

PAUL'S PARISH NEWS



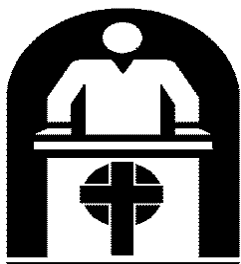
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Dear Members and Friends,

The last Sunday in October is Reformation Sunday. The events of the Reformation did not reveal anything new. They only uncovered what was part of Christian teaching to begin with that had become forgotten or hidden over the years by Church practices and traditions that had developed. Though revolutionary for their time,

the tenets of the Reformation are important parts of the life of the Protestant church today. Here are a few:

READING THE BIBLE – In the time of the Reformation, only the church leaders read and had access to the Bible. Parishioners only listened to church leaders read the Bible aloud in church in Latin, which made it difficult for everyday people to know and understand the Scripture. Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and copies were printed and distributed so that people in his country could read the Bible on their own in their own language.

MUSIC – The Reformation brought music and singing to the people in the pews. Singing had been reserved for church leaders, who mainly chanted in Latin. Martin Luther composed 36 hymns that were based on folk melodies people already knew and published a hymnbook that parishioners could use in church to sing songs in unison and in harmony as a part of the liturgy of worship.

TABLE TALK – When Martin Luther served as a professor at the University of Wittenberg, he did not leave the teaching in the school buildings, but invited his students to join him around the dinner table with his family to talk about issues related to the Christian life, the Church and the Bible.

TEACHING – When Martin Luther traveled around to other churches, he was surprised to discover that many people were not familiar with the most basic teaching of the Church. So he wrote the Small Catechism for parents to use in their homes to teach their children these six chief parts: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, the Office of the Keys and Confession and the Lord's Supper.

VOCATION – In Luther's day, there was a hierarchy in work that people did. The clergy and others who worked in the church were at the top rung of society and those who were maids or servants were stationed at the bottom rung. But Luther explained that in the eyes of God, all

people were equal, no matter what their occupation. Vocation became a much broader term in the Reformation to mean being forgiven by God to serve others in response to his love for us. This idea of our “calling” in the name of Christ elevated the status of the common laborer and brought about a greater sense of the inherent worth of a person, not connected to a person’s specific day job.

Join us on Sunday, October 27th to celebrate the Reformation.

Pastor Miller

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17th after the 10:30 a.m. service to adopt the budget and elect council members. A copy of the budget will be available in the narthex the previous two Sundays, November 3rd and November 10th.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

November 15 – Meal & Movie

NOVEMBER 17 – Congregational Meeting

November 24 – Potluck Lunch & Decorating for Christmas

December 1 – Nativity Display 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

December 5 – Meal & Movie

December 15 – Blue Christmas Service at 2:00 p.m.

December 24 – Worship services

Family Service at 4:30 p.m. Prelude starts at 4:00 p.m.

Festival Service at 7:00 p.m. Prelude starts at 6:30 p.m.

TIME TO FALL BACK

Sunday, November 3rd Daylight Savings ends. Saturday night don’t forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour.



2024 LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT CHRISTMAS INGATHERING UPDATE

The information for the individual gifts has arrived. Sandwich bags are located on the table in the Narthex with the names and gift requests. Instructions are included in these bags. Beside the bags is a chart for you to sign your name and phone number next to the name you have selected for the gift you will supply. We have seven gift requests for people residing at **Good Sheperd Raker** that can be either gift wrapped or put into gift bags. The gifts for the ten children from **Topton Home** are to be put into gift bags with tissue paper only.

Lists for items needed for the **YMCA Warming Station** and **Boys & Girls Club of Allentown** are also located on the Narthex table. All donations should be brought to the church by Sunday, December 1st.

Contact Sandi Wagaman if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with delivery. (610-203-8085).

VETERANS DAY SALUTE

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who “came back to faith” during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. “That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people,” he told a reporter. “I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it.”

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.

PARISH NURSING NOTES

November 2024

June Kellogg RN

As we age our risk of falling increases. We slowly lose our strength and balancing skills. One in 4 people age 65 or older will have a fall each year. The consequences can cause disability, fractures, or the need for hospitalization. There are some steps you can take to help decrease your risk of falling.

Use night lights and tidy up the environment around the areas you walk through. Keep a flashlight and charged phone by your bedside in case of power outage or emergency. It's very easy to trip or slip on throw rugs. It's best to remove them, fasten them to the floor or use non-skid mats. When a new medication is started, talk with your health care provider about the side effects. Continue your scheduled wellness visits including eye exams and hearing exams as well. If you get dizzy when getting up, get up slowly and stand only after the dizziness has subsided. Let your physician know that you are experiencing dizziness. Use aids if needed to help with your activities (like a cane, walker or wheelchair). Place side rails bedside your toilet and in your shower if possible. If you fall frequently there are alert buttons one can wear to call for help.

There are things we can do to help maintain our balance and mobility including strength training and balance exercises. There are many balance and strength training exercises on the internet appropriate for different age groups. You can also take balance classes or strength training classes. It's surprising how doing a little something almost everyday can keep us in better condition to face the aging process. Enjoy the beautiful fall!

Some information taken from NIH.gov website.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th after the 10:30 a.m. service to adopt the budget and elect council members. A copy of the budget will be available in the narthex the previous two Sundays, November 5th and November 12th.

WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH [WELCA]

Thankoffering Sunday as been set as November 17th this year. Offering envelopes will be given out by the greeter on November 17th.

The In-gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2025. St. Paul's has 2 specific organizations that we will be gathering items for. The list of wrapped gifts has been received. There are 7 from Good Shepherd and 10 from Topton Home. Slips will be on the narthex table shortly.

Our Soup and Sandwich Sunday will be the first Sunday in January, January 5, 2025, with a snow date of January 12, 2025. Judy Wanfried will be our speaker and discuss The Last Supper Art.

NEPA WELCA Spring Justice Event theme *TBD* is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at Hope Tatamy.

NEPA WELCA 35th Annual Convention is scheduled for June 14, 2025, at St. John's Nazareth.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO THESE EVENTS

Our September Bible study was on *Receiving grace, A study of Ephesians, Gods power works in us, Session two*, by Heidi Haverkamp. This was the second session of Gather's fall Bible study series on the Letter to the Ephesians. In this three-part study, we'll explore whether graces is read (September), how God's power works in us (October), and grace-filled living, ancient and new (November).

Join us on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. for our next meeting and continue discussion how God's power works in us.

NATIVITY DISPLAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 11:30 AM-2:00 PM

We are again inviting members of St. Paul's to bring to the church their Nativity displays (as many as you want) that you use to decorate your house at Christmastime (no outdoor displays!). They will be displayed on tables in Fellowship Hall. Someone will be at the church on Saturday (Nov. 30th) from 10:00am to noon if you want to bring them in ahead of time. You may also bring them in on Sunday morning before church begins. Light refreshments will be served.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

On December 15th at 2:00pm we will have a Blue Christmas service with Holy Communion. For many, the Christmas season is not one of joy and celebration because of loss – loss of a loved one, loss of employment, weariness of health, the pain of isolation. All this can make us feel alone. Come join us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledges God's presence is for those who mourn or struggle and that God's Word shines light in our darkness.

POINSETTIAS

Worship & Music would like to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve with Poinsettias. A sponsor form is included in the newsletter.



Please fill it out and return all forms by **NOVEMBER 17TH**. If you are mailing in your order, please mail early. I have to place the order by **NOVEMBER 25TH**.

Extra order forms can be found in the rack at the sanctuary door, or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP NEWS

Chemo Hat Project –A reminder to bring completed hats to church on **Sunday, November 3** for blessing of the hats. These chemo hats will be donated to LVHN Cancer Center.

Project Warm Up America (WUA) - Thanks to all who have been making the 7” x 9” knitted or crocheted rectangles. So far, we have **190** rectangles! We are joining forces with Lutheran Home Stitchers on this project – and they have made over **100** rectangles. This project is also wrapping up at the end of October. Please bring your completed rectangles to church by **Sunday, October 27**.

Our Next Charity Crafting Project – We are getting patterns together and will be purchasing cotton yarn for [Crocheted/Knitted Octopuses for Premies](#). You can read more about this project on their Web site at the link above. Research has shown that when a crocheted (or knitted) octopus was placed with the preemie, some babies in the NICU experienced better breathing and more regular heartbeats, and were less bothered by the various monitors and IVs around them. Stay tuned for additional info about this project.

Plarn Project/Monthly Working Sessions – Our November Plarn session will be **November 19 at 1:30PM**. It is a fun and productive working session. Note – We will not have a Plarn session in December.

TOWN HALL “CHEW AND CHAT”

The Lehigh Mission District will host a Town Hall Chew and Chat with Bishop Christopher deForest, Vice President Nancy Reichelt, and Deacon Kat Tigerman. They are open to hearing your joys and concerns. Any congregation member of a congregation of the Lehigh Mission District (of which St. Paul’s is a part) is invited to join this Town Hall event. It will be held on **Monday, November 18th from 5:30-8:00pm at Christ Lutheran Church, 1245 Hamilton St., Allentown (parking lot across the street).**



BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalm 145:8

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Job 36:5

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Psalm 90:2

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2 Peter 3:9

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1 Thessalonians 5:24

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Isaiah 40:25

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Help me, Lord my __od;
save __e __ccording __o
your un__ailing l__ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV

WINTER CLOTHES DRIVE

With the large success of the school supply drive, the girls (Sathana & Sydney) would like to continue helping the Bethlehem Valley Youth House and/ or other local homeless shelters by raising money and items through the end of November. As the weather starts to get colder, one of the most essential items at these local shelters is winter clothing and jackets. We looking for jackets, mittens, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, etc.

Mostly teenage/young adult clothing would be great. A volunteer at the shelter said they have kids of all different sizes of clothing so anything is appreciated.

A box is setup under the coat rack with a sign on it marked coat drive.

WHAT YOUR HEART CLAMORS TO DO

We often speak of pastors as having a divine “calling.” God gives them a strong sense of purpose for a specific holy role, like how Old Testament prophets were called to bring messages to God’s people. But what about the rest of us? Is teaching, practicing medicine, being a plumber, writing or another non-church job also a “call”?

Martin Luther and others have said we should seek work that benefits others and for which God has given us talent. We should also treat any good work we do as a calling — be it cleaning a house or school, mending a broken leg or torn garment, or (as Luther mentioned a *father* doing — in the 1500s!) changing a baby’s diaper.

Dorothy Sayers wrote that “work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do,” and that “we should clamor to be engaged in work that [is] worth doing, and in which we [can] take pride.” What work does your heart clamor to do? In other words, what is *your* divine call?

USHERS/WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of people to help with the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For the service, worship is the same as before Covid 19 – i.e. hymns are sung, offering is collected in the pew, and communion is taken at the altar. You will be handing out the bulletin, helping to collect offering, and directing the congregation to the altar and handing them a communion cup. If you would be willing and interested in helping, please contact Steph Wagaman at 610-395-0355 or stepbillwagaman@rcn.com or call the church office at 610-398-7000.

HOSPITALIZED?

Parish Code for hospitalized parishioners is 321. Please give this code when you are admitted to the hospital so the pastor can be made aware that you are a patient and can administer the pastoral care you require while you are hospitalized.

Please take note, that if you are admitted on a Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the pastor will not be aware that you are hospitalized until Monday mid-morning, since the church does not have office hours on Friday, and the hospital pastoral care office is not available on Saturday or Sunday.

This means, if you would like the Pastor to know you are hospitalized on the weekend, please call the church office or the Pastor.

CARD MINISTRY



Here at St. Paul's we send cards to members of the congregation who are ill or in need of a cheerful word. These cards are on the table in the narthex. When you are here on a Sunday, or during the week, check the table to see if there is a card. Please sign your name and help bring a smile to a fellow member.

THANK YOU

Dear members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Food Bank, I extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous food donation of 297 pounds of non-perishable food items given on 7/10/2/24.

Words cannot fully express our gratitude for your support. Thank YOU. For helping us make a meaningful difference!

With sincere gratitude,
Jennifer Kelley,
A.A.E.F.B. Board President



NOVEMBER 3RD



SIMPLE BUT LIFESAVING

In early 2024, Beatrice Johnson became deathly ill in hours. An upset stomach became dangerously low blood pressure; it turned out flesh-eating bacteria had attacked her entire body. When Johnson's kidneys started failing, she was put on life support. In a last-ditch effort, doctors added sodium bicarbonate — baking soda — to her IV.

Within hours Johnson was noticeably improved, and she left the hospital a month later. "I never thought something so simple would save my life," she said.

Another lifesaver many people find too simple is God's grace. We quip, "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," and "Nothing in life is free." We're used to payments or paybacks. We balk if a friend offers to buy our lunch. When a neighbor brings us homemade cookies, we don't dare return the plate empty.

So how can something as huge and *holy* as salvation be a free gift from God? Don't we need to *do* something to earn it: follow the 10 Commandments? go to church? live a "godly" life?

All those things are good to do, but the key is to do them as *thanks* for God's gift of salvation, not to earn it. Jesus loves you and assures you of eternal life. Just accept the gift! If that seems simple, it's because it is — but it will also save your life.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

WORD LIST

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Lord, proclaim his
name; make known
among the nations
what he has done.

1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV



6 Judy Noll
7 Carl Seibert, Jr.
9 Joshua Solderich
16 Jeffrey Strauss
18 Daisy Pearson

19 Sommer Cope
19 Ethan Eiswerth
19 Makenna Morgenstern
25 Madison Mironov
29 Katie Pisauro



14 Alan & Carlene Brumbach

BE PREPARED ... TO WAIT

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait — and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on God’s goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That’s an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus?

—Janna Firestone

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER IS
NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR
ARTICLES SUBMITTED TO
THE CHURCH OFFICE
BY THIS DATE.**



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Organist/Choir Director Ms. Judy Noll
Handbell Director..... Mr. Richard Steltz
Parish Secretary Mrs. Cindy Krasnansky

NOVEMBER 2024 *St. Paul's Lutheran Church*

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

November 2024

If you cannot fulfill an assigned duty, please call the church office at 610-398-7000 or the Council Person of the Month – Jennifer Bentsen 484-226-5227

Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Rosie Gallagher, Carl Seibert

Altar Guild: Amy Williams

Communion Asst: Tom Kellogg

Communion Bread: Esther Seibert

Greeter: Alice Bastian

Lay Asst: Lacey Edwards

Reader: Sandi Wagaman

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Jennifer Bentsen, Judy Walker

Altar Guild: Esther Seibert

Communion Asst: Anita Eisenhard

Communion Bread: June Kellogg

Greeter: Melanie Dimovitz

Lay Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Reader: June Kellogg

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Frank Bennighoff, Ken Ritter

Altar Guild: Janine Ritter

Communion Asst: Bob Bruchak

Communion Bread: Bob Bruchak

Greeter: Madeline MacMechan

Lay Asst: Dick Steltz

Reader: Sharon Bortz

Sunday, November 24, 2024

9:00AM

No Assistants

10:30AM

Ushers: Andrew Bruchak, Bob Bruchak

Altar Guild: Steph Wagaman

Communion Asst: Rosemary Lehman

Communion Bread: Dorothy O'Connors

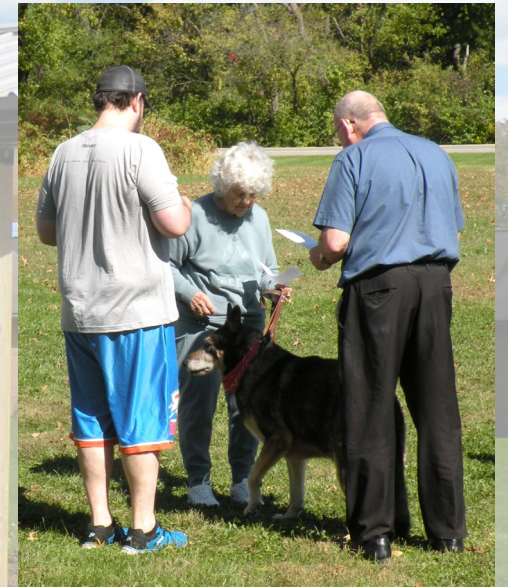
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Lay Asst: Sandi Wagaman

Reader: Cal Fetherolf

Harvest Home







NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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 Slatington, 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