

St. Paul's Monthly Epistle

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Thanks to all of you who came to the parsonage open house. Over 120 members, family, and old friends came by. Many of those were people who worked on getting the parsonage ready for Susan and me. Thank you again to those who labored, as well as to those who fed and otherwise supported the laborers, as well as provided a place for us to stay until renovations were completed. It seems like it has been a while since that work was completed. It feels like an even longer period of time that we (primarily Susan) have been unboxing and decorating. But we are finally there. It's home, and we are glad to be here.

All jokes about my short work commute aside, it is a lovely house that does afford easy access to the church. But the work that so many of you put into it also makes it a parsonage that the whole congregation may be proud of, as well as one from which Susan and I are happy to live and minister.

Speaking of ministry, special thanks are also extended to Pastor Carl Haynes (Christiana Lutheran Church), and his wife, Kathy, for being with us for the house blessing. Starting on the front porch, then moving from room to room, Pr. Carl offered meaningful Scripture and prayer in each room. My favorite part of the evening was on the front porch when Hila Canup quoted from Deuteronomy 6 as we affixed a *mezuzah* to the front door. Thanks to Tricia and Larry Clark for that thoughtful gift. Thanks to all of you who brought gifts; they were unexpected but appreciated.

The greatest gift, of course, was the honor of your presence. You mean a great deal to Susan and me, so having you in our new home was a blessing. We hope you will be with us on many more occasions. Indeed, please put Susan's Christmas Open House on your calendar. It will be Saturday, December 11, 2021, 4:00 to 8:00pm. There will be lots of food and drink, fellowship, and the kind of celebration some of us missed out on last year.

In the meanwhile, I hope to...

See you in church,
Pastor Ryman

Please, please, please...

Call the church office. Ask Pam to schedule a visit with me in your home. I would love a chance to visit with you. My goal is to visit with everyone. So take a moment before you read this newsletter any further and call the church office (704-633-0922).

Pastor Ryman

Biscuits & Beverages will be available in the fellowship hall at **8:30am on November 7**. Be sure to stop in and enjoy breakfast before Sunday School.

Sunday Worship Service at 10:30am in the sanctuary is mask optional. If you listen from your vehicle in the parking lot, tune in to 104.5FM. Services are also available on the website and Facebook page (www.splcweb.org; www.facebook.com/StPaulsLCMC).

Binns-Counts Community Center

The clothing and household items collected by the Outreach Committee will be delivered to the community center the on Tuesday, November 2nd. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate items for the center.

The Lutheran Women are still collecting Christmas gifts for children through November 24th. Gifts should be *new and unwrapped*. These items will be delivered to the center November 27th by the Middle and High School Youth.

Trick or Treat so Others May Eat Food Drive

It's that time of year again for Rowan Helping Ministries Annual Fall Food Drive. Middle and High School Youth will meet at the church on Saturday, October 30th at 4:00pm to pass out bags in the surrounding neighborhoods. On Sunday, October 31st, we will be passing out bags to our congregation right after church service.

Sunday, November 7th, we will collect the filled bags from our church family before and after church service. We will meet back at the church at 2:00pm to go pick up the filled bags from the neighborhoods and take them to RHM for the weigh in event.

Please contact Bethany Whisnant at 704-640-2402 or bethanywhisnant@gmail.com by October 23rd to let her know if you will be able to participate with the drive. Your participation in this event to help our community is truly appreciated.

Rowan Helping Ministries — Volunteers delivered 82 lbs. of items collected during October to RHM. Items needed in all areas of RHM are listed on their website www.rowanhelppministries.org.

LCMC Report

The 2021 Annual Gathering of the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) was held October 3-6, at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Hilliard, Ohio. Four hundred fifty clergy, laity, and guests were in attendance for four days of worship, Bible study, workshops, and fellowship on the theme “Speak It, Live It, Share It.” A highlight of the agenda was a panel of three pastors, Nathan Hoff, Julie Smith, and Andrea Taphorn, all in in different stages of their careers, discussing the challenges of proclaiming the gospel in today’s world. All agreed on the need to preach with “the Bible in one hand and the catechism in the other.”

The business of the association was handled in record time (less than 10 minutes!).

- Minutes of the 2020 virtual gathering were approved.
- Treasurer’s report for 2020 was approved.
- 459 congregations donated to LCMC
 - * Contributions range from \$12 to \$47,000
 - * Average congregational contribution was \$2,144
- 2020 income was \$688,181
- 2020 expense total was \$724,530
- Paycheck Protection Program loan of \$110,000 forgiven
- Monies were not expended until the loan forgiveness was approved
- Elected Cindy Glessner treasurer for a 3 year term
- Southeastern geographical area re-elected Jason Eliot to another 3 year term on the Board of Trustees.
- 2022 budget of \$850,000 was approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ryman



The church website and domain
are being updated and shifted to
stpaulslutheran.church.
Check it out — often!

Events at a Glance

November 6 – Old Timey Stew, picnic shelter, 6:00pm
November 7 – Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
November 7 – Brief congregation meeting, Council nominations, 10:30am
November 7 – Youth collect filled bags for food drive and deliver to RHM, 2:00pm
November 7 – Annual Altar Guild Meeting, conference room, 4:00pm
November 8 - Blood Drive, 2:00pm-6:30pm
November 9 – Executive Committee, 6:30pm
November 14 – Annual Congregation Meeting, 10:30am
November 14 – Christian Education Committee meeting, 2:30pm
November 14 – Youth Bible Study, 3:30pm
November 15 – Council meeting, 6:30pm
November 21 – New Council members installation, 10:30am
November 21 – Outreach Committee, 3:00pm
November 24 – Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00pm
November 25 & 26 – Church Office closed for Thanksgiving
November 27 – Middle/High School Youth to Binns-Counts, returning Sunday, 11/28
Men's Choir practices each Sunday at 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.
Handbell Choir practices each Sunday in the loft at 4:00pm
Adult Choir practices each Wednesday at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall
Bible Study with Pastor Ryman Thursdays in the fellowship hall, 10:00am and 6:00pm

The Trunk or Treat event will be held on Sunday, October 31st at the picnic shelter and in the front parking lot. Hayrides and hotdogs begin at 4:00 until 5:30. Trunks will be open beginning at 5:00pm. All activities will be outside this year. Contact Amy Barringer at 704-633-6368 or abarringer@bellsouth.net for more information.

Lutheran Men

The regular monthly meeting of the Lutheran Men will be **Monday, November 22nd**. We look forward to having all men join us on this new night. The Lutheran Men's family dinner will be December 13th, 6:30pm at the Family House Restaurant in China Grove.

“A Grown-Up Christmas Wish”

The Christmas Pageant will be presented on Wednesday, December 22 and Thursday, December 23, at 7:30pm. Please contact Brenda Julian if you would like to help. Call 704-647-2077 or email breadnose@yahoo.com.

November Blood Drive

The last blood drive of the year at St. Paul's will be held on Monday, November 8th, from 2:00pm-6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Although we did not reach our goal of 35 units at the August blood drive, our church will try to exceed that goal at our November drive. Because of Covid restrictions and vacation plans before school started, many regular donors were not able to give at the August drive.

OneBlood has had short supplies of blood since 2020 when Covid struck our country. Many of our donors with health or medication issues have been taken off the donor list. Even though non-church members have taken up a great deal of the slack, our church has struggled to maintain its goal.

Everyone knows a family member or a friend who has needed and received a blood transfusion. One unit of donated blood can be divided to help three different individuals. If you have never donated and would like to try, please contact Alice Davis at 704-855-4930 or email pherford1@yahoo.com to be scheduled for an appointment. As usual, anyone who has donated within the past year will receive a scheduled appointment the last week of October or the first week of November. Please mark your calendar and help our church give the "gift of life" to others through this worthy cause.

A platelet donation unit will be brought to our church at the November blood drive if there are at least 3-4 individuals interested in donating platelets. Although the process takes at least an hour, one automated platelet donation provides 1-2 complete platelet packs for an individual, whereas it takes 5-6 whole blood donations pooled together to provide the same number of platelets. Requirements are the same as regular blood donations. Please contact Alice Davis at the above phone number or email by the end of October if you wish to donate. At this time, no one has indicated an interest in this type donation.



Monday, November 8, 2021

**2:00PM-6:30PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

All donors will receive a Fleece Blanket and a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Alice Davis



Daylight Savings Time ends November 7th.

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour Saturday night before you go to sleep. Enjoy your extra hour of rest.

Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Rylie Burton for the Capital Building Fund from

Ben and Susan Bernhardt

Alice Davis

Jimmie and Jean Deal

Tim and Karen Deal

Helen Gordon

Wayne and Bonnie Hinson

Becky Lyerly

Sue Young

Gifts were received in memory of Rylie Burton for the General Fund from

David and Carole Chilson

Betty Monroe

Shirlene Potts and Brian

Dan and Glenna Sears

Gifts were received in memory of Rylie Burton for the Helping Hands Fund from

Jerry and Linda Beaver

Terry and Myra Jane Eller

Harold and Dot Goodman

A gift was received in memory of Antionette Camerlin for the Capital Building Fund from

Tim and Karen Deal

Gifts were received in memory of Mildred Walker for the Capital Building Fund from

Dana and Crystal Bost

Tim and Karen Deal

Gifts were received in memory of Mark Watson for the Capital Building Fund from

Tim and Karen Deal

Helen Gordon

A gift was received in memory of Mark Watson for the Helping Hands Fund from

Terry and Myra Jane Eller

Gifts were received in memory of Mark Watson for the General Fund from

Shirlene Potts and Brian

Nancy Lippard and family

Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

Cammy and Marty Basinger, Chandler and Isabella, Jackie Lippard

Anita Watson, Michael, April, Jacob,

Max and Ava Watson

A gift was received in memory of Gerald Williams for the Helping Hands Fund from

Terry and Myra Jane Eller

A gift was received in memory of Victoria Squires for the Helping Hands Fund from

Terry and Myra Jane Eller

A gift was received in memory of Victoria Squires for the Capital Building Fund from

Tim and Karen Deal

Gifts were received in memory of Martha Hopkins for the Capital Building Fund from

Ben and Susan Bernhardt

Alice Davis

Tim and Karen Deal

Frank and Cindy Hinson

D.W. and Judi Honbarger

A gift was received in memory of Martha Hopkins for the General Fund from

Dana and Crystal Bost

A gift was received for the Helping Hands Fund in honor of John and Laura Brock's return to St. Paul's from Dottie Stancil.

A gift was received in honor of Susan and Pastor Mark Ryman for the General Fund from Grady and Jenny Earnhardt

A gift was received in honor and appreciation of Pastor Ryman for the General Fund from Chuck and Linda Hess.

A gift was received for the Capital Building Fund "in honor of all those who worked so hard to give us a nice home to live in and those who gave us a place to stay until it was ready."

Love, Susan and Pastor Ryman

With Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Martha Julian Hopkins, who passed away October 14, 2021. Martha's funeral was Friday, October 22, 2021.

Our sympathy is extended to Karen Wilhelm on the death of her sister, Janet Young. Ms. Young passed away October 14, 2021.



Girl Scout

Wreaths Across America

Girl Scout Troop 743 will be placing Christmas Wreaths on graves at the Salisbury National Cemetery Annex on December 18th. Each wreath is \$15. Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put them in the offering plate with "Girl Scout Wreath" on the envelope. Checks made payable to Girl Scout Troop 743 should be given to Nicole Amos or Alison Moore.

★ December 18, 2021 ★ National Wreaths Across America Day



Please help
Girl Scout Troop 743 by
sponsoring a wreath today to be
placed on a Veteran's grave
this December at
Salisbury National Cemetery Annex

Just scan the QR code to your right with your
smart phone camera to make a donation online or
visit wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0277



#LiveTheirLegacy2021

Thanks

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers you are raising up for my Mom as she heals from her surgery. Please continue to pray that she doesn't hurt, and for 100% healing. We are thinking of each of you, and gaining strength from your care. We are blessed to be part of a church that loves us.

Ms. Julie Jaramillo

Dear Friends at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation and continuing support of Meals on Wheels. Your timing is perfect because in August our food-service provider increased our meal price by 70% due to increasing food and labor costs. Thanks to good folks like you we continue to maintain our home-delivered meals program. Thank you for your gifts!

Cindy Fink, Executive Director

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our school! We are so lucky to have the wonderful support from our community.

Blessings,

Faith Academy Charter School

Dear St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

Thank you for awarding me the Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship. I am blessed to be receiving this gift, and am thankful for your love and support. Your scholarship will assist me in completing my associates degree in science this fall semester of 2021. Once again, thank you for this blessing and continued prayers.

Sincerely,

Hannah Barringer



Lights Out

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

Street Address — If you receive mail at a post office box, please be sure the church also has your street address. We would like to have a complete record in the church database on all our members. Thank you.

Lutheran Women's News

Grace Ridenhour Circle is responsible for sending cards to shut-ins for November.

The Lutheran Women will donate quarters for Bingo prizes to Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab Center. Quarters should go Treasurer, Kay Moody.

At our Quarterly Meeting, the group voted to donate \$200 to buy stocking stuffers for the residents at Trinity Oaks.

Unwrapped Christmas gifts for children of Binns-Counts will be taken Saturday, November 27th. The last day for donations is Wednesday, November 24th.

Kathie Ketchie Circle – Sunday, November 7 at 5:00pm

Hama Lingle Circle – Monday, November 1, at 7:00pm

Grace Ridenhour Circle – Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00pm

Ellen Bumgarner Circle – Wednesday, November 3, at 9:30am in the ladies' parlor

Melissa Lura Circle – Monday, November 8, at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall

Bonnie Bost Circle – Tuesday, November 9, at 7:00pm

Income and Expenses for September 2021

Income: \$32,435 Expenses: \$33,991

Expense over Income for September: \$1,556

Income over Expense for the Year: \$11,232

Capital Building Fund as of September 30: \$182,572

October income/expenses will be in the December Newsletter.

Decorating the Church for Advent

Advent is fast approaching, and we need volunteers to assist in decorating for the season. The tree and all other decorations will be placed on Saturday, December 4th, at 9:00am. Decorations will be removed on Saturday, January 8th, at 9:00am. Check your calendar for both dates and call Bonnie Hinson at 704-279-3126 or email her at lwaynehinson@yahoo.com to let her know how you are willing to help.

Giving Thanks

Find the 42 **bold** words from Luke 17:11-19 (ESV)

V Y T O D J D S T L S E E Q D
O A O E E E E A T I N V S O
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C I H Y R U D O N E A M T N H
E G A C U S D E R A A R I E E
S A N R T A E E L R T S I C D
T L K E C L D L I A I S I A E
S I S M F E E T V A E O I F S
E L L E W M A P R E V H C D N
I E F O U N D P A S S I N G A
R E N G I E R O F S U S E J E
P N E G A L L I V B A C K W L
G I V I N G O R E T S A M O C
R N H T I A F U L L E F B H Y
L E P E R S A W D E S I R S V

On the way to **Jerusalem** he was **passing** along between **Samaria** and **Galilee**. And as he **entered** a **village**, he was **met** by **ten lepers**, who **stood** at a **distance** and **lifted** up their **voices**, saying, “**Jesus, Master, have mercy** on us.” When he **saw** them he said to them, “Go and **show yourselves** to the **priests**.” And as they went they were **cleansed**. Then one of them, when he saw that he was **healed**, **turned** back, **praising** **God** with a **loud voice**; and he **fell** on his **face** at Jesus’ **feet**, **giving** him **thanks**. Now he was a **Samaritan**. Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the **nine**? Was no one **found** to return and give praise to God except this **foreigner**?” And he said to him, “**Rise** and go your way; your **faith** has made you **well**.”



You are invited to a

**Christmas
Open House
at the parsonage**

**Saturday, December 11th
4:00 to 8:00PM**

*Please join Susan & Mark
for food, fellowship,
and loads of Christmas spirit!*

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Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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