

The Weekly Epistle

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES, JANUARY 13:

CHURCH COUNCIL AT 8:00 A.M. ~ **SUNDAY SCHOOL** AT 9:30 A.M. ~ **WORSHIP** AT 10:30 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL CATERED MEAL FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

On Pastor DJ Lura's last Sunday with us, today, there will be a catered meal in the Fellowship Hall following worship, as we take one last opportunity to be with DJ and his family, and to wish them well..

MEN'S CHOIR AT 2:00 P.M.

GRADE SCHOOL YOUTH AT 3:00 P.M.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT 3:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE AT 4:00 P.M. IN COUNTING ROOM

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS TRAINING AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE AT 5:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Staff Meeting (Counting Room).....Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran Men will be providing the Bingo at the NC Veteran's Retirement Home **Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.**

Girl Scouts Troop 743.....Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.

Bulletin announcement deadline Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service (Sanctuary).....Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir (Music Room).....Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation (Conference Room).....Wednesday from 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

St. Paul's Friendship Club will meet **Thursday at 10:30 AM** (weather permitting) in the **Fellowship Hall**. Please come with ideas for activities or trips for this coming year. The meal will be covered dish style. Also, if you care to, please bring a can or two of food for Rowan Helping Ministries. The shelves are bare and there are those who are in need.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES, JANUARY 20:

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M. ~ **WORSHIP** AT 10:30 A.M.

REV. DONALD SAFRIT, GUEST PASTOR AT 10:30 A.M.

High School Youth will visit and play noodle ball with the residents of Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab at 3:30 p.m.

OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to Terri Powlas and Family on the death of her father, Lee Basinger.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lee Basinger from the Family.

*Congratulations to **Darren and Hanna Moody** in the birth of a son, **Brayden Paul Moody**, on January 9. Congratulations to Grandmother, Heather Moody, and Great Grandmother, Kay Moody.*

The rosebud and vase on the altar is given in honor of his birth by the Lutheran Women.

Please contact the church office if you or any of
your family members need to change your
address, telephone number, or email address for
the 2019 yearbook as soon as possible.

During the month of January, designated gifts will go to the support of the **BIBLE TEACHERS** at East Rowan and Carson High Schools. As of Sunday, January 6, we have received **\$804**.

Our annual budgeted amount of \$1,801 for 2019 is to help make the message of Jesus Christ available in our local high schools. You can help with your special support of these ministries.

TREASURERS' REPORTS

The **Audit Committee** will be in the Ladies' Parlor after worship services on January 13, 20, and 27, to receive all books for auditing. **Please do not turn in your books until you have received your December 31 bank statement.** The deadline for turning in the reports for the Annual Audit is Sunday, January 27.

Wednesday Evening Services

Each **Wednesday**, beginning on **January 16**, St. Paul's will offer a mid-week chance to refresh your spirit. The **Worship Service** will begin at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Sanctuary**, lasting between 30 and 45 minutes. We welcome everyone to come and worship with us!

CONGREGATION APPRECIATION COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

On **Sunday, January 27**, following worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a covered dish meal together. We will honor our many volunteers for their faithful service. Come and join us as the people of God in celebration and in gratitude for all our oneness in Christ at St. Paul's.

Supply Pastor Schedule

Sunday, January 20 - Pastor Don Safrit

Sunday, January 27 - Pastor Eddie Pless

Sunday, February 3 - Pastor Ken Fink

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 3, the Middle and High School Youth will be collecting, counting and loading donated items after worship. These items will be delivered Monday during Rowan Helping Ministries (RHM) operating hours.

Finance Committee will meet **Sunday, February 3**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the **Counting Room**.

Executive Committee will meet **Tuesday, February 5**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the **Counting Room**.

WOMEN OF FAITH will meet on **Thursday, February 7**, at **11:00 a.m.** in the **Conference Room**. Following the Bible Study the group will go out to lunch at a local restaurant.

Please sign up on the Friendship Pads if you will be attending. Thank you.

Planning will begin soon for the **2019 St. Paul's Cruise 'n Barbecue**, to be held on Saturday, April 27th. Thanks to your generosity of time, talents and resources this signature St. Paul's event has raised over \$140,000 since 2012 to assist persons facing acute medical situations or other financial need.

One of the first topics to be considered each year by the planning committee is to decide on a beneficiary of the coming event's proceeds. Last year's Cruise 'n Barbecue raised over \$19,000 for St. Paul's Helping Hands Fund so that multiple persons could be helped throughout the year. If you would like to nominate an individual person or family in the congregation or community whose financial need is critical, to be considered as recipient of this year's Cruise 'n Barbecue proceeds, please contact the church office for a **NOMINATION FORM**. The form, which must be completed and returned by February 1st will describe the nomination process and list the information required.

Mark your calendars now for April 27th - another great day, and a time when the love of St. Paul's congregation is demonstrated to the community!

Church Council will meet Sunday, February 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

We are excited to continue our partnership with Community Blood Center of the Carolinas with our first **2019 Blood Drive on Monday, February 11, from 2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall with a goal of **35** units.

Average in and out time is less than an hour. Making an appointment helps to prevent a back-log of donors during the collection period.

Appointments may be made by contacting Alice Davis (704) 855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

YOUTH NEWS...

Girl Scout Troop 743 News...

During the month of January the Girls Scouts will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.

During the month of January and February our Girl Scouts will be selling delicious cookies. If you are interested in purchasing cookies, please contact Nicole Amos or see a Girl Scout. Most cookies are still \$4.00 a box with several new cookies at \$5.00.

Youth Schedule

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 16, 23, & 30

Confirmation at **7:15 p.m.** in Conference Room

JANUARY 13

Grade School Youth at 3:00 p.m.

Acolyte and Crucifer Training at 4:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Middle School Youth at 4:00 p.m.

JANUARY 20 - High School Youth at 3:30 p.m.
will visit and play noodle ball with the residents of
Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab

JANUARY 27 - Grade and Middle School Youth
at 3:00 p.m. to go bowling

Members of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:

Clara Canup - health concerns
Terry Eller - recovering from knee surgery
Myralyn Goodman - health concerns
Jack Hendren - health concerns
Peyton Holland - blood disorder
Emerson Holder - health concerns (infant)
Richard Hughes - health concerns
Don Lentz - health concerns and pneumonia
Genine Miller - health concerns
Betty Monday - health concerns
Oleba Sebastian - recovering from stroke at home
Dottie Stancil - health concerns
Barbara Upright - health concerns
Helen Wagoner - health concerns
Joyce Wilhelm - health concerns

Friends of St. Paul's to remember in Prayer:

Dustin Chapman - Catawba Student/Adult Choir member, health concerns
Delinda Chilson - daughter-in-law of David and Carole Chilson, recovering from a stroke
Catie Critchfield - great granddaughter of Ed and Betty Niedens, heart issues
Gary Hinson - son of Wayne and Bonnie Hinson, recovering from heart related surgery
Lynn Lindsay - brother-in-law of Rick Murphy, health concerns
Linda Smith - friend of Brenda Julian, health concerns
Elizabeth Tancordo - niece of Bill and Linda Behrendt, health concerns
Pat Wiles - mother of Elaine Bowles, recovering from heart surgery
Brian Wilhelm - brother of Kim Wilhelm, recovering from heart surgery

Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. If a correction is needed or you would like a name removed or added please contact the church office. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis.

Homebound and Long-Term Care:

Autumn Care: Bonnie Casper
Genesis: Mary Sherrill
Lutheran Home: Catherine Allison, Kathleen Brown, Riley Burton, and Barbara Whisnant
Other Nursing Home Facilities: Betty Carver (Ivy Hall in Georgia), Martha Hopkins (Brookdale Assisted Living), and Dico Wilhelm (Five Oaks)
Home: Lloyd Casper, Edna Chapman, John and Louise Cornelison, Barbara Deese, Sonya Eller, Phillip Harkey, Ruby Heilig, Jack Hendren, Chuck and Linda Hess, Shirley Hoosier, Doug and Susan Lyerly, Betty Monday, James Monday, Mike and Joyce Morris, Zelia Padgett, Carrie Reavis, Bill Reissner, Carolyn Rufty, Oleba Sebastian, Willie Shaver, Dorothy Sherrill, Delcie Smith, Walter Smith, Henrietta Tallardy, Jane Troutman, Arline Weaver, Polly Webb, and Kathy Yost

Ministry Partners to remember in Prayer:

Binns-Counts Community Center
Food for Thought
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Lutheran Services Carolinas
Meals on Wheels
Rowan Helping Ministries
Rowan One Church One Child
Samaritan's Purse

RHM items for January are: Instant Oatmeal, Instant Grits, Breakfast Cereals, and Individual Fruit Cups. *Thank you all for your continued support and ministry! The shelves are bare and needs are plenty.*