Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be Sunday, November 11, at the beginning of the Worship service. Additional nominations of active members will be accepted on Sunday, November 4, for the 2019-2021 Congregation Council and the 2019 Nominating Committee to be voted on at the Annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 11.

The following persons are INELIGIBLE to be elected to the Congregation Council because they are presently serving or they must fill the constitutional requirement of being off the council for two years before they may serve again. These persons are listed as to the years they served or are presently serving:

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The Nominating Committee places the following nine persons up for the six positions open on the Congregation Council:

- Travis Alligood
- Josh Canup
- Will Charles
- Frank Hinson
- Seth Holland
- Alison Moore
- Chris Sebastian
- Chad Walker
- Vaughn Wilhelm

The Church Council has nominated Johnny Lombard as a single candidate to fill the remaining one-year term of an open council seat at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 11, 2018.

According to our constitution the 2019 Nominating Committee will be the six persons coming off the Council at the end of this year (2016-2018 group listed above). The congregation also has the opportunity to select additional members for the 2019 Nominating Committee on Sunday, November 4. Those serving on the Nominating Committee this year were the 2015-2017 group listed above.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting we will:

- Elect six persons to serve on the Congregation Council for three-year terms
- Elect one person to serve on the Congregation Council for one-year term
- Present and vote on the 2019 mission budget
- Address any other business brought before the congregation at this meeting.

Newly elected Council members will be installed the next Sunday, November 18, during the worship service.
Dear Neighbor,

Grace and peace in Christ. I wish to write you these few words of comfort since I can imagine that the cross which God has laid on you since the death of your beloved sister oppresses and hurts you. It is normal and right that you should grieve, especially for your own flesh and blood. God doesn’t make us to be without feeling, like stones or sticks, but it is his will that we should mourn and feel sorrow for our dead. The good Lord brings love to come forth out of sinners, even when death draws near, particularly in the case of members of our own family.

However, our grief should be moderate, for our dear Father is testing us to show that we will fear and love him in sorrow as well as joy; and whether we will trust what we love to be given back to him in view of his intention to give us something more and better. Therefore, in your sorrow I pray that you have faith in the gracious and good will of God and that you patiently bear this cross for his sake, remembering what a cross it was that he himself bore for you and for all of us, a cross in comparison with which our crosses become light or as nothing at all.

This, too, is comfort for you and for us all: Your sister was good and godly, a Christian who had a blessed departure from this wretched world, and so it appears that God thought well of her and may have wished to protect and save her from greater evil. For we are living in dangerous and evil times when we may all say with Elijah, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” (1 Kings 19:4) Or like Jonah, “Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” (Jonah 4:3) Let those mourn whose family members die in the shame of their sins with no forgiveness because they don’t have Christ and go to the devil. Now that is true heartache and sorrow suffered!

But your sister is with the Lord Christ, in whom she fell asleep. Thank the God of grace for taking her to himself! This is better for her than occupying the position of president or queen in this old world. Have peace through God’s promise, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4) God, the Father of all comfort, abundantly strengthen your faith with his Spirit. Amen.

Peace in Christ,
Your Friend

God's Promises For You
For You Mourning Your Sister

From the Pastor
The WELCOME TO ST. PAUL’S GATHERING, postponed from September, has been rescheduled for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

We will outline the mission of St. Paul’s, the opportunities for you to get involved in the life of the church, and explore what it means to be a Lutheran Christian.

After the Gathering, we welcome everyone to the Old Timey Stew at the Picnic Shelter at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by calling the church office (704) 633-0922 or email at splchurch@att.net if you will be attending. Also, please let us know if you will require child care.

On Sunday, November 18, we will recognize our new members.

Please remember to fill out (including your name) and turn in your 2019 Estimate of Giving card on Sunday, November 4, to the box in the Narthex.

Blank cards are available.

The Finance Committee will meet Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Counting Room.

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

WOMEN OF FAITH will meet on Thursday, November 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Following the Bible Study the group will go out to eat at local restaurant.

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

On Thursday, November 8, the Lutheran Men will meet for their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for fun, food, and fellowship.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Sunday, November 11, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

It’s that time of year again. The OLD TIMEY STEW will be held in the Picnic Shelter on Saturday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy the delicious stews and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3. This will give you an extra hour of sleep before the worship service on Sunday, November 4.

Do you have any questions regarding the 2019 PROPOSED ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH BUDGET? If so, a member of the Finance Committee and/or Council will be in the Conference Room following the service on Sunday, November 4, to answer your questions.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

–1 Chronicles 16:34
The **ANNUAL ALTAR GUILD MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, November 11, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room. This meeting will focus on plans for our upcoming Christmas Decorations as well as the new church season. All members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend.

**Due to the observance of Thanksgiving,** Newsletter articles will be due in to the Church Office on **Monday, November 12.**

**HOPE CLASS,** sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministry, will meet on **Tuesday, November 13,** at **1:00 p.m.** in the Counting Room. Please sign up on the Friendship Pad if you will be attending.

**St. Paul's Friendship Club** will meet in the parking lot of the church at **9:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, November 15,** to go to **Southern Supreme Fruitcake** in Bear Creek, NC. Car pooling will be limited. Please let me know if you plan to join us and if you can furnish transportation. Lunch will be at the Golden Corral in Asheboro. Please let me know if you are going so I can make reservations at both the fruitcake company and the restaurant. Thank you!

Helen Gordon

**The Health Cabinet** will meet **Thursday, November 15,** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Counting Room.

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**ST. PAUL'S BLOOD DRIVE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.**

The last blood drive for 2018 will be held **Monday, November 12th,** from **2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.** Our goal is **35** units and fortunately, the church has met that goal in our other three drives this year. With two hurricanes within the last two months, there is a desperate need for donors. Many scheduled drives in North and South Carolina have been canceled or have fewer donors due to weather related factors.

CBCC (Community Blood Center of the Carolinas) was chosen as our agency to collect blood because all units collected stay in the Carolinas. They have worked with our church for the last two years and have done a great job getting donors in and out as quickly as possible.

**At our November drive, CBCC will have gift tags for our donors to sign that will be placed on stuffed puppies to be given to sick children in our area hospitals during the holidays.**

If you gave at our August drive, you will be contacted with your scheduled donation time. If you have given within the last year, you will be contacted to see if you can donate at the November drive. If you have not given and can help the church reach its goal, please contact Alice Davis at pherford1@yahoo.com, 704-855-4930, or the church office 704-633-0922.

The church needs more donors to help replace those that can no longer donate or those who give "doubles" and can only donate twice a year. Please consider giving the "gift of life" at our November drive!

Alice Davis
Due to the observance of Thanksgiving, Bulletin announcements will be due in to the Church Office on Monday, November 19.

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\textbf{The Lutheran Men} will provide Bingo at the VA on Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. \\
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\textbf{Thanksgiving Eve Service} \\
\textbf{Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m.} \\
This Thanksgiving we will be remembering our Lord and His many blessings upon us with a special Thanksgiving Eve service held on Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. The service will be filled with music and a message from Rev. DJ Lura.
\textbf{Canned goods will be collected for Rowan Helping Ministries during the Thanksgiving Eve Service.} \\
We will pause in this hectic life to reflect and praise God for the many ways that He opens His heart and hands in love to pour blessings upon each of us.
Come dressed as you are and join us for this informal service. Bring the entire family, especially those who have come in to be with the family over the holiday.
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\textbf{ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES} \\
St. Paul's donated \textbf{41 lbs} ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES on September 28 and \textbf{52 lbs} on October 1. Thank you all for your continued support and ministry!
\textbf{RHM items for November are:} all canned soups, spam, Vienna’s sausages, canned vegetables, and bags of rice.
Thank you all for your continued support and ministry! The shelves are bare and needs are plenty.
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\textbf{The CHURCH OFFICE} will be closed Thursday, November 22- Friday, November 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
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\textbf{INCOME AND EXPENSES} \\
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Income: $51,714 \hspace{1cm} Expenses $42,289 \\
For September: $9,425 income over expenses \\
Year-to-date: $28,464 expenses over income \\
October income/expenses will be available in the December newsletter.
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\textbf{Grateful to God} \\
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What is Seasonal Affective Disorder?
Seasonal Affective Disorder is also referred to as SAD. It is a form of depression that is triggered by changes in the seasons. The symptoms typically begin at the same time each year. Most people notice that they start having symptoms in the fall, and they continue into the winter. In rare cases, people develop SAD in the spring and summer.

Symptoms of SAD
Oversleeping, weight gain, anxiety and overeating are some of the possible symptoms of SAD. People who develop SAD in the spring or summer may experience appetite loss, weight loss and insomnia. Fatigue is another symptom that is common in people who suffer from SAD.

Causes of SAD
Changes in your circadian rhythm are one of the things that can possibly trigger SAD. The decrease in sunlight during the fall and winter months can cause changes in your circadian rhythm. Serotonin also decreases during the winter months. It helps regulate your mood. If your serotonin levels drop, then you will be more prone to depression.

Additionally, a change in melatonin production can also disrupt your circadian rhythm. There are also risk factors that put you at risk for SAD. This includes family history, preexisting depression and living far away from the equator.

How to Manage SAD
Exposing Yourself to Artificial Light
There are fewer daylight hours, but you can still expose yourself to artificial light. You can sit in front of a light box for 30 minutes per day. The light helps regulate circadian rhythm and stimulate melatonin production.

You do not have to use light therapy for a long time in order to reap the benefits of it. In fact, some studies suggest that using light therapy for one week can be just as effective as using it for two weeks.

Get Moving
Exercise is effective for alleviating all types of depression, and that includes SAD. Physical activity is a natural mood booster. It is best for you to exercise outside because exposing your skin to the sun can also boost your mood. However, if the weather prevents you from going outside, then you can reap the same benefits by exercising indoors.

Not only does exercise boost your mood but it can also prevent weight gain.

Talk to Your Doctor
If exercise and light therapy does not work, then you may want to talk to your doctor. Your doctor may recommend that you start taking antidepressants. Your doctor may also recommend talk therapy.

Jill Earnhardt, RN, FCN, Parish Nurse
Flu Season 101

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people across the world become sick with the flu. Unfortunately, a percentage of those people die each year from the flu or secondary infections from the flu. Learn more about the flu and how to take measures to prevent it to stay healthy this cold and flu season.

General Flu Information

Influenza, which is commonly referred to as "the flu," is a respiratory virus that is caused by either a strain of influenza A or B. It is commonly confused with the cold because some of the symptoms are similar between the two viruses.

It is more common in the colder autumn and winter months and is extremely contagious.

Causes of the Flu

Experts believe that the flu spreads by droplets that form when people talk, sneeze or cough. These droplets can then be breathed in, enter the nose or be left on a surface that is touched by another person. These droplets can be spread up to six feet away when someone coughs or sneezes, making it very contagious.

Because people are contagious one day before symptoms show up and five to seven days after becoming initially ill, the virus can be spread before people know they are sick and after they think they are well. The virus can also be spread by people who don't become sick with the flu themselves but carry the virus.

Prevention

Getting the flu vaccine each year can help prevent the flu from being contracted. Because there are many different strains of the flu, the vaccine doesn't prevent against all types, so caution should still be taken.

Frequent hand washing and avoiding being near those who are infected can help prevent the flu from being contracted.

Symptoms

Symptoms of the flu typically come on suddenly and include: Fever, Chills, Runny or stuffy nose, Cough, Body aches, Tiredness (fatigue), and Headaches.

Symptoms in children can be vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Complications

Most people who develop the flu typically recover within three days to two weeks. Unfortunately, sometimes people develop complications that can become life-threatening. Bronchitis, sinus infections, ear infections and pneumonia can all develop as a result of the flu.

Treatment

Because influenza is a viral infection, antibiotics won't help treat the flu. Antiviral medications are available, but as these medications are expensive and have a high-risk of side effects, they are typically only prescribed to those who are most susceptible to secondary complications. These medications must be taken within the first 48 hours in order to be effective.

Doctors typically recommend drinking plenty of fluids, getting rest and taking over-the-counter medications, such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen, for fever and pain for most cases of the flu.

When flu season hits each year, emergency rooms become packed with those who are ill with the virus. Stay healthy this year by eating a healthy diet, getting exercise, receiving your flu vaccination and washing your hands frequently.

If you are experiencing complications, such as shortness of breath or rapid heart rate, go to the Emergency Room immediately in order to seek help.
Thanksgiving is right around the corner, the St. Paul’s Youth want to help you out with your baking this year. We will bake Pumpkin, Pecan, and Apple pies, and Cheesecake for your family for only $10 each. To order, please contact Katie Funderburk by phone, text, or email at (704) 798-2888 or splc.kfun1@gmail.com. The deadline to order is Monday, November 12.

If you can donate any of the following items it will help us to reach our goal. Please turn in all donations by Monday, November 12. Thank you!

- 12 oz Evaporated Milk (10 cans)
- Self Rising Flour (3 bags)
- Sugar (4 bags)
- Butter (3 boxes or 12 sticks)
- Eggs (3 dozen)
- 8oz Cream Cheese (20 packages)
- Condensed Milk (10 cans)
- Pie Crust (30 tins and crust)
- Pumpkin spice (1 shaker)
- Baking Apples (1 bag)
- Brown Sugar (1 bag)
- Light Karo Syrup (4 bottles)

Thank you for your support!

Our St. Paul’s Youth will begin baking the pies on Saturday, November 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Kitchen.

On Sunday, November 18, following worship you can pick up your pies in the Conference Room.

Annually in October, our Middle and High School Youth partner with Rowan Helping Ministries (RHM) to participate in TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS MAY EAT. The youth handed out bags following worship on Sunday, October 28, to those interested.

Please return your filled bag to the Narthex on Sunday, November 4. Our youth will deliver the bags Sunday, November 4, afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

In 2017 the youth collected 1,500 lbs and we hope that we can collect even more food this year for our community.

Thank you to everyone for participating in this outreach program. You are touching the lives of many in need. God bless you!
“Sheep in Heavenly Peace”
Youth Christmas Play on Sunday, December 16, during Worship

Every year as the weather begins to grow cold and the days a little shorter, we are blessed to have the joy of the wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons. This year is no different. On Sunday, December 16, during worship, the youth of St. Paul’s will perform “Sheep in Heavenly Peace.” It’s a zoo out there! Bethlehem’s homes and inns may be bursting at the seams with travelers for the census, but because of the animals they brought with them, the stable is simply out of control. Camels, donkeys and goats up to the rafters! Even the normally-sleepy hillsides are now teeming with an abundance of sheet, and Bethlehem’s top temp agency must call on their most eager (but often-inert) family of workers, the Wooltons to step up and answer the call (temporary “staffing” takes on a whole new meaning!).

What they expect to be an unglamorous assignment will soon put them face to face with the angel Gabriel, a sky-full of the Heavenly Host, and ultimately the Good Shepherd himself—Jesus! This incredibly funny and meaningful Christmas musical is sure to entertain as well as teach. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy our production. The youth are very excited to give you your first gift of the season!

The rehearsal schedule is as follows:
Nov. 4th 4:00-5:30 pm (Music and Scenes 1-3)
Nov. 11th 4:00-6:00 pm (Music and Scenes 4-5)
Nov. 18th 4:00-5:30 pm (Scenes 1-5 Acting only)
Nov. 25th No Practice Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 2nd 4:00-6:00 pm (Music Only)
Dec. 9th 4:00-6:00 pm ( Entire Play)
Dec. 15th 9:00-12 noon (Dress Rehearsal) – with Lunch provided by the Lutheran Women
Dec. 16th “Sheep in Heavenly Peace”—Children will be called to be in the music room, in costume no later than 10 am.

**Note:** All practices in Nov. will meet the Fellowship Hall.
“Vision 2020” Announced, Visits and Workshop Held

Thank you to everyone who participated in the church visits to Holy Trinity-Troutman and St. Matthew’s-Salisbury in preparation for our congregational workshop that was held on October 21st. At both churches, participants had an opportunity to see how situations similar to ours were addressed and how decisions were made concerning priorities, materials and finances. We were especially encouraged to hear the consistently positive comments about our architect John Fuller’s expertise, and communication skills that contributed so much to the success of their projects.

Thank you especially to all those who participated during our recent congregational workshop. Using comments and suggestions from the workshop, the Vision 2020 Committee will now be working with John Fuller and the congregation to clarify our needs, and develop a plan to position our facilities for vibrant future ministries.

As announced earlier in the weekly Epistle, “Vision 2020” has been adopted as the name for our project. You will see the logo shown here in connection with news and publicity as the congregation moves forward toward a plan.

The logo represents what we believe to be the purpose of our study: The word “Vision” reflects our desire to discern what God would have us do as a congregation to position our facilities for ministry in current and future generations. The number “2020” has a dual meaning – that through prayer and study that God will reveal to us a clear “20-20” vision as to what He would have us do, and that after accumulating information and suggestions this year, developing and refining a long-range plan during 2019, that we will be ready to consider what parts of the plan to prioritize and undertake in the year 2020. The arrow in the logo points to the cross at the top of the church, representing that our 20-20 focus is on Christ, and serving Him – carrying out the great commission assigned to His church.

This is indeed an exciting time, when we have an opportunity to set the stage for the future of St. Paul’s just as previous generations have done for the past 188 years! Thank you again for your continuing participation in the process!
**Lutheran Women’s News**

One of the most enjoyable activities at the Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab (formerly the Lutheran Home) is Bingo. If you can remember how much fun it was at your own home, think of how much fun residents of the Lutheran Home must have, especially when the game involves winning "prizes." "Prizes" come in many shapes and forms, from small items such as tissues, deodorants, lotions and creams, chap sticks, toothpaste, denture products, powders, etc. The most coveted prizes, however, are the quarters! Quarters enable residents to visit vending machines and get their favorite drink or snack product.

St. Paul’s Lutheran Women provide such "prizes" and quarters each year during the month of November. Items that are not needed as prizes for Bingo can also be used as stocking stuffers for the residents for Christmas.

Any donation of money is to be given to the church office or to our Lutheran Women's Treasurer, Kay Moody.

*Terri Powlas, LW President*

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated items for this year’s **Fall Bazaar**. A big **THANK YOU** to Libby Bingham and the Bazaar Committee for coordinating the event. Money is still coming in but as of present we have a profit of **$6,400**.

Thank you again for your time and talents in making this year’s Fall Bazaar a success!

*Terri Powlas, Lutheran Women’s President*

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All are invited to attend an exciting concert being hosted by Union Lutheran Church. The Hayes School of Music at Appalachian University will give a **free** concert on **Sunday, November 4, at 3:00 p.m.** This concert is open to all who love music. It will feature the HSoM Brass Quintet who are extremely gifted musicians.

The Hayes School of Music prepares young musicians for professional lives as performers, composers, music educators, music therapists, conductors, and music industry professionals, ensuring the next generation of musical leadership for the state, region, and nation. Noted for quality instruction by national and internationally recognized faculty musicians, the school offers four undergraduate degree programs and three graduate level programs.

Union Lutheran Church is located at 4770 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC.
Memorial and Honorarium Gifts

November

A gift was received for the Helping Hands Fund in honor of Bonnie Bernhardt from:
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

A gift was received for the Helping Hands Fund in honor of Judy Bernhardt from:
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

A gift was received for the Lutheran Women in honor of Libby Bingham from:
Genevieve Baker

A gift was received for the Improvement Fund in honor of Paul Canup from:
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

A gift was received for the Improvement Fund in honor of Monday Property Brothers from:
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

Gifts were received for the Capital Building Fund in memory of Rev. Floyd Bost from:
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker
Dennis and Sylvia Barger
Dana and Crystal Bost
Perry and Jill Earnhardt, RN, FCN, Parish Nurse
Randy and Kim Echerd
Gary Gaskey
Ferman and Barbara Karriker
Lindsay and Judy Lowman
Vaughn and Linda Lyerly
Shane, Mackenzie, and Corbin Menius
Betty M. Morgan
Shirley Raymond
Penny and Dana Shue
ES Trexler
Coy and Joyce Wilhelm

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of Harry Brown Heilig from:
Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

A gift was received for the Capital Building Fund in memory of Pauline Shuping from:
Alice Davis

A gift was received for the General Fund in memory of Pauline Shuping from:
D.W. and Judi Honbarger

Gifts were received for the General Fund in memory of Jan Zimmermann from:
Genevieve Baker
Jill Earnhardt, RN, FCN, Parish Nurse
Linda Spencer
Wayne and Johnsie Taylor

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund for the use of the church facilities from:
Goodman Reunion

A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund for the use of the church facilities from:
Heilig Reunion

OUR LOVE and SYMPATHY is extended to Lola Floss and Family on the death of her sister, Pauline Shuping.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
A Thanksgiving Prayer
Thank you Father for the blessings you've given this day
Help us to remember,
Thou has shown us the way
And give us strength to help those in need
Never letting us forget, Thy merciful deeds
Keep us in Thy tender loving care
Save us, O Lord, when we are in despair!
Give us grace as we walk through life.
Inspire us to seek our brothers amid the strife
Victory in Thee will be our guiding star.
In courage we march not caring how far
Now we ask for the most important thing.
Grant us salvation to escape death's sting.

Thank You...
Dear Fellow Members of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church,
I offer my gratefulness and appreciation for all the visits, cards, and attention poured out for me with this terrible “viral bug” that has about flattened me. Today for the first time, I recognized that this probably won’t finish me off just yet. I am actually able to breathe almost normally.
I would also thank the members who have sent sympathy cards on the occasion of my sister’s death, October 2, Hazel Pauline Leab Shuping. Her service was held on October 7 at Summersett Funeral Home. I celebrate her arrival in her permanent home with Jesus. Thank you!
In Christian Love, Lola Floss

Dear Monday Property Brothers,
Words cannot express how grateful we are for your helping us with the debris left over from Hurricane Michael. We are so thankful for your thoughtfulness and hard work!
Paul, Nancy, and Genevieve Baker

On behalf of the congregation of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, we would like to thank the Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Foundation for their generous donation of $5,000. As requested the funds will be distributed to the Estate of Reverend Floyd Bost to assist with the cost of funeral service and marker.
Thank you again for the Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Foundation's thoughtful gift to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
Matthew 28:19-20 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The purpose of The Great Commission Challenge is to do as Christ has told us, to love our neighbors and to make disciples all around us through acts of love and witness. St. Paul’s Lutheran Church looks to seed the Good News in our surrounding community through outreach and investment in The Great Commission.

We invite you to apply for funds and assistance with your project or mission. Please complete the following application with as much detail as possible to give a scope to your mission and the audience you wish to engage in discipleship.

**Discipleship Application**

SPLC Member/Sponsor:

Amount requested up to $1,000.00

Date of Request:

Organization or Group:

Contact Email:

Contact Mailing Address:

Street

City, State Zip

Event / Project Name:

Event / Project Dates:

Event Location:

Proceeds / funds of mission will go to:

Please attach any additional information you feel is necessary.

Matthew 5:14-16 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
ORDER FORM FOR LUMINARIES

It is time to beautify our church outside for Christmas with our beautiful Luminaries. If you would like to sponsor one of our Luminaries please fill out the form below and return to the church office in the offering plate or by mail. You may make a memorial or honor gift.

Please make all checks payable to: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
All funds will go to the St. Paul’s Youth.

In Honor of ______________________________________________________________________________

In Memory of _____________________________________________________________________________

By: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Amount Given: $_________ (any amount given is appreciated)

DEADLINE: Sunday, December 9

A Luminary booklet will be available during the Christmas Eve Service.
It is time to order poinsettias to beautify our church for Christmas. The cost per plant is $11.00 (6 inch wrapped pot).

Please fill out the information below if you would like to purchase a poinsettia or designate a gift in lieu of a poinsettia. **Make all checks payable for Poinsettias to: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Orders may be placed in the offering plate, turned in to the church office, or mailed in by December 9.

In Honor of __________________________________________________

In Memory of __________________________________________________

By: __________________________________________________________

TOTAL NUMBER OF POINSETTIAS GIVEN: __________

AMOUNT GIVEN FOR POINSETTIAS: $_________

IN LIEU OF POINSETTIAS you may make a memorial or honor gift to the General Fund, Improvement Fund, Youth, or any other area of St. Paul's ministry. **Please make all checks payable to: ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.** Clearly mark the desired fund and turn in the order form as directed above.

FOR: _______________________________________________________

(Name of Fund to receive gift.)

In Honor of __________________________________________________

In Memory of ________________________________________________

By: _________________________________________________________

Amount Given In Lieu of Poinsettias: $_________

**DEADLINE: Sunday, December 9**

Yes  No  I plan to pick up my poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Service or Sunday, December 30.

[All poinsettias left after Sunday, December 30, will be removed or given away.]