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# ST. PAUL'S CALL OCTOBER 2024

**Pastor Deb Staniszewski**



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

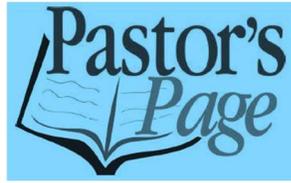
**SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30AM AND 10:00AM**

**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.**



Greetings Friends!

Just recently we celebrated St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield's 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What a wonderful day, full of friendship, celebration, and joy, led by the Holy Spirit! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the events of the weekend! Unified together in Christ, we made it happen.

As we celebrated with worship, music, sharing our history, selling our wares, spending time with folks from the community, breaking bread, telling stories, gathering with friends, and sharing our memories, we traced and recalled God's purpose for this faith community, our "Journey of faith active in love"<sup>i</sup> up until now, even as we continue to seek God's purpose for us in the present and look forward toward the future.

This wasn't just a historical event, it was history in the making! One of the things that strikes me, not just about this weekend, but about our faith community is the way we come together just as we are, with our different gifts and talents, spontaneously. The Holy Spirit blows through our windows and doors and we follow...we plan, and because we're flexible, we can pivot, we come together as we are, each bringing his or her own gifts and talents to share, and amazing things happen as we seek to serve and do God's will.

It got me thinking of Ephesians chapter 4:2-13 in the interpretation the Message which says, "I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

<sup>4-6</sup> You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. <sup>7-13</sup> But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift." (Ephesians 4:2-13, MSG)

Cheers for 170 years of unity, love, and service, and prayers for whatever adventures await us as we continue on the road God calls us to travel, sharing our Journey of faith active in Love!

Your Sibling in Christ,

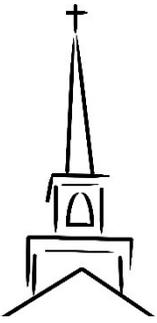
Pastor Deb

<sup>1</sup> St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield, Mission Statement.

## Worship & Music!



**Affirmation of Baptism** – This past month we shared in the affirmation of baptism of Patricia Clements, J'nelle Lawrence, Jamal Clements, Tatanisha Clements, Javon Clements, Jaden Clements and Jamel Clements. Congratulations to our siblings in Christ!



**170<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!** – What a wonderful weekend! The festivities kicked off with a Craft & Rummage Sale on Saturday and a special history talk given by Patsy Litts Young and Jim Litts in the newly painted chapel. A Special Service followed on Sunday featuring a sermon by Bishop Christopher de Forest and a luncheon in Celebration Hall. Special guests Pastor Ed Smith and his wife Cheryl and Pastor Glen Segond shared their memories of fun times and challenges faced while they were at St. Paul's and a letter from Pastor Harding was shared with all. Special thanks to all those who made our 170<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration a success!

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### Blessing of the Animals

Outdoor Service by gazebo

Saturday, Oct 12 5pm

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Bring your beloved pet on a leash or in a carrier to be blessed by Pastor Deb!

**Blessing of the Animals** – Spread the word to your fur moms and dads. Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 5pm Pastor Deb will be blessing the animals outdoors by the gazebo. October is the month where we honor St. Francis of Assisi who was known as being the patron saint of animals. Bring your beloved pet on a leash or in a crate for this special blessing. Contact Lynne in the office if you want to share the flyer with your Facebook groups.

**Please share your loved ones who passed for All Saints Day** – All Saints Day is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the office at 570-223-9422 and provide the name of your loved ones who passed between November 1<sup>st</sup> of last year and October 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. Their name will be placed in the bulletin and a candle will be lit in their memory. Please contact Lynne by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**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, October 21st at 6:30pm. We'll be talking about the Advent and Christmas season so feel free to attend.

Yours in Christ,

Worship & Music Committee

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

**Operating Funds**

	August <u>2024</u>	Year to <u>Date</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>
<b>CHURCH INCOME</b>			
GENERAL INCOME	\$9,123.15	\$83,720.35	\$76,100.08
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	80.00	1,353.00	2,266.64
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	986.82	11,577.28	10,866.64
INTEREST INCOME	7.12	37.54	12.00
INVESTED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,782.62</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$10,197.09</u>	<u>\$99,470.79</u>	<u>\$93,245.36</u>
<b>CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
STAFF	\$9,235.79	\$71,934.62	\$75,171.20
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSE			
Benevolence (Synod)	583.34	4,666.67	4,666.64
Seminary Support & Miscellaneous	0.00	255.00	120.00
PARISH ADMINISTRATION	638.28	4,056.09	4,280.00
WORSHIP	62.00	1,953.86	3,773.20
LEARNING	42.17	643.83	1,800.00
PROPERTY	2,622.57	25,314.10	30,350.00
DEBT PAYMENTS	1,116.00	8,928.00	8,928.00
STEWARDSHIP	0.00	289.53	516.64
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	500.00
WITNESS	0.00	0.00	520.00
SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP	<u>0.00</u>	<u>349.02</u>	<u>893.36</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,300.15</u>	<u>\$118,390.72</u>	<u>\$131,519.04</u>
EXCESS INCOME/(EXPENSES)	<u>(\$4,103.06)</u>	<u>(\$18,919.93)</u>	<u>(\$38,273.68)</u>

**Current Cash Accounts**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$15,599.83	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	<u>92,478.50</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$108,078.33</u>

**Special Funds**

<b>SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME</b>			
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>			
Pantry/Good Samaritan	\$350.00	\$3,404.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Benevolence	100.00	800.00	0.00
INVESTED FUNDS INT. & DIV.	0.00	159.87	0.00
PLAYGROUND FUND	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS INCOME	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$4,388.87</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b>			
Pantry/Good Samaritan	\$0.00	\$2,085.22	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Benevolence	0.00	400.00	0.00
YOUTH	0.00	1,988.02	0.00
PRAISE BAND EQUIPMENT	0.00	1,851.38	0.00
MUSIC	<u>377.39</u>	<u>377.39</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$377.39</u>	<u>\$6,702.01</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**Special Funds Cash Accounts**

CHECKING ACCOUNTS & PETTY CASH	\$13,445.71	
THRIVENT FINANCIAL	<u>5,368.24</u>	
TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTS		<u>\$18,813.19</u>

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RAIN OR SHINE

YOU CAN ALSO TAKE A PICTURE OF THIS ON YOUR PHONE TO SHOW.



# FUNDRAISING

»» *Support* ««

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17  
4PM-10PM**



**10%  
DONATION NIGHT**

for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.  
Present this flyer at the Stroudsburg  
location and Texas Roadhouse will  
donate **10%** of your total food  
purchases to St. Paul's Lutheran  
Church!

**570-424-2467  
318 STROUD MALL  
STROUDSBURG, PA**

The Pocono Mission  
District Invites you

# “THE SPIRIT WILL ELECTRIFY US”

Join us from **9:00 am to Noon** on  
**Saturday, October 26, 2024** for a  
morning of exploring spiritual  
practices.

All Synod friends, members, & leaders  
are invited to attend for **FREE!**

At **St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Smithfield**

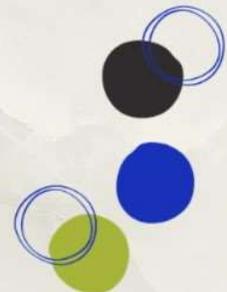
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**WORKSHOPS:**  
Visio Divina  
Prayer Labyrinth  
Spiritual Processing



Register by **October 22** by contacting Rev.  
Michael Scholtes at [pastorMJS@gmail.com](mailto:pastorMJS@gmail.com)



**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.

**By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you enable the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and to remain for as long as the recovery takes.**

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, ELCA Service and Justice Giving  
ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster  
Response

With gratitude,

*Daniel Rift*



**Thursday**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**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.

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**A new 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](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=K8ZKNHW5V48WS)
- QR Code:



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

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Tracey Lasslett (Sec.)	<a href="mailto:tdimperio@lccc.edu">tdimperio@lccc.edu</a>
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Wanda Richardson	Jacqueline.richardson50@gmail.com



Hello Church Youth Families,

Sunday School has started ! We are excited for a new year!

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 will be held at St. Paul's Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm

Blessings always,

Christian Education Team

Alisa Nixon (908) 279-5242

Pastor Deb (570) 350-5115

# 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.



**HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE. \$5.00 TICKET  
DRAWING DEC. 15<sup>th</sup>**

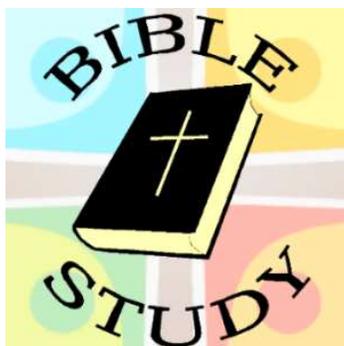
Quilt Top Donated by  
Bonnie Hasker and put  
together and quilted  
by the Friday Ladies.





**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.**



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**Every Tuesday**

**11:30am to 12:30pm.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN**



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**COFFEE HOUR**

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

**SIGN UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD**

**Contact Madeline or Faye with any  
questions**

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# CELEBRATION HALL RENTALS

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



Celebrate Your Event



- Full Commercial Kitchen
- Seating: 160 Banquet Style  
180 Assembly
- Parking: Up to 75 Vehicles
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- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Anniversary Parties
- Banquets
- Meetings
- Workshops



**Sweet 16 Party**





## How can we say 'Thank You': Wanishita

Native American elders Fritz and Pat Bower led much of the Corn Harvest Festival services this Grandparents' Day weekend at Zion Spies Lutheran Church. But this started months ago, on Earth Day Fritz and Pat Bower met me with the service they had originally crafted for their congregation (initially at Reformation, Reiffton. They are now members of St. Mark's, Birdsboro and have held this service there).

Picture this 4-year-old who sits in the front every week and eagerly reached for the bells... across the aisle, from a woman in her 70's who had never been in the building before. Both danced to the hymn. The Bowers in their full regalia of Lenape and Cherokee traditional dress met the 67-year-old man with Down syndrome exuding his ever-present reverent spirit as he and his cousin, carried to the altar, the abalone shell full of copal incense which bore the sins and burdens of the congregation; to be burnt while confession and forgiveness were proclaimed... "let our prayers rise before you as incense..." (Psalm 141:2).



How can we say 'Thank you' to God for this abundant harvest of produce and community?  
"Wanishi Kishelëmienk, we thank you, Creator".

(In the Unami language of the Lenape)

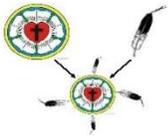
Our congregation had practiced in choir, and worship to get accustomed to a service led in English but with phrasing familiar to Native Americans and, using the First Nations Version of Scripture. Worship included families from Scouts and Day Camp. The stew for the Harvest Festival Feast was made in part from 3-sisters-crops (corn, beans, squash) that Day Camp grew.





The rest of the pot-luck was as diverse as the body of Christ: pickled-beet eggs, wild rice, , and ... pop-corn! “You can’t have a Corn Harvest Festival without corn”. Kids made colorful corn cobs from fuzzy-sticks while learning about the varieties of native species. We partnered with Widoktadwen; committed “to promoting the visibility of Native Americans ...through community education, leadership, and activism.” Rev. Bruce Osterhout found Widoktadwen last fall, as we met with the Council to introduce a concept called 6261, as a possible way to re-invigorate our under-used buildings & acres of forest, while serving our

community in need of healing from flooding which closed a school, pandemic and rural/urban strains. Now, a year later we share church building space and programming as we work together to build Community (the literal meaning of Widoktadwen in Bodewadmimwen, the Potawatomi language) and the Way of Jesus. How can we possibly say enough thank you’s & “Wanishita” to God for these abundant gifts? We will keep planting, tending, and caring for God’s growth.



Graphic & translations courtesy of Fritz & Pat Bower

*Na yukwe nē guski kēski luwen.* (This now is all I have to say.)

*Kishelēmukonk kēmīlēl wēlānkuntēwakān,* (The Creator bless you and give you peace,)

*XahēliKshikāna* (Fritz Bower)

Submitted by: Fritz & Pat Bower, Amanda Funk, and Rev. Rebecca Knox

# CONGREGATION FINANCE WORKSHOP



November 9

9:00am to 12:00pm

Hybrid Workshop: Lutheran Center (2354 Grove Rd, Allentown) & Zoom

The NEPA Synod Finance Committee is organizing a complimentary workshop for congregation finance leaders. Registration details will be available soon through the synod’s weekly e-news and website. The workshop will also be recorded and made accessible afterward.

Sunday October	Monday 2024	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Choir 6:30pm  Food Pantry 9:30am-12noon	<b>4</b> Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Officiants Laura and Alan  8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>11</b> Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	<b>12</b> <b>Blessing of the Animals 5:00pm</b>
<b>13</b> <b>21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am  Confirmation St. Paul's 1-3pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm  Council 6:30pm	<b>16</b> Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm	<b>17</b> Food Pantry 9:30am – 12:00 noon <b>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser</b> Choir 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:30 & 10:00am Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45am	Worship and Music 6:30pm	Bible Study 11:30 – 12:30pm  Finance Meeting 6:00pm	Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30pm	Choir 6:30pm	Friday Ladies 9:00am - 12:00noon	<b>Pocono Mission Workshop 9:00am – 12:00noon</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
<b>23rd Sunday After Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 8:30am SS 9-9:45am 10:00am Contemporary Service w/ Praise Team				Food Pantry 9:30am – 12:00 noon  Choir 6:30pm		

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