

*“Epistle” April 2008*

*St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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**Our Clergy:**

**Pastor:**

The Rev. Timothy Sadler

**Visitation Pastor:**

The Rev. Dr. Robert Seibold

**Missionaries:**

The Rev. Chad & Natalie Rimmer

**Our Presiding Bishop:**

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson

**Our Synodical Bishop:**

The Rev. Penrose Hoover

**Our Companion Synod:**

The Konde Diocese of the Lutheran Church of Tanzania

**Our Mission Partner Congregation:**

Redeemer Lutheran, Harrisburg

**Holy Communion is celebrated:**

Sundays at 8 & 10:45 a.m.

Saturday at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Contemporary

Sunday Coffee Time at 9:15

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

**Our staff :**

**Director of Music / Organist:**

G. Wm. Hemminger, III

**Administrative Asst.:**

Patti Schuettler

**Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:**

Nicholas Fox

**Building & Grounds:**

Donald Eppley

### **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers should be ordered each year, not just assumed to be near the same date each year. So any time you would like to order altar flowers please use one of the altar flower order forms enclosed or (available in the office), fill it out completely and return it to the office with your payment.

### **Epistle Deadline each Month**

The deadline for all Epistle information and articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. That means that all information that you would like included in the next months Epistle should be in by the 15th of this month. You may email information and articles to either:

[stpauls@pa.net](mailto:stpauls@pa.net) or  
[thereighards@pa.net](mailto:thereighards@pa.net)

or place it in the "Epistle" mailbox slot in the office where all the Council mailboxes are.

Thank you.

### **Hearing Devices**

Can't hear the pastor?

Our congregation provides wireless ear devices for those who need them. Individual earpieces fit in the ear. Please ask one of the ushers to help you if you need to use one of these devices.

Ushers: please familiarize yourself with the location and use of the hearing devices.

### **Telephone System Notes**

When you call the church office (243-2319) and you would like to talk specifically to the Pastor, please press ext. 23. If he is not in, you may leave a confidential message on his voice mail.

You can do the same thing for:

Nick at ext. 24 or Patti at ext. 21.

(Note: For those who have rotary phones, this will not work.)

### **Assisting Ministers**

Would you be interested in becoming an assisting minister? If so, please contact the church office and let us know or talk to Pastor Tim. Soon we will be having a training for new assisting ministers as well as a refresher for existing assistant ministers. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry for our church.

### **Worship Assistants**

If you are interested in becoming one of our worship assistants please contact the church office at 243-2319.

**Distribution assistants:** pour the wine;

**Lectors:** read the lessons;

**Greeters:** help greet all those who attend worship and help hand out bulletins;

**Communion helpers:** wash the communion glasses after worship;

**Ushers:** hand out bulletins, collect the offerings, present the bread & wine, and clean up after the service.

**Assisting Ministers:** assist the pastor during the worship service; prayers of the church, distribute communion bread, etc.

There are many ways you can be an active assistant in our worship services and we can always use more help. Thank you for prayerfully considering being part of this important ministry.

### **Hospitalization and Pastoral Care**

It is very important that someone contacts the church if you or another St. Paul's member is hospitalized. Hospitals no longer notify the church of admissions of church members. So please remember to have a family member or friend notify the church as soon as possible.

### **Altar Guild**

Help is always needed for Altar set up on Sunday mornings before the 8:00 and 10:45 services. If you would like to help out with this important ministry, please call Lisa Adams at 249-3282.

## Christian Education News

### Christian Education

#### Invites you to join an adult Sunday School

#### Class:

#### Study on Youth

#### Development & Ministry

The Adult Sunday School class facilitated by Dr. Holly Hoffman, based on the curriculum, "Adolescent Mental Development and Social Research about Youth: Implications for Christian Education", is still going strong. We have had such deep and lively discussions that we haven't made it out of one session yet! (out of 6!) We plan to continue for as long as we need to...join us in the Vicar's office!

#### The next dates will be:

March 30

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 25

June 1, 22

#### Hot-Topics Adult Class

The adult Hot-Topics (or No-Name) Adult Sunday School Class will continue to meet in Stock Hall each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

#### Pastor Tim's Class

Pastor Tim's Sunday School class continues to meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the choir room.

#### The Augsburg Class

The Augsburg Sunday School class led by Dave Boyles, continues to meet inside the courtyard door of Stock Hall. You are invited to join us any time.

### \*\*Bible Study Notes\*\*

#### Pastor Tim's Bible Study

Pastor Tim's Bible Study class will continue to meet every Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor, unless otherwise specified in the weekly Messenger or announcements.

## Youth & Family Ministry

### Fox's News Flash Corner

#### Sunday, March 30:

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Talent Show for this year due to lack of interest. Maybe this will be an event that will only take place every other year. (We had only 3 performers signed up and only 25 attendees.)

#### Sunday, April 6: 5—8 p.m.

GODSPY meeting with all the good food, great times, faith & friends!

#### Sunday, April 13: 1:30-4:00

Family Roller Skating Party at Midway. Sign up on the bulletin board by Nick's office.

#### Sunday, April 20: 5—8p.m.

GODSPY meeting with all the good food, great times faith & friends!

#### Fri.-Sun. Apr. 25-27:

GODSPY High Adventure Spring Retreat Weekend at Camp Kirchenwald !! Put it on your schedule now!

#### Sunday, May 4: 5:00—8:00 p.m.

GODSPY meeting with all the food, faith, fun and friends!

#### Saturday, May 10th:

Family Day Trip to Gettysburg! Times & details to be announced.

#### Sunday, May 18:

2:00—4:00- Mini & Middle SPY with fun activities games & snacks!

5:00—8:00- GODSPY meeting with all the usual faith, food, fun times & friends!

Always check the weekly Messenger and listen to the announcements for possible schedule changes!

## **RELAY WITH ME!**

### **In the Fight Against Cancer**

Join the St. Paul's Team in the fight against cancer and celebration of life in the 2008 American Cancer's Relay For Life event 30-31 May.

Cancer is one of those things we don't want to talk about. It's like a bad word we don't want our children to hear or repeat. Hopefully this word, this disease, won't be as common or personal to them.

I welcome additional walkers to sign-up and join in this very worthwhile cause.

In addition to walking, there are other opportunities for your involvement such as donating money for the walkers, donating camp items for the team, camp support, designing a team tee shirt, purchasing luminaries, business sponsorship, etc. If you are a cancer survivor, you are encouraged to participate in the Survivors Lap, join in the Survivor Ceremony, enjoy a Survivor's Reception, and stay for the Luminary Ceremony. If any of these things interest you, please contact me by e-mail:

swise1030@yahoo.com; phone: 243-0221 evenings; by church mailbox; or at Wednesday evening and Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. services. Thank you for your support!

Susan Wise

## **Think Stephen Ministry**

You are the front lines of caring ministry in our congregation. Throughout the week, as you meet and greet those around you, think Stephen Ministry. If you see persons who are downcast or struggling through difficult times, think Stephen Ministry. Tell them about this special ministry in our congregation where they can receive the extra love and care they need to make it through the challenge or crisis they are facing. To talk with one of our Stephen Ministry leaders contact Rachel Rhine at 243-3482 or Pastor Tim at 243-2319 ext. 23.

## **Stephen Ministry News**

### **Listen!**

That's what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through 50 hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. To talk with one of our Stephen Ministry leaders contact Rachel Rhine at 243-3482 or Pastor Tim at 243-2319 ext 23.

## **Helen Brenneman**

### **Scholarship**

### **Applications Available**

Helen Brenneman Memorial Scholarships applications are offered to St. Paul's members in need who are attending college each year. The applications are available in the church office now on the reception desk. Completed applications need to be completed and returned to the church along with the 3 letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts by May 30th.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

Dust off your hammers—Habitat for Humanity is back! And this time Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is stepping in to help out. Don & Pat Tack attended the kick-off meeting in February and more details will follow as we move closer to Spring. Until then, we need to begin collecting pledges of our time and talents. See the list below for needed items and skills. The combined churches of the West Cumberland and West Shore Chapters also need to collect financial support—about \$9000.—\$12,000. We hope to begin building the house in the Newville area this spring and finish another home for a family in need by November.

### **Donations, Services, Gifts in kind needed:**

1. Excavation—house site, driveway, septic
2. Gravel for driveway
3. Plumbing under slab
4. Cement pour for foundation slab
5. Drilling well
6. Lumber—framing
7. Lumber—sheathing—walls, roof
8. Lumber—sub-floor
9. Roofing -*Please note: Dwight West (Best Roofing) has already offered to donate the roofing materials and labor for installation for the roof on this house. Thank you Dwight !*
10. Rough wiring
11. Rough plumbing
12. Insulation –walls, ceiling
- 13., Heating system
14. Sheet rock
15. Hanging sheet rock
16. Spackling
17. Interior doors
18. . Priming walls & woodwork
19. Painting walls, woodwork, outdoor trim
20. Closets, doors, racks
21. Light fixtures
22. Kitchen cabinets
23. Bathroom cabinets
24. Finish wiring
25. Finish plumbing
26. Moldings

27. Bathroom shower/tubs, sinks
28. Storage shed –needed by framing day.
29. Landscaping-finish grading, seeding
30. Mail Box
31. Door bell
32. Foundation Plantings

If you would like to volunteer or donate any items please contact Don or Pat Tack at 486-7967.

**Some of us attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Habitat house on Palm Sunday afternoon.**

**We will be having a workday around the second week in May. Please read your weekly Messenger and listen carefully to announcements each week for updated information about workdays and other needs. If you have questions call Don or Pat Tack 486-7967.**



### **Free Electronic Tax Filing**

Free electronic tax filing is available for low/modest income persons at the Employment Skills Center, 29 S. Hanover St., Carlisle, on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00—7:00 p.m., January 29th through April 15th. No appointment is necessary. Bring: Soc. Sec. cards, photo ID, ALL income documents, including W2's, 1099's, 1098's & copy of last year's tax return.

## **Electronic Giving !**

### **Open your heart without opening your checkbook**

Electronic giving is an easier, more secure way to make your regular contributions to our church through automated giving.

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you do other monthly drafts? If you travel this is particularly helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings, and it will keep you from having to make up the difference later.

Participants in the Electronic Giving Program can place Electronic Offering Cards in the offering basket if they would like, since the symbolic act of giving is an important part of stewardship in the church. (See sample below)

### **Reasons to sign up for Electronic Giving:**

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church
- Peace-of-mind knowing that the church is receiving your contribution even if you are unable to attend.
- More secure than checks
- All contributions are recorded for you on your statement with date of settlement
- It costs you nothing!

### **SIGN UP TODAY**

Authorization forms are available in the church office.

## **2008 Grand Tour of Poland**

Nancy's Miller's trip to Poland last Fall was such a success she's decided to do it again. This year's trip will be the middle two weeks of September (approx. 10-25). Last Fall's cost in Poland was \$1600., which included absolutely everything! - all meals, 14 nights in 3 \* hotels-- double rooms with private baths, all guides and entrance fees. Airfares on Lufthansa was about \$1200., so the total was about \$2800. We will probably fly Polish LOT airlines which should be cheaper and non-stop to Warsaw.

We had 5five 2 night hotel stops, so it wasn't a "new pillow every night." We spent one night in a castle near Boleslawiec, home of the Polish pottery factories. We spent a morning at the main factory, shopping for pottery and touring the factory, seeing how they hand paint every piece. That evening a few of my Polish friends helped us to repack it for safe shipping.

We spent a morning at the birthplace of Pope John Paul II and an afternoon at Auschwitz. High waters prevented our raft trip on the Dunajec River, the border between Poland and Slovakia. So, we spent the day visiting a woodcarver's cottage, a woman who hand crochets the traditional wedding veil and other linens, the cottage of a man who makes the ancient mountain musical instruments, and a rustic smoke-house where they smoke the wonderful mountain sheep's cheese.

At Christmastime, I received a letter from one of the 2007 travelers and she said, "Poland is such a beautiful country and the people are so wonderful. I don't know why tour agencies don't send people there. It was one of my favorite trips." And, she'd a very seasoned traveler!

It's a very relaxing trip. If you are interested, please help yourself to a 2007 itinerary (the 2008 will be very similar) from the bulletin board in the mailbox hallway. Please contact me if you are interested in learning more. My phone # is 534-2934 and my email is ncmci@verizon.net

There will be a meeting sometime in April to give you more up to date information. For an even more personal account of last year's trip ask Alice & Ken Walsh.

Nancy Miller

## **Welcome! Welcome!**

Let us Welcome New Members into the St. Paul's Family:

The Witness and Outreach Committee is looking for individuals, couples, and families to "sponsor" new members/families. You would help our new members become acquainted with our congregation's life, our programs, and our church building. If you would be interested in joining this outreach, please contact either Susan Wise (243-0221 or swise1030@yahoo.com) or Cindy Railing at the 10:45 Sunday service. We will assist you in this new ministry.

## **A Little Something from the Witness & Outreach Committee**

It's very exciting to be able to be a part of finding ways to reach out and share the love of Christ. Our most current project is recognizing and talking with visitors that attend our service. In accomplishing this mission, we are asking each of you to join in by welcoming those who are not familiar to you—the pew pads can help—check them out as you pass them back and forth.

We would love having any of you, who might be interested in the mission of this committee, join us.

## **Senior Saints For April**

The Senior Saints are planning a trip to The Oakes Museum at Messiah College on Friday, April 18. The tour is 2 hours, 1:30-3:30 PM, and the cost is \$3.00 per person. However, we will meet at the parking lot at 11:00 AM to go to T.J. Rockwell's for lunch before the tour. To make reservations, please call Gladys Cashman, 249-3439 before Friday, April 11.

## **An Exciting Opportunity to HELP a Growing and Vital Ministry of St. Paul**

The Wednesday Night Meal Committee asks your help in providing desserts for Wednesday night suppers. It is our intent to set up three teams of four people each. Each team would be responsible to provide desserts for 100 people on one Wednesday each month. (The regular committee will provide desserts the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.) Carol Woods will be coordinating the teams. Please contact her at 249-7066 or 908-6019 or leave her a note in either the hallway mailbox or in the office mailbox if you are interested in helping. The Wednesday night suppers have grown over the last nine months and the Committee would appreciate your support. Thank you.

## **Wednesday Evening Worship Opportunity**

A Contemporary Worship service is being held on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in Stock Hall. Fellowship and supper are offered before the service beginning at 5:15pm.

The service is casual with video productions for praise songs and the Word. The service consists of healing, the Word and Holy Communion and lasts about an hour.

Unless otherwise announced, a children's program (ages pre-school through age 11) is offered during the sermon time. They will meet upstairs in one of the beginner's classrooms for a project and lesson and then rejoin their families prior to communion.

If you would like to help with set-up, meal preparation or clean-up or you can provide a dessert for the meal, please contact Carol Woods at 249-7066 or 903-6019.

If you haven't joined us yet, please consider this opportunity to share worship and fellowship with us. We would welcome your presence.

# *Lutheran With A Question Mark*

Some research and thoughts by a fellow member of St. Paul's.

America is the richest country in the world and most of us enjoy simple pleasures that are unthinkable to those less fortunate. Even when the budgets are a little tight, most of us can eat at a restaurant, have plenty of clothes in our closets and sleep between clean sheets in a heated or air-conditioned house. We are a generous nation and are known to give millions of dollars in relief efforts when a disaster strikes, both here and abroad.

## **How can I help---I'm only one person and can't afford to give much?**

As Lutherans, our national organization puts money to work around the world through Lutheran Disaster Response.

## **GULF COAST 2005**

We would have to live in a cave not to have heard about the long term needs following Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Over 36,000 volunteers have helped to build 10,000 homes and millions of dollars have been distributed for various times of relief. In the coming months, Lutherans be working along side other faith-based volunteers. More is needed.

## **EAST AFRICA 2006**

Countries in East Africa continue to suffer from a devastating drought. For these simple farmers, a few cows are their form of a bank account. If there is no crop, people die, animals die and the future of those left is grim. Food, water and animal vaccinations were immediately distributed by Lutheran International Disaster Response. More is needed.

## **FLOODING IN THE MIDWEST 2007**

With water or mud limiting access to many communities, Lutheran Disaster Response worked with other agencies to help organize volunteers for clean up and rebuilding. Hardship grants help people to start again.

Lutheran Disaster Response has been involved in relief for families affected by the southern California wildfires, tornados in the south and Midwest, even the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

We are fortunate to have such creative and caring response associated with our church. If you want to have a more personal financial or physical response, check out the [elca.org](http://elca.org) website for more information or ask someone in the church office for more information.

## **Lutheran Volunteer Corps now seeking applications for 2008-2009**

Lutheran Volunteer Corps is a full-time program that offers people a one-year opportunity for spiritual and personal exploration while working for social justice, living in intentional community and simplifying their lifestyles. Volunteers are matched with social ministries and non-profit organizations in Baltimore, MD; Wilmington, DE; Washington, DC; Chicago, IL; Milwaukee, WI; Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN; Seattle and Tacoma, WA; and the SF Bay Area, CA. Volunteers receive health insurance, time off for retreats and vacation, and a stipend to cover basic living and personal expenses. Most positions also qualify for student loan deferment and a \$4,725 AmeriCorps Education Grant.

Members of Lutheran Volunteer Corps unite their time and talents with the time and talents of society's marginalized people. LVC volunteers work in such areas as AIDS/HIV, addiction and recovery, anti-racism, children and youth, community development, education, employment, the environment, food and hunger, GLBT rights, health care, housing and homelessness, immigration and refugees, international solidarity, legal assistance, and peace. Most positions are entry level, requiring little or no previous experience except flexibility, a passion for social justice, and a sense of humor!

Finally, LVC is on a Journey to an Inclusive Community, forming and strengthening alliances among people of many cultures and communities, and intentionally dismantling racism within LVC, the church, and society. As a Reconciling in Christ organization, LVC welcomes and encourages the participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people in all aspects of LVC. LVC volunteers come from a wide variety of faith backgrounds, and do not need to be Lutheran to serve. Married and committed partners are welcome to apply. While there is no upper age limit, volunteers should be at least 21 to participate.

Application deadlines for the 2008-2009 program year are right around the corner! Applications are received on a rolling basis with the following deadlines: March 14 and May 1. Download an application today from [www.LutheranVolunteerCorps.org/Volunteers.htm](http://www.LutheranVolunteerCorps.org/Volunteers.htm). Please contact Kelly Shinn, Recruitment Coordinator, at 202-387-3222 or [Recruitment@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org](mailto:Recruitment@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org) with questions or for more information.

## **Lutheran Camping News**

Both Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald have counseling and support staff positions available for high school and college students who are faithful, mature, and committed to living in an outdoor Christian community. A job at camp is much more than a job. It is an opportunity to serve God in a setting where everyone's gifts are valued and put to use. A summer camp job offers variety, responsibility, and great meals...not to mention the amazing coworkers and even more amazing you encounter every day. For details regarding employment, please visit

[www.lutherancamping.org/employment.php](http://www.lutherancamping.org/employment.php)

Or call the camp directors,  
Marianne Brock (Nawakwa)  
Mike Youse (Kirchenwald)  
717-677-8211

## **Invite-a-Friend Discount**

Bring a friend that has never been to any Nawakwa or Kirchenwald summer camp and both you and your friend save \$25.00 each ! Go to the website below to get your Invite-a Friend coupon.

[www.lutherancampin.org/registration/inviteafriend.php](http://www.lutherancampin.org/registration/inviteafriend.php)

## **Register for Camp Early**

Register for camp and pay in full by before April 5, 2008 and receive a \$15. discount. Camp information is available on our bulletin boards.

## **Yes, We Will Have a Yard Sale**

Yes, we will be having a Yard Sale this year , but it will not happen until June this year. So it will just be a little later than you are used to. So continue to go through your things and save them for us a little longer.

## **W / ELCA - Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

### **April Circle Meetings**

Circle 1 will meet on Monday morning, April 7, at 9:30 am in the parlor with Pat Marovich leading the study. Circle 2 will meet Thursday, April 10, at 2 pm at the home of hostess Joyce James, 201 Shatto Drive, with Maye Wertz leading the discussion. Circle 3 will meet on Thursday evening, April 3, at 7 pm in the parlor, and Lissy Weirich will lead the lesson. Each circle is continuing the study on the Beatitudes. If you do not presently attend circle meetings, please join us at any of these times. Call or talk to Pat Boyne at 486-3832 if interested.

### **Lenten Luncheons Successful**

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America here at St. Paul sponsored the Lenten Luncheons each Wednesday throughout Lent. The ladies of the circle provided a light lunch, and then Pastor Tim led the devotions. These luncheons were enjoyed by all who attended and were very successful. The Women of the ELCA thank all the ladies who donated food for the lunches and who helped set up and serve the lunches. The women also thank all who helped in other ways, especially Pastor Tim for providing the devotions and for all his support.

### **Day of Renewal**

Plans have been made for the annual Day of Renewal sponsored by the Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization - a rewarding Spring day spent with other women enjoying speakers and workshops and culminating with a worship service. This year the event is to be held Saturday, April 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lebanon and the cost is \$10, which includes the program and a lunch. The title of the program is "Prepare...Do We Dare?", and the presenter is Rev. Sharon Vak Hoover. The offering will be given to the Agape House, which is a shelter for abused women and children. Let's have a group from St. Paul's attend this springtime day of renewal. Last year, Gladys Cashman, Miriam Kelly, and Pat Boyne attended a similar program and found it very rewarding. So mark April 19 on your calendar now! Circle leaders will have forms for you.

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org>

### **Scheduled Upcoming Events**

**Circle 3** - Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm in the parlor

**Circle 1** - Monday, April 7 at 9:30 am in the parlor

**Circle 2** - Thursday, April 10 at 2 pm at the home of Joyce James, 201 Shatto Dr

**Day of Renewal** - Saturday, April 19 at 9am at Holy Trinity Lutheran, Lebanon

**21<sup>st</sup> W/ ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synodical Convention** - June 27 & 28 at St. Paul Lutheran, Hanover

**7<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering, Women of the ELCA - Come to the Waters** - July 10-13, Salt Lake City

## Service

Recently I saw an article about service to God that made me think about my role as a steward of God's gifts to me. The article made a strong case for the ideas that service and servant hood are good qualities. The article argued not only that we should serve God but also that we already take on the role of servant willingly in many of the things we do on a regular basis. If you are a parent, then you serve the needs of your children. If you are in a service industry (teacher, health care, law, retail, many others) then the quality of your service directly affects your bottom line. And yet if asked, most would answer that we do not like the role of servant. It has a connotation of underling or weaker partner.

The Maundy Thursday service made me think about this is a very different light. In the service we had a reading about Jesus washing his disciples' feet. He willingly took the role of the servant in order to teach them (and us) a lesson about service. Of course, Christ is a good example of service in many forms. He served those who came to him for healing. He fed those who came to Him to hear his preaching. He went to those who called him for specific services such as Mary and Martha requesting him to help their brother Lazarus. But He also sought out opportunities such as the Samaritan woman at the well. Of course His journey to Jerusalem and the cross was the ultimate in service to us.

He usually seemed to enjoy and look forward to these acts of service. He sought people to heal and opportunities to preach. He took every opportunity to teach with these moments. But at Gethsemane he showed that He was willing to do things He did not really want to do. Jesus prayed for another way to finish the Father's plan, but he remained a servant of that plan to the end. That is a very tough standard.

As the years have passed and I have better appreciated the many blessings God has given me, I have sometimes looked for ways to give back. Most of the time I will help if it fits in my schedule and it is something that I am comfortable doing. I have even on occasion asked if I could help in a particular way. But at the Maundy Thursday service, I looked again and found that I have rarely sought to go where I am not comfortable to serve those who make me uncomfortable. I saw Christ's example and again marveled at the love that makes Him serve to enable my eternal life. This is the Easter season; the time when we celebrate Christ's conquest of death. He died to wash away our sins, and I look to his resurrection as the key to my own resurrection when He comes again. But I now see the service that He did and I ask myself what I can do to serve others by His example.

Steve Lindberg

### Note From Pastor Seibold

Pastor Seibold has been assigned to jury duty beginning March 31st. Therefore he will not be available for visiting until he is dismissed from jury duty.

### Peanut Butter Egg Thank You

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Peanut Butter eggs, to those who took orders for the eggs, those who delivered the PB eggs, those who bought the eggs and of course all those who love to eat the PB eggs too! We couldn't do it without you!

Even with a short season this year, we were able to make 103,000 Peanut Butter Eggs!

Thank you all for a job well done once again!

## **New Digs**

New Digs, through its ministry, makes a positive difference in the lives of low income individuals and families in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties, by collecting and distributing furniture and household items. New Digs fills a need to assist those who are disadvantaged when making life's most sensitive decisions. Starting over is never easy for anyone, but those with limited assets will find it most challenging.

New Digs is prepared to receive, store and issue materials that are required to "move in." Collected materials will be made available to those in need. If possible, please bring materials to their warehouse, which is located within Mission Central. Mission Central at 5 Pleasant View Drive in Mechanicsburg graciously donated storage space to New Digs.

If needed, New Digs will pick up and store anything that would be needed to help people on limited incomes to be able to live on their own. If you have anything that can be used (nice stuff requested), like furniture, sheets, towels, kitchen supplies, TVs and other electrical items that are still in good condition and cannot bring it to Mission Central, please call Ginny Jones and she will pick it up.

Recipients come by way of appropriate agencies, such as New Hope Ministries, Cumberland and Dauphin County MR/MR, Children and Youth, local churches, etc. A representative of the agency should contact New Digs to ensure the need. If you know of someone in need of this service, please call Ginny Jones at (717) 258-4361 or e-mail her at [newdigs02@yahoo.com](mailto:newdigs02@yahoo.com) The mailing address is New Digs % Mission Central, PO Box 2053, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-2053.

## **Vacation Bible School 2008**

Vacation Bible School will begin on July 27th . Please put this date on your calendar now so you don't miss a minute of the fun!

This year we'll be celebrating VBS with a curriculum called, "God's Big Back Yard."

As always it takes a lot of people to help make it a successful program so if you would like to volunteer to help please contact Jody Hafner, Tammy Jones or Rachel Rhine.

## **Occasional Help Wanted in Nursery**

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Are you responsible and caring? Do you like playing with children? The Christian Education Committee is currently looking for occasional substitutes in the church nursery.

Responsibilities include:

Welcoming families to the nursery and providing excellent childcare during worship services and Sunday School. St. Paul's has been blessed with a wonderful nurturing Nursery Attendant Brent Schaufert! (just ask any nursery age child)

However, occasionally Brent needs someone to fill in for him. If you possess the above mentioned skills and desire, please contact Rachel Rhine to apply, at 243-3482.

## C.A.R.E.S. at St. Paul's for the month of May

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our church is sponsoring the Combined Area Resources for Emergency Shelter or C.A.R.E.S. (as it is commonly known) for the month of May again. We are preparing to organize volunteers and plan logistics for opening our doors to those less fortunate.

Our role as the Host Facility is to provide our building for one month. This would include the sleeping areas, which will be in Stock Hall and restrooms. We need to provide a 2 Host Volunteers. One to open the Church each night in May and to orient our facility to the Overnight Volunteers and the second one to sit in the Pastor Office so our guests can use the shower. Each Host is asked to come in the evening at 8:30 PM till 10:00 PM. We would also like to have a Hospitality Committee that would set up beverages and light snacks each night.

We are currently in the process of planning other activities for our overnight guests. We would like to provide Saturday night dinners, Sunday breakfasts, invite our guests to the Wednesday Night Service (which would include dinner) and Movie Night as well as a Memorial Day Picnic.

This is where we would like to ask for your help. Please give prayerful consideration to participating in this ministry. We will have sign-up sheets to help in the parlor on April 13, 20 and 27. If you cannot make it to sign-up any of those dates and would be interested in volunteering, please call Sheila and Mark Thesen at 249-9690 or Pat Shearer at 258-8550.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Sheila Thesen

**Donations needed for the month of May:** Monetary, Grocery Store gift cards, juice, Ice Tea, Milk, peanut butter or cheese cracker packages, granola bars, cereal, popcorn, candy and soda for Movie night, toiletries (travel size toothbrush, washcloth, tissues, lotions, mouthwash, powder, deodorant for men and women, shampoo, combs, Clorox wipes, men's socks). You may drop off these items in our church office.

## **Summary of Council Wrap Up Meeting after Committee Meetings** **March 10, 2008**

Following is a summary of items that were discussed at the Congregational Council wrap-up after Committee Night on March 10, 2008.

- ◇ The Weimer Music Estate money will be moved from the Endowment Fund and other accounts to a separate account.
- ◇ The Centennial Fund will be closed and any left over money will be put in the Endowment Fund.
- ◇ There are many property issues that are being addressed.
- ◇ The Witness and Outreach Committee is making welcome packets for new members.
- ◇ Pastor Sadler shared information on belsnickeling. The Council agreed to allow the Carlisle Historical Society to advertise our Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner in conjunction with the belsnickeling event.
- ◇ The audit will soon be completed and a report will be given to the church in the near future.
- ◇ There are many fellowship activities coming up this year, for which the Committee will be asking for help from the congregation.
- ◇ Several dates and times of concerts that will be held at St. Paul were discussed.



## **Summary of Congregational Council Meeting** **February 25, 2008**

The following topics were discussed at the Congregational Council Meeting on February 25, 2008.

- ◇ Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. has received permission to use the church van on several weekends, use of the Stock Hall during the month of May and as needed during car show weekends.
- ◇ Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Nick Fox highlighted the Talent Show that the Youth will sponsor on March 30.
- ◇ Financially, St Paul's is healthy and very stable.
- ◇ A letter from Donald Tack was shared with the Council regarding Habitat for Humanity that will be building a house in Newville along with Thrivent. All Lenten offerings along with the memorials and honorariums in lieu of lilies will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.
- ◇ Committee reports may be found in the Church office.

## OUR COUNCIL

### Congregation Council Meeting 2008

Pastor:	Timothy Sadler
President:	Gary Nicholson
Vice-President:	Barry Parks
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Current Acct.:	Mark Ritter
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Finance Comm.:	Bill Suchocki
Property Comm.:	Dwight West
Social Ministry:	Margie Thumma
Stewardship Comm.:	John Brenner
Witness & Outreach:	Mary Ann Ernst
Worship & Music:	Michael Kulikoksy

### Committee Meetings are held:

The second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
(Unless it's a Monday holiday then it is Tuesday.)  
We begin in Stock Hall with devotions and announcements and then break out into individual Committee meetings. Everyone is welcome to come to committee night to visit and participate with the committee of your choice.

### Council Meetings are held:

The first Monday after the last Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m.  
(Unless it's a Monday holiday, then it is Tuesday.)

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### Important Note for Acolytes & Crucifers !

Please remember that you need to be in the sacristy 20 minutes before the beginning of the worship service !

If you are scheduled for the 8:00 worship, please be there by 7:40 a.m.

If you are scheduled for the 10:45 worship, please be here by 10:25 a.m.

This will eliminate any scrambling at the last minute to find someone because we don't know if you are going to show up or not.

Also, please remember to find a substitute ahead of time if you are unable to serve on a day that you are scheduled. Thank you.

### Acolytes & Crucifers Needed Youth or Adult

We are always in need of more acolytes and crucifers especially for the 8:00 worship service, **youth or adult.**

If you would be interested please contact Mike Kulikosky, Pastor Tim, Nick Fox, Jody Hafner or the church office. Thank you.

### Committee Meetings for April:

Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

### April Congregation Council Meeting:

Monday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.

