

# The Epistle

The Monthly Newsletter of Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Boldly Sharing God’s Word and Unconditional Love with All**

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### Worship and Fellowship Opportunities at Saint Paul:

**Saturday - 5:15 p.m.** - An informal, spoken service (no music). This is a casual and comfortable service.

**Sunday - 8:00 a.m.** - Traditional service with excellent music led by the pipe organ and the Senior Choir. On festival days the music is led by the popular Saint Paul Brass Choir.



**Sunday - 9:30 a.m.** - Coffee hour in the Welcome Center. Come join us for some drink, a cookie or two, and some great fellowship.

**Sunday - 9:45 a.m.** - Christian Education. The kids are on break for the summer but the adults have THREE classes running. Come join us!

**Sunday - 10:45 a.m.** - A contemporary and lively service of worship and praise, led by our Praise Band.

**Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.** - A brief devotional service held after our Wednesday evening community dinner.

## Musings of a “not so good Christian”



That is the title of a blog that I follow. I don't even remember how I came across it, but it is one of the most inspiring faith journeys that I read.

The author, *Mark*, is a remarkable person. He describes himself as “... a Christian. I have been involved in the Evangelical church, first as a Baptist, now as a Presbyterian, for almost 30 years now. I have a love/hate relationship with the church and in recent days have been questioning my involvement in it on any level. Some of the greatest pain I have experienced in my life has come from the church.”

His journey has been a difficult one - his time in the “evangelical” church was a time that was filled with the (mis)understanding that, as a “born again” Christian, that if he ever sinned again, he would be condemned to hell forever. He could not hear grace, only the condemnation of the law.

In his most recent blog, he shared his personal struggles. He wrote: “So much of my life has been spent ‘trying to become.’ Whether it was a better father, a better Christian, a better son, brother, husband, friend. Each time I began to pursue these things I was reminded by the small, critical voice that I will never be anything. I was told in my youth by a parent unable to love me, and peers that wounded my emotions and spirit with gleeful abandon, that I was a failure, that I was unworthy, that I was damaged.”



How would you respond to such a person? I replied how helpful his blog has been to me as I

went through some difficult times before I came to Saint Paul. But others were actually critical of him, blaming his depression and struggles on a lack of faith.

One person even wrote “Having read your blog at length it is obvious you never were a Christian but have fooled yourself into thinking you are. You support all kinds of godlessness and evil and call yourself a Christian and mislead others.”

Now this is important - **THERE ARE MARKS IN YOUR LIFE.** And they are opportunities for you to share God's grace! There are people all around you who hear nothing but condemnation - from family, from society, from social media, and yes - even from the church. But you can be a voice of God's grace to the *Marks* in your life.

Listen! Listen to the people around you. *Mark* is speaking words of struggle, of fear, of loneliness, of despair. You are called to be the voice of God's grace to the *Marks* around you.

And today if you are *Mark*, reach out. God's love is for you too.

In Christ's Name,

Pastor Rob Moore

God's Vision for Saint Paul is to:

**“Boldly Share God's Word and Unconditional Love with All.”**

We believe that God not only CALLS us to this ministry but EQUIPS AND GIFTS each and every one of us to answer that call. Join us as we **BOLDLY** move into the future!



Saint Paul's youth group, known as BOLD, includes youth from grades 6 to 12. It meets from September to May on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A snack or dessert is served.

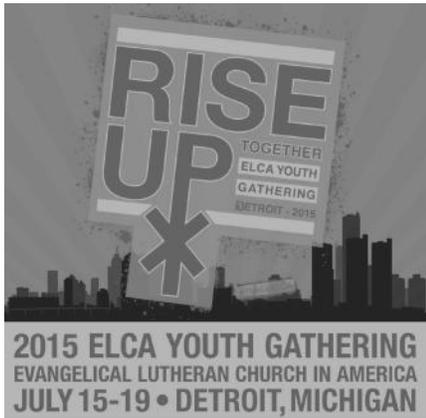
Parents are an important part of the Youth and Family Ministry at Saint Paul. Parents are asked to serve as a Parent Helper for each meeting.

Questions about Youth Ministry at Saint Paul? Contact our Youth and Family Minister **Moses Kavishe** at [mosesrobson@yahoo.com](mailto:mosesrobson@yahoo.com).

Waiver and information sheets are found at [www.stpaulcarlisle.org](http://www.stpaulcarlisle.org).

Go to the "Ministries" tab and then to "Youth Group."

### Our Road Trip Service Projects



### ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit

We just returned from the "Gathering" on Sunday, July 19th. What an awesome experience we all had! 35,000 Lutherans gathered for this event!



### BOLD News

Our next meeting will be **Sunday, August 2nd** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room downstairs. We will be having a special send-off for our recent high school graduates before they depart for college.

We will resume our regular schedule in September.



### Youth Band

Moses is still looking for youth interested in joining the BOLD Youth Band. Everyone is welcome - musicians, singers, and dancers.

Don't play an instrument - that's okay. There is still a place for you. See Moses or email him at [mosesrobson@yahoo.com](mailto:mosesrobson@yahoo.com).

# Christian Education Opportunities at Saint Paul

CHRISTIAN  
education

## Sunday School Classes - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday Morning Adult Class with Pastor Rob

It's hard to describe the Sunday class led by Pastor Rob. It is part presentation, part discussion, and part comedy routine. We are on break for the month of August; however, we will be starting in September with a whole new list of great topics.

### The Adult Hot Topics Class in Room 201

The next four weeks studies will include, *"God isn't finished with you yet, How much faith is enough"*, and *"Letting go and the Bible."*



### The Augsburg Adult Class in Room 204

This class is studying the different books of the Bible.

### Children's Sunday School

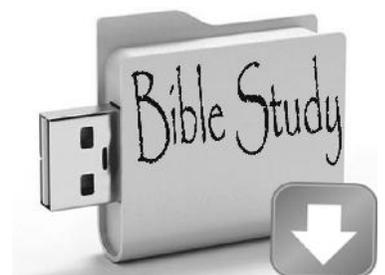
Children's Sunday School is on a break for the summer. They will resume regular classes on Sunday, August 23rd.

## Tuesday Post-Prison Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

The Post-Prison Ministry Bible Study meets in Room 211 (across from the Nursery) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday Mid-Week Bible Study - 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Rob and Pastor Carol lead a mid-week Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Room 201. We take an in-depth look at the upcoming Sunday lessons - and sometimes the group even influences the sermon for that week. Everyone is welcome to join this Bible study.



Protecting children is  
**EVERYBODY'S**  
**BUSINESS**

## Child Protection Policy

St. Paul Congregation Council has adopted a new child protection policy as required by Pennsylvania law.

### History:

In June of 2009 the Congregational Council adopted Child Protection Policy, Church Workers Covenant. In 2014 the Pennsylvania legislature enacted sweeping changes to the Child Protective Services Law and again on July 1, 2015 more changes were added.

As a result the Congregational Council adopted on July 16, 2015 a new Safe Space for All of God's Children Child Protection Policy. The new policy is more involved, previous to 2014 the church was able to set their own requirements for clearances/background checks and training.

### The major changes are:

- All designated volunteers, and paid staff will need background checks by outside agencies.
- These clearances will need to be updated every five years.
- And there is a mandatory reporting category now, which requires training.
- The new Policy is designed to protect our children and vulnerable adults, as well as our volunteers.

### The general steps involved are as follows:

- Execute the Safe Space for All of God's Children Covenant Agreement.
- Supply a copy of Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance from Department of Human Resources.

- Supply a copy of the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Records Check.
- Volunteers need to supply a copy of FBI Criminal Records check, or supply an affidavit if they have lived in Pennsylvania for the last consecutive 10 yrs.
- All Staff must supply a copy of the FBI Criminal Records Check.
- Supply a copy of the Certificate from the online training course: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse by the Department of Human Resources and the University of Pittsburgh. [www.reportabusepa.pitt.pa](http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.pa)

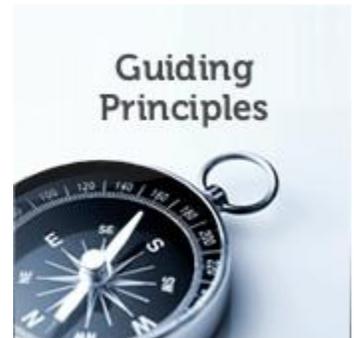
Mark your calendars now for 7:00 p.m. August 6th and come to Stock Hall to learn more.

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## Our Guiding Principles

We strive to be our best as by:

- Growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus.
- Welcoming and accepting people where they are.
- Giving generously to be a part of God's work.
- Caring genuinely for one another with the love of Christ.
- Serving joyfully as Jesus' hands and feet in the world.
- Inviting others to join with us in the body of Christ.



## Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**(Women of the ELCA)** includes Lutheran women who gather in over 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, for service, study, advocacy, fellowship, and more!

Women of the ELCA embraces all kinds of ministries that support our mission of mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

**In Our Lower Susquehanna Synod**



The Women of the ELCA, Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization, is much like the churchwide organization. We work with churchwide to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ as a synodical women's organization, and in our congregational units.

Women of the ELCA's community of women provide services in their churches, communities, and even the world.

We engage in ministry; we take action through advocacy; we promote healing and wholeness; and we support one another in our callings.

We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs.

We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through convention workshops, Camp Hebron Retreat, Day of Renewal, resources, scholarships, and global education.

We offer grants to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

There is a place for you in Women of the ELCA. **Join us as we make a difference in the world.**

**Our Purpose Statement** - As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

## Women of the ELCA at St. Paul

Patti Kistler, President – 486-7313

At St. Paul we have three Women of the ELCA Circles that meet September through May.

**Circle #1** meets the first Monday of the month in the Welcome Center at 9:30 a.m.

**Circle #2** meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. either at the church or at the home of a member.

**Circle #3** meets the first Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

### News from St. Paul Women of the ELCA

#### Annual Blessing of the Back Packs— August 29—30 and September 5—6

Everyone is invited to bring their school backpacks to church to receive a special blessing and wooden cross keychain to begin a new school year. This special event hosted by the Women of St. Paul will be held at all services over two weekends: August 29 and 30 and September 5 and 6. Please pick a date that works best for your family and put it on your calendar.



#### Lower Susquehanna SWO Convention

We are very happy that Karen Poe will represent the Women of St. Paul at the annual convention at Memorial Lutheran Church in Shippensburg August 14-15. Thank you, Karen.

#### Church Circles

Attention, ladies! If you would like to join one of our three circles for Bible study and fellowship, there's a time to suit your schedule. Circle 1 meets in the morning, Circle 2 in the afternoon, and Circle 3 in the evening from September through May. You are most welcome to join. Contact information is in each *Epistle* or feel free to call me, Patti Kistler, at 486-7313.

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### Spiritual Support for Persons with Disabilities

Spiritual Support Group for Persons with Disabilities meets from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., generally on the third Sunday of each month. The location is the Conference Room at Forest Park Nursing Home. Refreshments are served. The August meeting date is August 9.

See Dr. Holly Hoffman for more information.



*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Do not underestimate yourself by comparing yourself with others. It's our differences that make us unique and beautiful.**

## Diakon Lutheran Social Services

**These services are available to you, or someone you know, should you ever need them.**

### Diakon Family Life Services

#### 150 Years of Caring and Concern

Many of Diakon's services for children, youths, and families directly continue the heritage of care and concern begun in 1868 by the Tressler Orphans Home and, decades later, by The Lutheran Home at Topton. From adoption and foster care to family counseling and wilderness-based programs for at-risk youths, these services bring children and families together ... guide troubled youths to become contributing members of society ... aid families in navigating all sorts of challenges and crises ... and help children in a variety of circumstances see their potential and reach for new goals. Each year, this rich array of services touches the lives of tens of thousands of people of all ages.

#### Counseling

"If it hadn't been for you!" That's a phrase our counselors often hear, reflecting clients' feelings about their life had it not been for the compassionate, professional counseling they received at Diakon Family Life Services – Capital Region.

With an emphasis on promoting relationships by using a positive approach that builds family strengths, Diakon Family Life Services helps clients to handle challenges and emotions ranging from life-threatening situations and addictions to vague feelings that life could be better. We help people to see beyond the clouds, to take the steps necessary to gain a sense of balance and control again.

#### Issues confronted in counseling include ...

- Relationships
- Parenting
- Personal crises
- Loss and grief
- Separation or divorce
- Substance abuse
- Stress, anger, or other difficult emotions
- Work issues

Of course, counseling is not just for adults. Children and teens often benefit immensely from talking about their concerns. To meet children's special needs, our services include children's and play therapy, as well as individual and family therapy. Center staff members include those certified in addictions counseling.

#### Additional services include ...

- DUI assessments
- Psychiatric services

Our center-based services are strategically located in Mechanicsburg, Carlisle, and New Bloomfield, PA. For more information on any of these centers, please contact the administrative center below. Diakon Family Life Services – Capital Region accepts most major insurance plans, participates in Medicaid and Medicare programs, and also offers a sliding-fee scale for those with limited financial resources.

#### **Diakon Family Life Services - Capital Region**

960 Century Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Phone: (717) 795-0330 | Toll-free: 1-866-700-6868 |

E-mail: [counseling@diakon.org](mailto:counseling@diakon.org)

#### **Certified Addictions Counseling**

For those battling addictions, Diakon Family Life Services – Capital Region offers outpatient substance-abuse treatment. Certified addictions counselors can help individuals and their families overcome addictions and the many issues that accompany them. These services include DUI evaluations.

In addition, Diakon Family Life Services provides school-based substance-abuse treatment for adolescents in Cumberland County identified by their school's Student Assistance Program as having substance abuse and related issues.



## Diakon Wilderness Center

### About Us

Diakon Youth Services provides a range of programs for at-risk youths from three primary locations—the Diakon Wilderness Center near Boiling Springs, PA., and sites in Lancaster and Media, PA. Since the 1970s, Diakon Youth Services, formerly known as TresslerCare, has been a leading provider of specialized services for children and youths from across Pennsylvania. Primarily serving individuals referred by county juvenile probation departments and children and youth services, as well as programs responsible for young adults ages 18 to 25, Diakon Youth Services offers a unique and rich array of services designed to help:

- Dependent youths attain permanency, safety, and well-being, and
- Delinquent youths learn the need for accountability, community protection, and the development of competencies for responsible, successful living embodied in the principles of Balanced and Restorative Justice.
- Young adults break cycles of addiction and dysfunction as they interact with family and the community to accept accountability for actions and to lead a crime-free life.

Diakon Youth Services' goal is for every student to be a successful graduate and a productive, connected, and law-abiding member of society and the community.

## The Wilderness Greenhouse & Native Plant Nursery

**Open in July and August by appointment.  
Regular Saturday hours resume in September.**

The Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse & Native Plant Nursery is a unique greenhouse that not only provides regional residents with perennials native to Pennsylvania, but also serves as a vocational training site for at-risk youths—and helps to fund Diakon Youth Services programs.

The greenhouse will now offer more than 150 different species of flowering plants, ferns, grasses, shrubs and trees. The greenhouse is a teaching nursery, offering students an opportunity to learn valuable skills, gain workplace experience, and to deepen their understanding of the relationships in the world around them.



***The Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse...where planting truly matters.***

### Zumba Class

Zumba classes meet every Monday night in Stock Hall. The cost for each class is only \$5.00. The classes will continue each Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise announced. Don't worry if you think you cannot dance or keep up. We all move at our own pace according to what our individual bodies allow. The music is great and motivates you to move! Dress in comfortable clothing for activity. All ages can benefit and have fun with Zumba!



Babysitting is provided by Matt Myers and Greg Guenther for a charge of only \$1.00, which will be donated to the church. Come and join the fun!

## Global Mission Opportunities

### Konde Diocese Delegation Visits Lower Susquehanna Synod, Attends 2015 Assembly



From May 29 through June 11, four leaders from the Konde Diocese, our Companion Synod in Tanzania visited the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Representing the Diocese were the Rev. Samwel Mwansasu, Director for Health Services and Hospital Secretary; Dr. Christopher Mwasongela, Doctor in Charge at Matema Lutheran Hospital; Mr. Owen Jackson Lazaro, Director of Planning and Development for the Diocese, and Mr. Stephen Mwakyolile, Senior Nurse at Itete Lutheran Hospital. The main purpose for the visit this year was to strengthen ties with the health-related ministries and to report on progress of the Matema Beach Resort renovations.

The Konde Committee partnered with Tech4tanzania, and through their involvement expanded the partnership to members of Slate Hill Mennonite Church and Messiah College. Randy Barr and other Tech4tanzania partners welcomed the Konde delegation members into their homes and hosted a welcome picnic and fundraiser at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in New Kingstown. About \$1,000 was raised at this event for mission and ministry to Tanzania.

Delegation members visited family medicine practitioners, reviewed global health initiatives from Penn State Hershey, and toured the hospital and simulation labs. They visited the Nursing Department at Messiah College and began initial

conversations about working with the College's Collaboratory program, including the possibility of an initial exploratory visit to the Diocese in May, 2016.

On Wednesday, June 3, the delegation visited Mission Central of the United Methodist Church, where they were able to identify and take needed medical supplies and equipment, along with extra suitcases to carry the supplies home. Thanks to the partnership between Tech4tanzania and Mission Central, each delegation received a personal laptop computer and a Kindle reader.



On Thursday, June 4, the delegation visited Pinnacle Health, where they were able to secure thousands of dollars worth of hospital equipment and supplies that will be transported later this year to Tanzania in a container. On Friday they visited two Christian radio stations and met with Dick Schlenker to look at PET (Personal Energy Transportation) vehicles for possible use at Matema and Itete Hospitals.

The delegation was present at our Synod Assembly and provided a lunchtime forum on Saturday with presentations about Itete and Matema hospitals. Andrew and Angie Hammer were also on hand to talk about their upcoming exchange/shared mission year in the Diocese. Dr. Mwasongela and Mr. Mwakyolile served as gift bearers for Sunday's Assembly worship, and they also brought brief greetings.

Delegation members were guests of St. Peter (Lancaster) and Zion (East Petersburg), enjoying

time with host families, visiting with congregation members, and touring the area. On Tuesday night, they attended a baseball game in York, and on Wednesday, they met with the Konde Committee for a luncheon and presentation about the renovations at Matema Beach Resort. The group also celebrated Pastor Mwansasu's birthday. On Thursday, June 11, the group enjoyed a whirlwind tour of Washington, D.C., including a stop at the Tanzanian Embassy and a visit to the Lincoln Memorial.

Look for more information about upcoming travel opportunities to Tanzania, about ways to start or strengthen Companion Congregation relationships, and about the Hammer family's upcoming year in the Diocese. (See the article below.)

## Global Missions News & Opportunities

### A Year in Mbeya: Hammer Family Update

Andrew and Angie Hammer and their children are preparing to spend a year in the Konde Diocese (our companion synod) working, sharing, and learning. They're willing to come to your congregation and talk about their plans, help you make greater connections to your companion congregation, and invite you to join them in strengthening our partnership with our companion synod. Contact: [angie@the-hammers.net](mailto:angie@the-hammers.net)



Summer vacation time is here. The time away is great and we all need a break from every day life. But, every summer it creates a problem for churches. Not only does our attendance decrease due to the vacations, but so do our weekly offerings. Offerings decrease, but the expenses do not, they remain the same.

One easy and effective solution to this problem is the Simply Giving Program of electronic funds transfer, endorsed by the Thrivent Federal Credit Union. This is one way of insuring the weekly offerings are more consistent year-round, and you don't have to worry about making up what you missed while you were away. No more writing a check every week.

You still can use your special envelopes as they show up in your packets. (If you're concerned about not having something to put in the offering plate each week, we also have a supply of papers that say, "I give electronically" that you can use if you would like to, but it isn't necessary.)

You may choose to use your checking account, savings account or a credit card. You choose whether you would like your offering to be deducted weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly on the 1st or the 15th of the month, and of course you choose the amount you wish to contribute. There is a very simple form to fill out in the church office, and you can change your contribution or account or frequency at any time very easily.

Just stop by the church office and ask for the authorization form for Simply Giving. If you have any questions, Patti will be happy to answer them for you.

## Growing Faith in our Home...

Saturday, August 29, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Camp Nawakwa, 1033 Nawakwa Road,  
Biglerville, PA 17307

**A day retreat for leaders and their families to practice faith and take it home.**

**Linda Staats, Founder of Home Grown Faith, Retreat Leader** Leaders are invited to bring any and all members in their household for a day of spiritual refreshment as we eat, pray, play and serve together. Retreat leader Linda Staats, founder of Home Grown Faith, equips congregational leaders and their families to boldly practice faith in our households.

## Plan Ahead for Congregations Together in Mission (CTIM) 2016 Hungry for Justice & Mercy April 2, 2016

The next Congregations Together in Mission Event (CTIM) is Saturday, April 2, 2016. Presenter, author, and passionate social justice speaker Shane Claiborne feeds our hunger for justice and mercy. Tentative location of the event is St. Matthew in Hanover.

Shane writes and travels extensively speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus. Shane's books include *Jesus for President*, *Red Letter Revolution*, *Common Prayer*, *Follow Me to Freedom*, *Jesus, Bombs and Ice Cream*, *Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers* - and his classic, *The Irresistible Revolution*. He has been featured in a number of



films including "Another World Is Possible" and "Ordinary Radicals." His books are translated into more than a dozen languages. Shane speaks over 100 times a year, nationally and internationally. **Registration opens this fall.**

## Deadline for September Epistle Articles

The deadline for the September *Epistle* is August 19th. All articles must be in to the church office by that date.



## Facility Use Application Forms

*Facility Use Application* forms are available at the left side of the hallway mailboxes. A form needs to be completed for any groups planning to use any part of the building. You will need to contact



Bill Hemminger, Operations Manager, to reserve a room. The completed *Facility Use Application* should be given to Mr. Hemminger or dropped off at the church office. You can contact Mr. Hemminger at [billhemminger@centurylink.net](mailto:billhemminger@centurylink.net).

## Maintenance Report Forms

Maintenance Report Forms are found at the left side of the hallway mailboxes. Please complete a form if you notice any issues with the building or grounds. Please return the completed form to Bill Hemminger, Operations Manager.

Completed forms may be placed in his mailbox in the hallway or the office.



## Thank You Dollars for Diapers for Detroit

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Dollars for Diapers project for the National Youth Gathering. We collected over \$1000 to purchase diapers in Detroit for those who are unable to afford them!!



### MIRACLE in Detroit

We bought our Diapers for Detroit in a local CVS tonight. The cashiers and manager wondered why we cleaned out their entire diaper/wipe section. When we told them about the project, we got hugs, special service after they should have been closed, and new friends. The theme of the day, appropriately, was "Proclaim Community."



## Choir Picnic Wednesday, September 2

Choir Kick-Off Picnic for Choir Members, Family, and Friends

**When:** Wednesday, September 2, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Hemmingers

**Please RSVP by August 30**

No need to bring anything but your appetite

**The first choir rehearsal** of the year will be on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. The choir will sing for the first time on Sunday, September 27 at the 8:00 a.m. service.

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### Blood Donation

We need more people to donate blood! We did not make our quota of 10 pints for the year in 2014. Did you know that your donation can save three lives? Please give the "Gift of Life" so others may live.

*Give the gift of life*



*Donate blood*

Doris M. Brion

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### You Can Reach Us Electronically!!

**Email Address:**

[churchoffice@stpaulcarlisle.org](mailto:churchoffice@stpaulcarlisle.org)

[pastorrobmoore@stpaulcarlisle.org](mailto:pastorrobmoore@stpaulcarlisle.org)

[pastorcarolbowman@stpaulcarlisle.org](mailto:pastorcarolbowman@stpaulcarlisle.org)

**Web Site**

[www.stpaulcarlisle.org](http://www.stpaulcarlisle.org)

**Facebook Page**

[www.facebook.com/stpaulcarlisle](http://www.facebook.com/stpaulcarlisle)

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# Ways You Can Gift Those in Need

## Living Water Dental Health Ministry

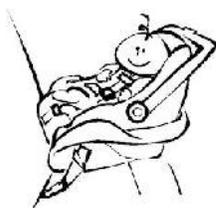
Living Water Dental Health Ministry is in urgent need of soft-bristle toothbrushes (single units, NOT multipacks), full-size toothpaste (not sample size) and dental floss.

Please leave any donations you feel led to make with Dr. Holly Hoffman or in the appropriate bin in the Welcome Center.



## PreNatal Clinic

Christ Lutheran Health Ministries is in need of Pack-n-Play cribs and INFANT car seats (for babies < 20 lbs.) in good condition. These items are desperately needed by immigrant mothers who come to the Prenatal Clinic. Please see Holly Hoffman or leave a note in her mailbox if you are able to help out!



## Community Aid Box



There is a Community Aid Drop Box in the side parking lot. By having a drop box in our parking lot, the church is paid \$.04 per pound for donations, along with "gift cards" in \$25 increments to be given to the pastor who will disburse them to those who need clothes and household goods from the Community Aid store.

"For Profit" collection bins (pink, green, blue, white, yellow) are becoming a major concern in our area. These unscrupulous competitors are causing a large decrease in our clothing donations. Please make sure to put your donations in the box marked Community Aid that is located in the parking lot across the alley. THANK YOU!

## Toiletry Items Needs

Ongoing donations of toiletry items are needed for our Wednesday evening community - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, etc. These items are distributed once a month. Please bring donations to the designated box in the office.



## Project Share

There is always a need for food donations at Project SHARE food bank. A particular donation they like to receive from St. Paul is canned **beef stew**. Of course that's not all they need, but if different churches concentrate on a specific item, it's helpful.

Galatians 2:10 "Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do."

## The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions. Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease, the nation's sixth-leading cause of death.

Joining this walk helps to support the Alzheimer's Association's mission to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Please join our team, the "**No No's**", on **Saturday, September 19th** at 10:00 a.m. in the **Walk to End Alzheimer's** around City Island (Harrisburg). You can register today to walk with our team or to give a donation by contacting us and picking up a registration form or signing up online at:

[act.alz.org/site/TR/?pg=entry&fr\\_id=7763](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/?pg=entry&fr_id=7763).

Laura Guenther is the team captain,

so please email her at

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[717-713-5863](tel:717-713-5863) if you have any questions



## Welcome our Newest Members

We have a wonderful group of people who have joined our congregational family. Some have been visiting for awhile and some are brand new. Please introduce yourselves and welcome them to our St. Paul family! The following is a list of their names:

Skip and Anne Ebert  
Beverly Fahnstock  
Brian Gorham  
Rick Gutshall  
Adryon, Sarah, and Kyree Marrero-Boyd  
Jim and Anna McPherson  
JoAnn Potter  
Margot Pringle  
Don Thomas  
Maren Alexis-Tomkiel  
Tina, Abbey, and Hannah Whitsell

In the Epistle over the next few months we will begin to include a picture and a brief bio of each of our new members to help you get acquainted with them.

This month we will highlight, Brian Gorham; Adryon, Sarah, and their son Kyree Marrero-Boyd; and Jim and Anna McPherson.









## Boy Scout Blog Troop 189

Cub Pack 189 attended Day Camp and Resident camp so far this summer and now they are looking forward to a family picnic and Raingutter Regatta. They are also planning a night at the Cumberland Drive-In. In August the Cubs and their families will be heading to Oakes Museum for a family fun day. They will be gearing up to kick off their new scouting year with an ice cream social August 20 here at the church.

Troop 189 had 11 scouts and 2 adults attend week long summer camp at Hidden Valley. Our boys completed 37 merit badges ranging from nuclear science to kayaking. We also had two boys complete the ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) training course while at camp. Some boys managed to get up early enough to take part in either/both the Polar Bear Plunge- which is a brief morning swim at 6:30 AM or the Trail Run- which is about a mile run through camp at the same time! They had a great time, made some new friends, and created lots of fantastic memories.

We continue with our service projects of collecting hygiene items for the local middle school physical education department and you will notice a collection box in the welcome center for you to bring us your old flags. We will take these flags to the annual flag retirement ceremony in September.



Now we turn our attention to work on even more merit badges. Our troop will be hosting a merit badge lock-in in August. We will have scouts joining us from two other troops for around 40 boys here for the weekend. We will work on a variety of merit badges including plumbing, personnel management, family life, truck transportation, game design and more.

We would love to have you join our scouting family. If you would like more information on our scouting programs please call Stephanie Ollestad (Cub Pack- for boys ages 7-11) at 717-422-2501 or Tammy Jones (Boy Scouts- for boys ages 11-18) at 717-240-0611. We hope to see you soon!

## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best,  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
and To obey the Scout Law,  
To help other people at all times,  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

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### MAN TALK—August 8

The Men of Saint Paul meet at 8:00 a.m. every second Saturday of the month at the Walnut Bottom Diner, 936 Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle. Meetings are informal and we talk about topics ranging from sports to gardening to Carlisle's home rule. No reservations required. The next meeting is on Saturday, August 8.



Contact Joe Tomkiel at 717-440-3456 or [joetomkiel@gmail.com](mailto:joetomkiel@gmail.com) for more information.

**Assisting Ministers Needed for Saturday 5:15 p.m. and Sunday 10:45 a.m. Services**

Additional Assisting Ministers are needed for the Saturday 5:15 p.m. service and the Sunday 10:45 a.m. service. This is a unique and fulfilling ministry. Is God calling you to serve in this way?

If you are interested in serving in this rewarding and meaningful way, please contact Mary Ann Ernst at: [jasparboy@comcast.net](mailto:jasparboy@comcast.net) or 717-245-0879.

**Acolytes and Crucifers Needed for Sunday Services**



Some of our acolytes and crucifers are heading off to college soon. In addition, we often do not have enough to serve because of summer vacation schedules.

This means we have the **opportunity** for you to serve. Adults, children, and youth are invited to serve in these important worship assistant roles. (The role of crucifer is appropriate especially for an adult or older youth since the cross is heavy for the younger children to carry.) Training will be provided.

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this important ministry of the church, please contact Cynthia Christenson [vitalizd@aol.com](mailto:vitalizd@aol.com) or call 462-4946.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Worship Assistants**

If you would like the opportunity to serve as a worship assistant, the following is a list of those opportunities and the person to contact: (Assisting Minister: See article above.)

<b>Acolyte / Crucifer:</b>	Cynthia Christenson	-	891-3814
<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Poe	-	919-7994
<b>Wine Distribution Asst.:</b>	Mary Ann Ernst	-	245-0879
<b>Communion Cup Asst: (cup pick up)</b>	Lester Thumma	-	249-1140
<b>Communion Helpers: (cup washers)</b>	Lisa Adams	-	249-3282
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve McQuillen	-	385-4688
<b>Greeters:</b>	Larry & Avonne Clapsadl	-	737-3108
<b>Altar Set-up &amp; Linens:</b>	Lisa Adams	-	249-3282
<b>Altar Flower Delivery:</b>	Miriam Kelly	-	243-2635
<b>Welcome Desk Attendant:</b>	Carol Woods	-	903-6019



## Congregational Council Report Highlights

- Full reports and minutes of the meeting are in the church office. These documents may be accessed by any member.
- The council approved funds to purchase a new refrigerator to be used by the peanut butter egg ministry.
- Mr. Hemminger was able to have the water issues in the basement corrected at no cost to the church.
- A new Child Abuse Policy was approved by the council.
- Training of worship team members has occurred.
- Ms. Beth Leonard texted the council during the meeting to thank the council and congregation for the funding help for the trip to the Youth Gathering. The teens had a great time.
- The Block Party will be held on September 13, 2015.
- The Blessing of the Animals will be held on October 10, 2015.



### Lutheran Disaster Response Nepal Area Earthquake or U.S. Tornadoes/Storms

If you would like to help with the devastation following the earthquake in the Nepal area through the Lutheran Disaster Response, all you have to do is to write out a check to; St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church as you normally would; place it in a plain envelope marked for “Nepal,” with your name and envelope number written on it. We then will forward all the money collected through the ELCA to LDR. You may do the same thing and designate the money for “U.S. Tornadoes.” Just mark the envelope accordingly.

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (MISSION PLAN) REPORT

Date:	TOTAL	Operating	Benevolence	Total	NET	CUMULATIVE NET
	Contributions	EXPENSES		Expenses		
1/31:	\$44,908	\$44,521	\$5,579	\$50,100	(\$5,192)	(\$5,192)
2/28:	\$41,622	\$45,672	\$2,064	\$47,736	(\$6,114)	(\$11,306)
3/31:	\$55,290	\$38,156	\$3,031	\$41,187	\$14,103	\$2,797
4/30:	\$48,017	\$45,092	\$7,237	\$52,329	(\$4,312)	(\$1,515)
5/31:	\$55,954	\$39,614	\$4,018	\$43,632	\$12,322	\$10,807
6/30:	\$46,684	\$32,473	\$4,565	\$37,038	\$9,646	\$20,453

Income from investment activity is included in the contributions column.

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