to set your clock back on Saturday and get some extra snoozes in!

New Addition! – St. John's Lutheran Church is gifting us with an upright piano for the chapel. This will allow us to hold intimate concerts like the Holden Evening Prayer on December 18th in the newly painted chapel. Join us for future gatherings.



Hanging of the Greens – will be on Sunday, November 24th following the Congregational meeting. Whether you're young or young at heart join us to decorate the sanctuary and chapel for the Advent Season. Food will be provided. Many hands make for fast work so please "hang" after the meeting and help decorate for the holiday season!



Poinsettias – Order your poinsettias now for Christmas! Your **choice of red, pink or white** in 6" pots with foil wrap **for just \$10.00**. They'll be delivered to decorate the sanctuary before Christmas. Let's make this season festive with a beautiful plant for your home from Floral Boutique. Order forms will be on the bulletin board and checks may be made payable to St. Paul's Lutheran church with poinsettias in the memo. Please turn into the Secretary by **Friday, Nov 29th**!



Holden Evening Prayer – Join us for an intimate service of song in the chapel on **Wednesday, December 18th at 6pm** featuring the choir and local talent. Cookies and cocoa to follow. Bring a friend along to get into the spirit of the Season! If you're able to place or post flyers for the event on Facebook, please see Lynne in the office.

Be A Worship Sponsor! – For \$22.00, or split with another, you can sponsor a worship service. The money goes towards expenses for web sites used in bulletin preparation, copyright for songs and supplies like paper and toner. Checks can be given to Dana Strohl or Secretary Lynne Williams.

Flowers – The flower sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Celebrate a loved one with a fresh flower arrangement from Floral Boutique. Order forms and checks may be given to Dana Strohl or Lynne Williams.

Volunteers- Barbara Edwards is coordinating people to serve as service assistants. Please check the board and let her know if you can help on a Sunday with an opening. Your help as an acolyte, greeter, lay reader and communion assistant is so important and most appreciated. If you have interest in leading a service on one of Pastor's Sundays when she is away, please contact Pastor.

Altar Guild – The altar guild is looking for members to help. Assistance is needed for a month at a time. If you want to learn more, please see Nancy Fritz.

Next Meeting – Monday, November 18 at 6:00pm. We'll be talking about the Advent and Christmas season so feel free to attend.

Blessings,

Worship & Music Committee

COUNCIL MEMBERS **PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
IN THE NARTHEX OR CALL THE OFFICE**

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Laura Pride (VP)	papride94@gmail.com
Ted Strohl (Co -VP)	destrohl@ptd.net
Tracey Lasslett (Sec.)	tdimperio@lccc.edu
Joy Donnelly	donnell4@ptd.net
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QR CODE another way of giving to St. Paul's

There are no ongoing expenses for this service. Only pay when the donations are made.

Ways to donate:

- Shareable link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=K8ZKNHW5V48WS
- QR Code:



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

Operating Funds

	September <u>2024</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>
CHURCH INCOME			
GENERAL INCOME	\$14,907.64	\$98,627.99	\$85,612.59
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	280.00	1,633.00	2,549.97
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,903.67	13,480.95	12,224.97
INTEREST INCOME	7.01	44.55	13.50
INVESTED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>1,270.84</u>	<u>4,053.46</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$18,369.16</u>	<u>\$117,839.95</u>	<u>\$104,901.03</u>
CHURCH EXPENSES			
STAFF	\$9,113.24	\$81,047.86	\$84,567.60
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.33	5,250.00	5,249.97
Seminary Support & Miscellaneous	0.00	255.00	135.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	687.47	4,743.56	4,815.00
WORSHIP	781.44	2,735.30	4,244.85
LEARNING	130.00	773.83	2,025.00
PROPERTY	4,160.17	29,474.27	34,143.75
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,116.00	10,044.00	10,044.00
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	289.53	581.22
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	562.50
WITNESS	0.00	0.00	585.00
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	<u>930.14</u>	<u>1,279.16</u>	<u>1,005.03</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$17,501.79</u>	<u>\$135,892.51</u>	<u>\$147,958.92</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>\$867.37</u>	<u>(\$18,052.56)</u>	<u>(\$43,057.89)</u>

Current Cash Accounts

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$15,016.35	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	<u>93,749.34</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$93,999.34</u>

Special Funds

SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME			
BENEVOLENCE			
Pantry/Good Samaritan	\$265.00	\$3,669.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Benevolence	100.00	900.00	0.00
INVESTED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	75.05	234.92	0.00
PLAYGROUND FUND	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME	<u>\$440.05</u>	<u>\$4,828.92</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
SPECIAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS			
BENEVOLENCE			
Pantry/Good Samaritan	\$514.50	\$2,599.72	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Benevolence	0.00	400.00	0.00
YOUTH	0.00	1,988.02	0.00
PRAISE BAND EQUIPMENT	56.16	1,907.54	0.00
MUSIC	<u>0.00</u>	<u>377.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$570.66</u>	<u>\$7,272.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Special Funds Cash Accounts

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$13,250.05	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	<u>5,443.29</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$18,693.34</u>

IF YOU WANT TO DONATE YOU MAY SEND YOUR CHECK TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church DIRECT AND WE WILL BE SENDING A CHECK TO THE LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE FROM ST. PAUL'S.



Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to expand to all impacted areas. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Salem St. Paul Church "HELP FILL THE TRUCK".

Ted Strohl and Hank Williams delivered a pick-up truck full of contribution's from our generous members to Salem St. Paul Church on Oct. 26th.

Salem St. Paul Church member Conrad Caputo drove his 24 foot trailer to Ashville, NC, to deliver items to Emmanuel Lutheran Church for distribution to people.

OCTOBER BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OUTSIDE BY CELEBRATION HALL



Testing out St. Paul's new Pickleball Court inside Celebration Hall. (more details will be coming soon)





Thursday November 21, Thanksgiving Food Pantry

9:30am – 12:00noon

Contact Wanda Richardson with any questions.

The food pantry needs: Boxed macaroni & cheese, cereal, jelly and canned Tuna.

Looking for help, contact Wanda or office.

Anything else you would like to donate is appreciated - It must be non-perishable in can, box or bag. Please check the "best by" and expiration dates, we cannot accept anything past the best by or expiration date.



Hello Church Youth Families,

Sunday School class is held on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am. All children from preschool and up are welcome! We meet in the room to the left of the sanctuary.

Confirmation Class for this month (1-3pm):

November 10th

November 24th

Touch of Home

The Sunday School and Confirmation classes packed 18 boxes for Touch of Home last month! The children made quick work of packing! Thank you to all that made both monetary and snack donations. We very much appreciate the support for this project!

We will be packing boxes again in February or March of 2025.

Blessings always,

Christian Education Team

Alisa Nixon (908) 279-5242

Pastor Deb (570) 350-5115

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE ROAD HOUSE FOR OUR OCTOBER 17th FUNDRAISER.

IN DECEMBER WE HAVE SET UP A FUNDRAISER WITH RED ROBIN. SAVE THE DATE AND WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE.



Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SMITHFIELD

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

1792 N. 9th St, Bartonsville, PA 18321

December 5, 2024 4PM - 8PM

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1** Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
- 2** In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3** Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4** Add your meal items and check out.
- 5** Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Red Robin



FRIDAY LADIES

Friday's 9:00 – 12:00 noon

The ladies make lovely lap robes that they share with hospitals, nursing & retirement homes plus our newly baptized babies go home with one. They are always appreciated and if you know of someone that might need one, please let Edie know.

**Always looking for new people
Come on Friday and join in.**



Donations always welcome of clean cotton fabric printed or solid. Large pieces of fabric for backing, quilting thread or just ask the ladies if you have something they might use.

Edie made these beautiful hats and scarfs for the Salvation Army.



6 pc Handmade Lap Blankets were delivered this month to Gluco Lodge Care Home by Alan Pride.

**HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE. \$5.00 TICKET
DRAWING DEC. 15th**

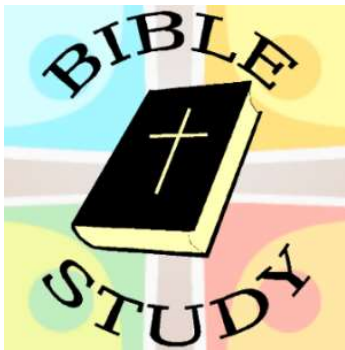
Quilt Top Donated by Bonnie Hasker and put together and quilted by the Friday Ladies.





**The Altar Guild is looking
for a few new volunteers.**

**Please see Nancy Fritz or leave you
name in the office. No experience
necessary you will be instructed and
helped as much as you need.**



Every Tuesday

11:30am to 12:30pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN



COFFEE HOUR

**Looking for people to host
(helpers available)**

SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD

**Contact Madeline or Faye with any
questions**

CELEBRATION HALL RENTALS

Please share with friends. For information contact
SONJI PATRICK (CALL OFFICE FOR PHONE #.)



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180 Assembly
- Parking: Up to 75 Vehicles
- Handicap Accessible
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- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Anniversary Parties
- Banquets
- Meetings
- Workshops



Sweet 16 Party





LWR Ingathering: Can you believe we filled the Truck!



On Saturday, September 21, the NEPA Synod hosted our first local Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering to collect Mission Quilts and Kits destined for the Baltimore warehouse. Congregations collect donations and assemble various LWR kits – Personal Care, School, Baby Care or Fabric kits – for their “God’s Work. Our Hands.” service projects. Quilts are typically made all year long with a celebration Blessing of the Quilts and Kits through the fall season. Our LWR Ingathering was scheduled to coincide with these activities, to collect donations and coordinate transportation to the Baltimore warehouse. As a new venture, we were very curious to see the turnout from local churches.

As is typical with our Synod, the response was AMAZING! During our 3 hour collection period, cars, trucks and vans kept coming filled with as many boxes as could be carried! Most congregations brought Personal Care Kits totaling 570 kits from Trinity Lutheran in Robesonia, St. John’s Lutheran in Stroudsburg, Trinity Lutheran in Tipton, Trinity Lutheran in Perkasio, Zion Lutheran in Womelsdorf, Emmanuel’s Lutheran in Emmanuelville and St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown. The largest quantity donated were School Kits totaling 595 kits from Zion Lutheran in Womelsdorf, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Northampton and St. Stephen’s Lutheran in Bethlehem. Fifty-four (54) Mission Quilts were collected from St. John’s Lutheran in Slatinton, St. Paul’s Lutheran in Douglassville and St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown. Fourteen (14) Baby Care kits were collected from St. John’s Lutheran in Allentown.

On October 12, through the generous donation of Kristi Parcel-Smith of Remax in Allentown, we drove her company’s truck to






Christ Lutheran Church in Reading to collect donations from three additional churches. We added more boxes containing 207 Mission Quilts from Reformation Lutheran in Reading and Robeson Lutheran in Plowville. We also added 110 Personal Care Kits from Nativity Lutheran in Reading and St. Paul's in Reading. We continued our journey on to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church in Ephrata where volunteers loaded our boxes onto a tractor-trailer headed to Baltimore on Monday, October 14. What an amazing outpouring of love for our neighbors in need!

Typically, LWR Quilts and Kits are sent around the world. Following Hurricane Helene, LWR Quilts and Personal Care Kits are being distributed throughout the devastated areas in the Carolinas and Georgia. Donations at our Ingathering represent only a portion of the total contributions to LWR from our Synod, as some congregations ship their donations directly to the Baltimore warehouse or attend a closer Ingathering. Several of our churches bring their donations to an Ingathering in Auburn, PA, and three churches delivered their donations directly to Bergstrasse Church.

Submitted by: Eileen Lane, St John Lutheran, Allentown



MISSION DISTRICT

TOWN HALL CHEW & CHAT

Each of the 9 mission districts of the Northeastern PA Synod will host open conversations with Bishop Christopher deForest, VP Nancy Reichelt, and DEM Deacon Kat Tigerman. These Town Hall events will be held on different evenings at various locations. All congregation members and rostered ministers within the respective mission districts are invited to attend.

To find out when your mission district town hall meeting is, visit godslove.org/events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November	2024					
					1 Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	2
3 All Saints Day 8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am	4	5 Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm	6 Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm	7 Choir 6:30pm	8 Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	9
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am Confirmation St. Johns 1-3	11	12 Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm Council 6:30pm	13	14 Choir 6:30pm	15 Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	16
17	18	19		21	22	23
26th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am History Meeting and Lunch after 10am Service	Worship and Music 6:30pm	Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm	Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm	Thanksgiving Food Pantry 9:30am – 12:00 noon Finance Meeting 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm	Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christ the King 8:30 SS 9-9:45am 10:00am Contemporary Service w/ Praise Team Congregational Meeting ater 10am Service. Confirmation St Paul's 1-3				Thanksgiving Day	Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	