

St. Paul's Monthly Epistle

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We made it; Susan and I are in the parsonage. Well, we are living there and slowly ferrying everything in that was stored in eight locations. Three locations are empty and the other five slowly catching up. We should be completely moved by Christmas of 2022!

Speaking of catching up, every Sunday finds at least a few people coming back to worship at St. Paul's who have not been here since Covid started. However, we also have one or two dozen out on vacation. By fall, when the trickle of long-absent folks catches up to vacations ending, we might be up around 170 or 180 in worship again. A pastor can hope; right?

Speaking of numbers, Homecoming is right around the corner: the second Sunday in September, September 12th. We want to invite as many folks as possible, so there will be a mailing going out at the end of July. If you have names and addresses of people you would like invited, please email them to revryman@gmail.com, or bring your written list by the church office by July 16th. We will send announcements to all the addresses you offer.



Wrapping up then, our thanks to the property brothers and sisters for their dedicated, hard work on the parsonage. Thanks also to everyone coming back to worship. We love seeing you again in church. And thank you ahead of time for names and addresses for the Homecoming mailer. It's going to be a great Sunday at St. Paul's. Mac Williams will be singing a solo. Our new organist, Connie Burlison, will be playing. John Brock, our new music director, will be with us by then. There will be a potluck luncheon in the shelter. And the "guest preacher" is...the newest one.

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

Scholarships awarded for the 2021-2022 school year:

Brown-Heilig Scholarship – Allyson Harkey

Sadie & Hollie Ritchie Scholarship – Emma Amos

Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship –
Hannah Barringer, Luke Barringer, Savannah Charles,
Kim Pepper, and Madeline Pepper

Pastor Visits

If you have not yet had a visit from Pastor Ryman, we will be calling you soon to schedule a time. Pastor Ryman would love a chance to visit with you. He has already visited quite a few members, but his goal is to visit with everyone, in order to get better acquainted.

If you prefer, you may go ahead and call the church office so we can get you on the calendar (704-633-0922).

Upcoming Events

- July 5** Church office is closed in observance of Independence Day
- August 15** Youth and Family Committee meets in conference room, **3pm**
- September 12** Homecoming Sunday

Youth Events

- July 18** Orientation for 'Heros of Faith' Day Camp, **4pm**
- July 19-23** Day Camp at St. Paul's for K-5th grade, **9am-4pm**
- July 25** Orientation at Union Lutheran for 'David Hero of God' Day Camp, **4pm**
- July 26-30** Day Camp at Union Lutheran for Middle & High School, **9am-4pm**
- August 22** All-Youth cookout and games at the picnic shelter **begins at 5pm**
- September 11** All-Youth clean the picnic shelter for homecoming, **10am**

Homecoming Sunday, September 12, 2021

If you have names and addresses of people you would like invited to join us for homecoming, please email them to revryman@gmail.com, or bring your written list by the church office by July 16th. We will send announcements to all the addresses you offer.

Lutheran Men

St. Paul's Lutheran Men will have their monthly meeting on July 8th at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. This month the meeting is hosted by Pastor Ryman.

Lutheran Women

Hama Lingle Circle will **not** meet in July.

Ellen Bumgarner Circle meets Wednesday, July 7, at 9:30am in the ladies parlor.

Grace Ridenhour Circle meets Tuesday, July 11, at 11:45 (immediately following worship in the ladies' parlor).

Bonnie Bost Circle meets July 13th at **6:00pm at Palms Cafe**, 1609 West Innes Street in Salisbury. As always, visitors and new members are welcome.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Hinson, as Palms' private meeting room is being reserved.

Biscuits & Beverages will be available in the fellowship hall at 8:30am on July 4th. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast before Sunday School.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes have resumed, and there are classes for all age groups. Classes are subdivided as follows:

Pre-K - Teachers and assistants needed

K-5 - Upstairs Educational Building (Crystal Canup)

6-12 - Upstairs (Kenneth Whisnant, Joshua Canup, and Heather Canup)

Adult Class - Conference Room (George Barringer)

Adult Class - Ladies' Parlor (Louise Eller)

Adult Class - Fellowship Hall (Different teachers rotate)

The Outreach Committee

According to St. Paul's Constitution, standing committees should have at least 9 members at all times, with 3 rotating off each year. Currently, there are only 5 members on this committee, so they would appreciate some help.

Please prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry. You may contact Heather Canup, the committee chairperson, at 336-408-0500, or email hcanup25@gmail.com.

RedeemTV

Have you set up a free account on Redeem TV? You may do so at <https://watch.redeemtv.com/> and be watching great family movies, children's content, documentaries, and Bible studies in just a few minutes.

Consider watching "The Mysterious Note." A reluctant family accompanies their businessman father to a small town. His mission is to repossess a hardware store that is run using "unusual financial practices." When his son meets a couple of local kids, together they discover a mysterious note that might change everything if they can unravel the mystery in time. <https://watch.redeemtv.com/the-mysterious-note>.

We have cancelled our contract with RightNow Media effective July 31st.

July 4th Concert in Faith Venue Change

The patriotic concert that has traditionally been held at Faith Baptist Church on the 4th of July will be at Faith Lutheran Church this year at 5pm. A bluegrass band will also perform at 4pm. Come hear our own Linda Shirley sing with the 45 voice choir.

Rowan Helping Ministries

Items needed this month for the food pantry are listed below. In June, St. Paul's delivered 30 lbs. to RHM. Wish List for RHM Food Pantry: **canned soup, canned fruit and meats, breakfast cereal, oatmeal, rice, pasta, potato flakes.**

Items needed in other areas of RHM are listed in their newsletter online at <http://www.rowanhelpingministries.org/wish-list>.

Lights Out

A reminder for everyone: When leaving the church, please be sure you have turned lights out in bathrooms, hallways, etc. Also, please be sure all doors are locked (check doors from the outside) when you leave. Thank you.

Worship service is at 10:30am in the sanctuary (mask optional),
and on TV in the Chapel (the chapel is a mask only area).
If you choose to listen from your vehicle in the parking lot, tune in to 104.5FM.
Services are also available on the church website, and on our Facebook page
(www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC).

Income and Expenses for May 2021

Income: \$33,058 Expenses: \$39,253

Expense over Income for May: \$6,195

Income over Expense for the Year: \$4,918

Capital Building Fund

as of May 31: \$170,247

June income/expenses will be in the August Newsletter.



*Congratulations to James and Andrea Lyerly on the birth of a great-grandson,
Walker Miller, born during the last week of June to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Miller.*

Gifts given to Honor

A gift was received in honor of Summer Deal from Terry Julian.

A gift was received in honor of Lola Floss from Dottie Stancil.

A gift was received in honor of the Property Brothers from Helen Gordon.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Alan Beaver for the Capital Building Fund from:

Travis and Cindy Alligood
Sybil Athey
Dana and Crystal Bost
Alice Davis
Tim and Karen Deal
Jimmie and Jean Deal
Wayne and Bonnie Hinson
D.W. and Judi Honbarger
Gay Spencer Newsome
Jeff and Mita Powlas
Hugh and Kathy Wilhelm
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Gifts were received in memory of Alan Beaver for the General Fund from:

John and Carolyn Canup
Wayne and Johnsie Taylor
Kenneth, Bethany, Lauren, and Lindsey Whisnant

Gifts were received in memory of Alan Beaver for the Helping Hands Fund from:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goodman
Frank and Cindy Hinson

A gift was received in memory of Bernice Niedens Case for the Capital Building Fund from:

Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

Gifts were received in memory of Alan Champion for the Capital Building Fund from:

Alice Davis
D.W. and Judi Honbarger
Kay Moody
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A gift was received in memory of Alan Champion for the General Fund from:

Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

A gift was received in memory of Alan Champion for the Helping Hands Fund from:

Frank and Cindy Hinson

Gifts were received in memory of Esther P. Wilhelm for the Capital Building Fund from:

Jimmie and Jean Deal
D.W. and Judi Honbarger
John and Alice Weddington

A gift was received in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Wilhelm, from:

Their descendants

A gift was received in loving memory of Dave and Pearl Honbarger for the Dave and Pearl Honbarger Ministry Scholarship Fund from:

Irene H. Miller



Thank you

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, and calls while Terry and Sonya are still dealing with health issues. We are very thankful for our church family!

From Terry, Myra Jane, and Sonya Eller

To the Congregation of St. Paul's:

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude for all the love, support and prayers you have offered on my behalf. May our Lord richly bless you for the love you have shown me. I am looking forward to joining you once again (hoping by the end of July), in Sunday School and Worship!

In Christian love,
Alan Beaver

Alan Beaver, our brother in Christ, passed away Monday, June 21, 2021, joining the Church Triumphant. We extend our love and sympathy to his wife, LaVaughn Beaver.

We extend our love and sympathy to Ed and Betty Niedens on the death of Ed's sister, Bernice Niedens Case. Mrs. Case, who resided in Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Saturday, June 12, 2021.

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A Note About Our Newsletter

St. Paul's newsletter, the "Monthly Epistle," is intended to keep everyone informed about happenings within the congregation that effect and contribute to our ministry together. In order to maximize reach and minimize cost, the preferred methods of distribution are by email, and posting on our St. Paul's website (www.splcweb.org). All members are encouraged to use the newsletter as a resource to help you consider how God is calling you to be involved in the life of his church. If you are unable to access the newsletter online, or would just like to have a printed copy to refer to, the most cost-effective way to receive it is to pick up a copy from the church office or in the narthex. We mail copies to those members whom we know don't have online access, are shut-in, or live out of town. If you want to be added to our email list, or to the mailing list, please contact the church office.