

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

SEPTEMBER 2020



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

I do love this old piece. I don't know where it comes from or who originated it, ... but there is a little something in it for everyone.

When God Says "No"

Love one another,
for love comes
from **God**.

1 John 4:7



"I prayed to God, take away my bad habit.

God said, *No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.*

I prayed to God, make my handicapped child whole.

God said, *No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.*

I prayed to God, grant me patience.

God said, *No. Patience comes by trial and error; it isn't granted, it is learned.*

I prayed to God, give me happiness.

God said, *No. I give you blessings; Happiness is in what you do with them.*

I prayed to God, spare me this pain.

God said, *No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.*

I prayed to God, make my spirit grow.

God said, *No. You must grow on your own! But I will help you bear good fruit.*

I prayed to God for all the wonderful things of a good life.

God said, *No. I will give you the wonder of life, so that you may enjoy all good things.*

I prayed to God to help me love others, as God loves me.

God said.. *Ahhhh, Yes. Now you've got it. I will always help you there."*

Pastor Burkhardt

Got a question ...need to talk?

The office is open, and the phone is working.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE UPDATE – September 2020

St. Paul's is blessed to offer many ministries to our congregants and to our community; before COVID-19 our building bustled day and night with church and community activities. And then – we were forced into shutdown. Everyone is anxious for life to return to the way it was; but no matter how impatient we become, the virus continues to control our lives. Please be patient with your Council, Pastor and the Task Force. We are spending many hours in research, prayer, studying compliance directives from our Synod, the State and the CDC – and listening to your concerns and requests. In spite of the many challenges before us, your support and understanding gives us the inspiration to build a new St. Paul's. So far, the following has been accomplished.



- A 9:30am Sunday service continues to be held outside where moving air and sunshine serve to abate the coronavirus. In order to offer Sunday service: new hygiene guidelines and communion procedures were needed; ushers and communion assistants stepped up to learn new ways of serving our congregants; volunteers came forward for set-up.
- A virtual service is offered on our St. Paul's website. New skills, volunteers, training and equipment were needed to make this happen.
- Over the last month the Task Force has met with every committee, and outside organization that uses our building, to discuss their plans for moving forward during this pandemic. Talks were also held with our Music Staff to make plans for the resumption of Choirs when we move our service indoors at the end of October. As ministries return to our building, new procedures have been developed to protect everyone's safety and health. Each group is assigned a specific area/room in the building, for their use only, thereby preventing the spread of germs from others. A sanitizing schedule for common areas and bathrooms is followed after each group's use. COVID-19 safe practices are communicated to everyone using the building. With measured caution we welcome back to the St. Paul's building our Choirs, Sunday School, Music in Motion, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

However, there is much more to be accomplished:

Moving our Sunday service inside requires far more attention than an outside service. How will we keep our parishioners safe? How many will be allowed into the building when the state regulations limit inside use to 25 people; our outside service averages around 50 each Sunday and greater attendance is anticipated going forward. How do we control traffic to ensure social distancing? How do we control traffic in the building so that our Sexton can manage the required sanitizing? How do we manage contact with bulletins and worship material? How will our choirs and musicians be protected during practice and performances? So many areas to address....

Please be patient, understanding, and offer your help where it is safe for you to do so.

There are other ministries of our church that may be anxious to return to the building: committees, ministries that serve our community, and ministries that serve the religious and social needs of our congregants. Groups that require one gathering and groups that will meet weekly or monthly. The Task Force is anxious to talk with you, contact anyone on the Task Force to begin the dialogue. We will need to know:



- Dates/days/times that you will need the building.
- Approximately how many will be in attendance.
- What else will the group need?

And, unfortunately, there are some building usages that must remain on hold. The goal is certainly to resume all activities; this will be accomplished in coordination with the safety and health of everyone and in compliance with our Synod, State and CDC regulations. For now:

- If your committees, group, ministry is not currently scheduled to meet in the building, please continue to meet off premises.
- Private and limited attendance for weddings, Baptisms, and funerals will be given consideration. Dialogue should be established with the Pastor.
- The building continues to be closed during normal business hours, staff are working from home where feasible; however, the church phone is being answered.

REMINDERS FROM THE CDC:

In general, the more closely you interact with others and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. You are at a higher risk when:

- Engaging with new people or Interacting with a larger group of people, especially over a prolonged period.
- Being with other people who aren't social distancing by 6 feet, or not wearing a mask.
- The closer you are to other people who may be infected, the greater your risk.
- Indoor spaces are more risky than outdoor spaces where it might be harder to keep people apart and there is less ventilation.

What you need to do daily and consistently:

- Wash/sanitize hands frequently following potential contamination.
- Wear a face mask and keep 6 feet of social distance when out in public or when inside gathering with non-family.
- Do not touch your face, nose, eyes.
- Do not handshake, hug, embrace or kiss others.

Task Force: Pastor Robert Burkhart, Suzanne Butler, Russ Johnson, Carla Hausman, Peg Sennett



**SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
WORSHIP ON THE LAWN
CONTINUES UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE**

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

- Bring your own lawn chair. (Chairs will be available if you forget to bring your own.) Masks are required.
- Families can sit together but family groups and others should sit 6' apart.

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.

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>



R3 Grocery Ministry Update: We will no longer require Shoppers to purchase items for our food kits. We are receiving an abundant amount of food from our two partner organizations and do not need any additional supplies. However, we are in

need of help picking up those supplies. If you have a pickup truck or trailer and are available to pickup cases of food from East Berlin on Saturday mornings, please speak to an R3 team member. Thank you for volunteering for this ministry.

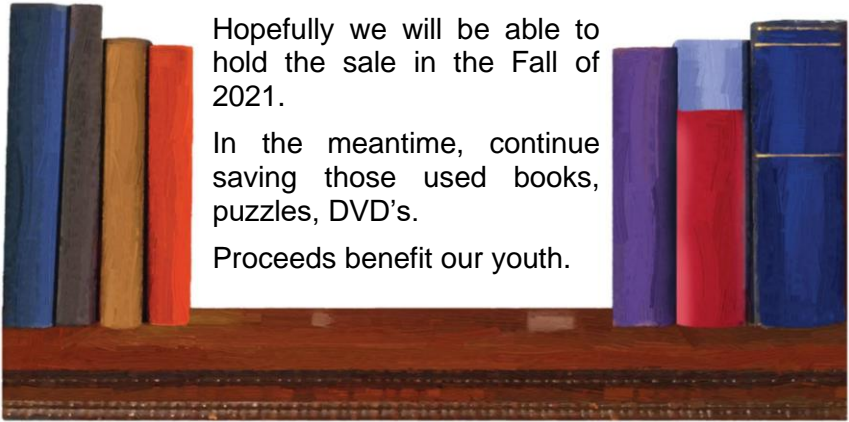
SEPTEMBER SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Radio – September 13, 20 & 27 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Flowers – September 27 both vases (\$20 each vase)
- Bulletins – September 13, 20 & 27 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – September 20 & 27 (\$10)

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

MEN IN MISSION FALL BOOK SALE FOR 2020 IS CANCELLED

We were planning and hoping to have our fifth annual book sale in October or sometime this fall. Unfortunately, like so many other events, we are cancelling the Used Book Sale for this year.



Hopefully we will be able to hold the sale in the Fall of 2021.

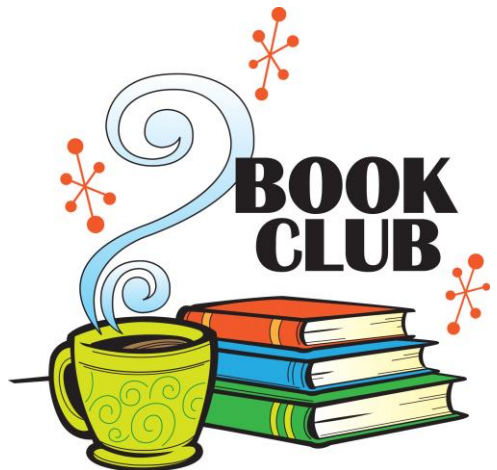
In the meantime, continue saving those used books, puzzles, DVD's.

Proceeds benefit our youth.



Theodore Edwin Goodyear, son of Billy and Sarah (Mosebrook) Goodyear was baptized on Sunday, August 23rd.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, September 30, 2020** at the home of Hazel Lehigh at 7:00pm. The book we will be discussing is The Flight Girls by Noelle Salazar. We will also soon need suggestions for books to read for the coming year. Please look through your reading list for the last several months and find one that you think the women would like to read. Bring suggestions to the meeting. See you at Book Club.
Janet Haack



Please stay safe and healthy.

MAKING PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

As I talked about in today's "Moment of Joy", the explosion in Beirut affected Lutheran World Relief's donations. According to the LWR website, they lost 3 40-ft. shipping containers that had thousands of donated items. From their website...

"Your love is well-known in Lebanon, reaching poor Lebanese families and large populations of Syrian and Palestinian refugees overcome the challenges of the country's ongoing economic crisis.

Unfortunately the blast destroyed three of LWR's 40-ft. shipping containers, which were stored in the port and held more than 22,000 LWR Mission Quilts, 100 cartons of School Kits, 300 cartons of Personal Care Kits, and 125 cartons of Baby Care kits that were being prepared for distribution to an estimated 24,550 men, women, and children who were already in great need...the total monetary value of this loss is more than \$623,000 while the value of the time and love our quilters and kit-makers put into sewing, assembling and praying over these items is impossible to calculate. Though this loss is small compared to any loss of life, we are devastated that our neighbors who were already struggling--and who need these items now more than ever--will suffer even more without them."

WHAT CAN WE DO? I was thinking that we could have our families put together Personal Care kits to send to LWR! Here's how:

1. Attached you will find general information about donations to LWR. Be sure to follow them!
2. Purchase the items on the other attached document. Please consider putting together more than one kit!
3. To put the kit together, you only need to follow the first direction (Bill and I will take care of packing all kits into boxes for transport to New Windsor).
4. Email me with how many kits you are/will be putting together. Then drop off your kits at the church (go into the elevator lobby--from the parking lot entrance; look for a labeled box there--it will be placed there this coming Saturday morning). Don't forget to pray over them before leaving!

Kits are due by Sept. 20.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions (and when you have put together your kit/s). Thanks for considering this worthwhile project!

Peace,
Deb



PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
 - Please give new items only.
 - Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
 - Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
 - Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
 - All items should be new and in good condition.
 - Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.
- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
 - TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
 - ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
 - ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
 - ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*



PERSONAL CARE KITS

HOW TO PACK YOUR KITS OF CARE

- Fold the towel in half width-wise. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



THANK
YOU

FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING!

Faith in Action Committee will be collecting school supplies through the end of September. Items still needed to fill our 100 bag goal are:



- Pencil sharpeners
- Blue or black ink ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2-1/2 inch erasers
- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide or college ruled

Our filled backpacks will go to Lutheran World Relief for distribution throughout the world. Thank you for all your donations to this project.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Empty OCC boxes will be available on Sundays during our outdoor service. Please take one home and fill it. Directions are inside each box. Return the filled boxes as soon as we are meeting back inside the church building. Final date for boxes is Nov. 15,

2020. Thank you for your yearly support of this project!

DESIGNATED GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER

Emergency Food Bag Program

The Faith in Action Committee sponsors this program by filling grocery bags with non-perishable food items for needy families.



EMERGENCY FOOD BAGS

Distribution of these bags is handled by the Pastor. This program provides assistance until the individual or family can receive help from a local agency. Please consider giving to this worthy cause to help those in need in our community.



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For those of you who did not have the privilege of participating in this year's Virtual Vacation Bible School, which was held the week of Aug. 10th, I need to let you know that a FABULOUS job was done in a very difficult year.

Gretchen Walter and her team, Karen Feeser and Pastor Kirk Griffin from St. Mark's, Ann and

Christian Holtzman (and Mr. Terry), Diana Leppo and Lori Rebling did a wonderful job of making this week a reality.

Everything that was needed to participate was included in the tote bags that were given out and the lessons were so well done. Obviously a lot of time and planning took place to make it happen and run so smoothly.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Carmen Buckley (and my 7-year old granddaughter, Makenna)

**GLEANINGS FROM THE JUNE 2020
ZOOM 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.” 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

- The making a difference moments are outside worship, thirty children participating in virtual VBS, prayer group and growth of Grocery Ministry
- Council approved the continuing resolution for the Executive Committee.
- Council approved a gift to Steven Ruppright for his 30th year of music ministry at St. Paul’s. When you see Steven, please thank him for his music ministry.
- The \$13,000.00 CD matured. \$7,000.00 was added for a new CD of \$20,000.00.
- When reviewing the September calendar, the Executive Committee noticed that All Committee Night would fall before Labor Day. The Committee made the decision that All Committee Night would be on September 9th and Council Meeting on September 16th.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Item	Actual – 6 months	Budget – 6 months	Difference
Parish Offerings	\$121,713.92	\$136,344.48	(\$14,630.56)
Property Offerings	\$ 8,310.00	\$ 13,999.98	(\$ 5,689.98)
Capital Offerings	\$ 3,633.00	\$ 6,000.00	(\$ 2,367.00)
Synod	\$ 8,131.63	\$ 15,000.00	(\$ 6,868.37)
Income (All Sources)	\$193,573.02	\$187,891.92	\$ 5,681.10*
Expenses	\$149,227.53	\$172,142.46	(\$22,914.93)
* Includes all offerings, bequests, rental income			



8/3/2020

Thank you to Carmen and the Soup Committee for bringing us the vegetable soup. It was so delicious and warmed our hearts and souls, - just what we needed as I continue to regain my health.

Sincerely,

Lynne and Garth Thompson

8/7/2020

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the York County SPCA back in July. Your Joyful Noise Sunday offering means a lot to the staff, volunteers, and all the animals under our care. Given all the uncertainty over COVID-19, instead of retreating, the staff and I have been inspired and encouraged by the incredible support we have received from the community. Thank you for being there for us! We couldn't do this important work with you.

Sincerely,

Steven Martinez, Executive Director of SPCA of York County

8/15/2020

Thank you,

St. Paul's Church family, Pastor Burkhart and staff for prayers, cards and flowers during my surgery and my recovery at home.

In His love,

Betty Markle

My thanks to everyone who phoned or sent cards following my surgery and during my lengthy recovery. It is comforting to be remembered in this way especially during the Covid isolation.

Thank you

Hazel Lehigh

**IN RESPONSE TO
ST. PAUL'S SATURDAY MORNING
GROCERY MINISTRY**



5/26/2020

To the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran,

In this stressful time of need and loss, it is a real blessing to hear of the many ways agencies, churches and individuals are reaching out to help each other in the Hanover community. Your provision of supplemental bags of groceries to our neighbors in downtown Hanover is to be commended.

As a fellow downtown congregation, Emmanuel UCC is pleased to donate \$100 in support of your efforts.

May God bless you as you continue to put your faith into action.

Yours in Christ,

The Congregation of Emmanuel

8/17/2020

To the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran,

Our Missions Committee would again like to support your grocery program for neighbors in need. Please accept the enclosed \$100 for your efforts to continue to help those experiencing hunger and loss.

Yours in Christ,

The Congregation of Emmanuel

8/22/2020

God can Bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others.

11 Corinthians 9:8

His kindness shines through you!

Thank You

"What you are doing means so much to so many.

Thank you so much,
Sue Baumgardner

God Bless you,
Janet Fogle



St. Paul's Lutheran Church – **Broadway**
SOUP SALE – NOVEMBER 14TH
 Homemade Chicken Corn with noodles
 And Beef Noodle soup
 Will be sold for \$5.00 a quart
 Deadline for ordering is November 8th
 Call 717-637-0511 to order

Leave a message that includes your name, phone number, what kind of soup you would like and how many quarts you are ordering. Pick up will be at the church on Saturday, Nov. 14th between 12 noon and 3 pm.

STEWARDING THE COMMON GOOD

Jesus taught, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” –**Matthew 22:38**

In Genesis 4, God asks Cain the whereabouts of Abel, his little brother whom Cain has just murdered in a jealous fit. Answering God’s question, Cain snarkily retorts, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The correct answer for Cain is, “Yes, you are your brother’s keeper.” And the principle applies to us, too.



Woven through Scripture is God’s clear priority that we love and care for one another. The imperative finds clearest expression in the life and words of Jesus, who repeatedly teaches us to love everyone – friend, family, neighbor – even enemy. *No exceptions.*

Love for neighbor is a stewardship issue because we are responsible to care for all that God has entrusted to us, including community, relationships, and the welfare of others. Stewarding the common good is an essential component.

As North Americans, we haven’t done a very good job of stewarding the common good because our culture teaches us to “look out for number one,” as opposed to looking out for everyone. Consider how much of our political division and brokenness in criminal justice, education, healthcare, economics and government results from our thinking “what’s good for me,” rather than “what’s good for everybody.”

Stewarding the common good often involves giving up some measure of what would be good just for us. We sacrifice out of love to provide what is good for our neighbor. Is anything more Christian?

This year, especially as politics and division has embroiled and divided our country, study how the theme of loving our neighbor and stewarding the common good is woven through Scripture. What does it mean for you and the church? Think. Pray. Act.

--Rob Blezard

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SEPTEMBER

DUTIES	September 6, 2020	September 13, 2020	September 20, 2020	September 27, 2020
	9:30 AM - Outdoors	9:30 AM - Outdoors	9:30 AM - Outdoors	9:30 AM - Outdoors
Assisting Ministers (Scheduler-Gretchen Walter)	Betty Sheets	Russ Kaltreider	Frank Hueskie	Betty Sheets
Lessons	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1:21-30	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13
Offering Deposit Team	Russ Kaltreider Diana Leppo	Tom Miller Dave Maus	Peg Sennett Cindy Schmidt	Nancy Smith Laura Silver
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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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