

# “Epistle” August 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.)

### **Worship Assistants** **We Need Your Help!**

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.

### **\*\*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 for 2008

- ⇒ We are planning a picnic and pool party in August. So keep watching the weekly Messenger and your emails for dates and details!
- ⇒ Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th. Make sure to join us during the Sunday School hour in Stock Hall that day because that is when we will be sharing our Haiti Mission Trip experiences in a special presentation for everyone!

### Attention All 6th—8th Grade Youth!

The 17th annual “Alive, Alive” retreat at Camp Nawakwa for youth in grades 6—8 is scheduled for September 19—21, 2008. A mailing went out about it just this week. But if you are in this age group and we may not know about it, just email me at: nfox@pa.net, and we will get the information out to you asap. It's an awesome experience you won't want to miss!



“Alive, Alive”  
Sept. 19—21, 2008

## Thrivent Builds / Habitat for Humanity Up-date

### Thrivent Builds / Habitat for Humanity Up-date

Saturday, July 19th installed the insulation in the walls, ceiling and crawl space. St. Paul's has agreed to take the Saturday, prime painting day. That can't happen until all the wallboard is done. We will let everyone know when we get a definite date for this work. Thanks everyone.

#### **(Directions)**

Habitat House is located at 1186 Green Spring Rd in Newville. Directions from Interstate 81 - Take Exit 47 (Newville) onto Centerville Rd. (Rt 233). Travel North toward Rt 11 and Newville. Continue through traffic light at Rt 11 to traffic light in Newville Boro. Turn left onto W. Main St. (Rt 641) travel West 5 miles. Build site will be on the left after passing Green Spring Church of God.

### Bus Trip News

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) has some extra seats available for the following bus trips:

- \* **Sept. 11—** Dutch Apple Dinner Theater to see *The Sound of Music*. Cost is \$64.00
- \* **Oct. 1—** Lancaster Host to see *As Time Goes By*, singers & dancers will recreate the music from the 20's 30's 40's 50's & beyond. Cost is \$63.00
- \* **Nov. 6—** Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see *A Playhouse Christmas 2008*. Cost is \$84.00

Price includes show, lunch, transportation and gratuities. For more information, contact Phyllis Myers at 249-3338.



## **Collection for Bandages**

Holly Hoffman is collecting sheets for Global Health Ministries, to be rolled into bandages. Sheets must be plain white and made of cotton or cotton blend. Please leave "contributions" labeled as such in the church office. Visit <http://www.ghm.org/resources/hands-on/rolledbandage.html> for more information. If you are interested in helping roll or have a group that would like to do this as a service project, see Holly or leave word in her mailbox or at 258-4439."

## **Wednesday Night Meal Committee Needs Your Help**

The Wednesday night meal committee is looking for two people to help clean up the kitchen after the meal or service. Volunteers would need to put away left over food and wash the cooking utensils that cannot be put in the dishwasher and generally clean up the kitchen. No floor scrubbing or heavy cleaning is required. If you would like to help with this growing ministry, please contact Carol Woods at 249-7066, 780-3232 or 908-6019.

Thank you for considering this request.

## **Clean**



## **UP**

## **Blood Group—Blood Donors**

It has come to our attention that many of our members may not be aware that we have a Blood Donor Group here and that we belong to the Central PA Blood Bank. The Central PA Blood Bank became a Non-Profit Corporation in 1960 but did not become operational until August of 1964. The purpose was to combine all hospital blood donor files into one common file, to recruit blood donor groups and individuals, arrange for the movement of blood between hospitals, handle all paperwork associated with all the above and send donors to hospitals on an as needed basis. Since then it has changed very little but has become more sophisticated. We currently have 13 member hospitals and are responsible for 100% of their blood need. We need the support and cooperation of individuals such as yourself to accomplish this goal.

Donation process: It is a safe and easy process that takes about an hour. As a blood donor, you will be asked to complete a registration form and to read an educational pamphlet about it. You will be registered into the computer system and given a "mini" physical by a technician. You should have a list of all medications you are taking. They will check your iron level to make sure it's high enough for you to donate blood. Providing all is well, a skilled technician will then draw one pint of blood. After the blood is drawn, you'll be asked to rest a few minutes and are given some refreshments. You can donate blood at the Applewood Clinic located behind Orrstown Bank, Stonehedge. From Jan.—March of 2008, 15 people donated blood in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carlisle name. That brings our total to 15 pints for the year. If you have any questions about donating blood or how to go about using the blood in St. Paul's name if you would need to while in the hospital, please contact Doris Brion at 486-4470.

## **Notes From Vicar Terry...**

Even though I just began my time as your vicar, I have a confession to make. I hardly ever send out thank you cards or written invitations any longer. Perhaps it's because I truly value the personal interaction involved in expressing gratitude to someone face to face, or that I am too eager to invite someone to a certain endeavor or activity, that I just want to go and tell them about it or at least call them on the phone and ask them. As I've recently asked people to be on the internship committee I've found myself doing this as I am eager to hear their response.

It might also be that calling someone on the phone or sending someone an email with today's technology is just so darn convenient and by using these devices someone receives my gratitude or invitation almost immediately as opposed to a card that is sent through the mail.

Yet there is something special about receiving and possessing a thank you card or a written invitation. One might receive it in the mail amongst the bills & junk mail and this personal note surprises you. You open it eagerly and read it and hold it in your hands reflecting on the person who sent it to you with whom you have a relationship with. Perhaps you feel touched or blessed or surprised or joyful because of this relationship.

Scripture is full of examples of thank you notes and invitations. The Apostle Paul writes continually to his fellow Christians in the communities he has ministered to, of how grateful he is to God for them. The Psalms also speak often of being thankful to God for all he has done. Indeed it could also be argued that the whole Bible is one big invitation to be in relationship with Almighty God who desires a relationship with each of us. As Christians we believe this desire is ultimately demonstrated by the incarnation, death and resurrection of the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

So in this space today I want to send a thank you note to everyone at St. Paul's who has welcomed me these past few weeks given me a smile or a hug or said a kind word, driven me to breakfast or laughed at one of my awkward attempts to be funny. Thank you for your friendship and your kindness. All of these actions have meant the world to me as I transition into my new role and position here.

I also want to extend a formal invitation to each of you to share the story of your life in faith with me. Perhaps it simply takes the form of a few minutes of chit-chat or re-telling of family stories. It might be a moment of prayer over a cup of coffee or even an email correspondence. Even though my office door might be closed in the summer because of the air conditioning, my door is always open to each of you, and I can be reached by phone or email. I can't wait for the conversations to begin and the relationships that God has already blessed to continue.

Wishing you God's Peace and Blessings,

Vicar Terry

## **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.

## **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.

\* Please see pages 7 and 8 for our "Get Acquainted" pages this month highlighting new disciples of St. Paul's.

### **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.





## Special Congregational Meeting on August 10, 2008

**The Congregation Council has called a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> in Stock Hall following the late worship service.**

Prior to the start of the meeting a light lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. The meats, cheeses, rolls and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Families are asked to bring either a salad and or desert to share according to your last name.

Last names beginning with A through M are asked to bring a salad.

Last names beginning with N through Z are asked to bring a dessert.

The special congregational meeting is called for the purpose to bring three pieces of business before the congregation on the recommendation of the congregation council. The three pieces of business to be brought before the congregation are the following:

Elect representatives to serve as the Endowment Fund Committee,

Review and vote on recommended changes to the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's Constitution, and

Review and vote on a proposed amendment to change the church's name from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For your information, below are brief descriptions of each piece of business that will be brought before the congregation on August 10, 2008.

- **Elect representatives to the Endowment Fund Committee.** It has come to the attention of the Congregation Council that the Endowment Fund is to be managed by a five member committee elected by the congregation. Currently there is not a committee in place.

The nominating committee was tasked with finding persons interested in serving on the Endowment Fund Committee. The nominating committee has submitted the following members to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee.

Don Tack – 1 year term

Jay Sexton – 2 year term

Jimmie George – 2 year term

Ron Weibley – 3 year term

Lee Ann Stump – 3 year term

- **Review and approve recommended changes to the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's constitution.** The Constitution and Bylaw Committee has completed the task of updating the constitution. The updated constitution has been approved by the Congregation Council.

Copies of the current constitution and the proposed updated changes to the constitution are available in the parlor.

- **Amendment to change the name of the church by removing the “ ’s ”.** The proposed amendment would change the name of the church from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Please remember that no other business than the stated purposes for the meeting can be conducted at a special congregational meeting.

Seventy-five voting members are required to constitute a quorum. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Questions can be directed to Gary Nicholson, President, Congregation Council, or Michael Kulikosky, Chairperson, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, or Pastor Tim, or any other congregation council member.



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**Helen Brenneman Memorial Scholarship**  
**and**  
**Daryl Griffie Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarships will be awarded to several youth from St. Paul for the 2008 – 2009 academic year from the Helen Brenneman Memorial Scholarship Fund. They are Edward Benish, Christopher Farrands, Ethan Nicholson, Brian Railing, Jeremy Railing and Paul Tomkiel. The members of the selection committee headed by Joyce Hemminger were Katie Adams, Sue Boyles, Patti Kistler and Linda Witmer. The Committee awarded \$20,000 in scholarship money from the Helen Brenneman Memorial Scholarship fund.

The family of Daryl Griffie has awarded the Daryl Griffie Memorial Scholarship to Jeremy Railing for the 2008 – 2009 academic year.

Both scholarships will be awarded to students at the 10:45am worship service on August 10, 2008.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**August—2008**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—(Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

**Sunday**

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion &

10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion

Please read Matthew 14: 13-21—Jesus feeds the 5000.

**Wednesday—August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion in the Parlor

6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

**August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — (Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

**Sunday**

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion

Please read Matthew 14: 22-33—Jesus walking on the sea.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 10:45  
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Wednesday—August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion

6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

**August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost—(Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

**Sunday—**

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion

Please read Matthew 15: 10-28—The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed.

**Wednesday—August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion

6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—(Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion

Please read Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52—The profession of Peter's faith.

**Wednesday—August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion

6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

**August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—(Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion

Please read Matthew 16: 21-28—The rebuke to Peter.

### **Annual Block Party– 9/14**

The annual St. Paul's Community Block Party is coming fast! We are now accepting donations for this most fun event. The date for the party is Sunday, September 14, 2008. This has become something both the family of St. Paul's look forward to and the larger Carlisle community as well. Since all food is provided without charge, **please consider a donation of one or more of the following:**

- \* Hot Dogs
- \* Rolls to match
- \* Dessert bars & treats such as, cookies, brownies, rice krispie treats etc. (wrapped)
- \* Cases of soda or water
- \* Popcorn

There is also an opportunity to help set up, serve at one of the food or game activities and ...the always popular...clean up after the fun. The time for set up begins immediately following the 10:45 worship service (approx. 12:15) with the party beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sign up sheets will be placed in the office closer to the time. Let's make this the best Block Party ever!

### **Pennies for Patients Update**

Thank you, thank you, thank you, on behalf of the children in the Wednesday evening "Sunday School" class. Thanks to everyone who donated pennies to St Jude's Children's Hospital. 19,994 pennies were collected!

### **Project SHARE Volunteers**

Project SHARE is in need of volunteers to drive their box truck to the Shippensburg auction to pick up produce. Volunteers must be over 25, with a good driving record. They will also be required to load the truck using pallet jacks and unload the truck at Project SHARE. Contact Pam Bream at 249-0591 or 249-7773.

We also need several volunteers to help us transport compost from our Farm Stand to the Dickinson College Farm on Park Drive in Boiling Springs once or twice a week. This run is for the duration of the growing season and we can provide the truck. Thank you for helping us as we care for our environment by preventing unnecessary waste. If you are available, please contact Project Share at 243-7773 or email to [pamshare@pa.net](mailto:pamshare@pa.net).

### **Project SHARE Needs**

The greatest needs at Project SHARE right now are: canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, Similac formula with Iron, As always, they need lots of beef stew from St. Paul's. Please bring in the items and place them in the basket in the parlor or in the long sacristy hallway. Thank you.



Se yon gran jou bay Bondye glwa! It's a great day to praise the Lord!

After a 38 hour layover in Atlanta, Georgia, our mission team is finally home from Haiti! The mission team members from St. Paul's consisted of Nick Fox, Heather Hartline, Jeremy Railing, Shannon McCoy, Elliot Metzger, Brian Railing, and Brian Stambaugh. During our week in Haiti, our 28 person team led a Christian summer camp for children in the town of Ouanaminthe. There were about 300 children that spoke French Creole and ranged from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Our team from St. Paul's was responsible for teaching grades 7 and 8, which was approximately 50 students. When we weren't interacting with the children, we helped do various tasks around the school and mission house. We also had the opportunity to attend a Haitian Baptist church service, visit an old fort, swim at a waterfall, walk around the town, attend the Dominican Republic-Haiti Olympics opening ceremony, and tour the new medical clinic. Our boys even played a basketball game against the Haitian Olympic team. The whole trip was an experience that we will never forget.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our mission trip to Haiti. Thank you for your prayers while we were away. It would not have been possible for us to have this life-changing experience without your support.

Please feel free to talk to anyone on our team about our mission trip. We are ready and eager to share our experiences with the hundreds of pictures, hours of video footage, and thousands of stories and memories we brought back with us. Also, keep an eye out for our Haiti mission presentation, which will take place in early September.

Nap mache bay Bondye glwa (Walking in the light of God),

Heather Hartline  
Shannon McCoy  
Elliot Metzger  
Brian Stambaugh

Nick Fox  
Jeremy Railing  
Brian Railing



## *A Note from the Pastor*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the next several weeks we will be having more than a half dozen baptisms here at St. Paul. We have been blessed with the opportunity to live out the command from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as proclaimed in Matthew 28: 19-20—

*“...Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you till the end of the age.”*

Recently I was asked by a parishioner what we believed about baptism. The concern was raised in conversation with a friend and there was a desire to respond as an informed Lutheran Christian. How do we respond to those questioning our practice regarding Baptism?

Baptism is one of the two Holy Sacraments in the Lutheran Church. The other sacrament is Holy Communion also known as the Eucharist. A sacrament is “an external action to which, according to a maxim of Augustine, the word comes so that the actions become themselves ‘visible words’ of the gospel. The word comes to the action as the command that it be done; and the word comes to the action as a promise of the gospel made about and by the action.” (Bratten/Jenson, p.291) In other words, a sacrament is an action done by the Holy Spirit (not us) which we are commanded to do, this is a promise as recorded in Scripture, which brings to us a ‘means of grace.’ In Baptism the old Adam is put to death and we are granted new life, Thanks be to God.

We are a “Confessing” Church—that means we have confessions that help us proclaim what we believe. In the Augsburg Confession we hear these words about baptism:  
*It is taught among us that Baptism is necessary and that grace is offered through it. Children, too, should be baptized, for in Baptism they are committed to God and become acceptable to him. On this account the Anabaptists who teach that infant Baptism is not right are rejected. (Article 9, Augsburg Confession)*  
 Paul tells us in his letter to the church in Rome—*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his Death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6: 3-4)* Because of the promises of baptism we know that after life comes death and added to that sequence is new birth. The new birth is called “Baptism.” In Baptism we are put to death with Christ, and then, with him, we are given new life.

As we participate in the baptisms of the next several weeks, may we remember our baptisms and God’s claim upon our lives.

Let us Pray,

Lord God Almighty, without our advice or consent you gave us life through our birth and Baptism. Without our consent you adopted us through Baptism, made us your own, and loved us beyond our understanding.

It is your name, Lord Jesus, that we have been baptized. You, with the Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, love us. You make the Baptism joyful, for we are not only baptized like you for this lifetime, but resurrected like you for the life to come.

Holy Spirit, you keep calling us back to our Baptism so that we might gather with the faithful to hear God's word, receive forgiveness, and have the will to seek God's will for our daily life. You do this out of sheer love for us, to keep us from seeking to make our way in life without you.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit you shower us with gifts beyond our merit or understanding. What you did for us on the day of our Baptism, you do for us this day also. You adopt us today, make us your own today, and love us beyond our understanding today.

Help us accept this pure grace from you without hesitancy. Keep us from adding any condition to your love. Let us trust you like children trust loving parents.  
Amen. (We Believe, pp. 41-42)

May God continue to bless our ministry together.

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Tim*

The Rev. Timothy W. Sadler

Lead Pastor

## **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

### **Baby step your way to financial independence**

#### **Imagine eating an apple in one bite...**

That's what saving for your long-term financial goals can feel like if you don't first break them into small, manageable steps.

The best way to achieve your financial goals is to save early and often. This gives your money more time to grow. For example, by setting aside as little as \$20 a month, your savings can add up to \$15,173.50 in 20 years.\*

In addition to saving often and early, these steps can put you on your way to achieving your long-term financial goals:

- Establish an emergency savings account.
- Pay off your credit card debt.
- Set up a college savings plan.
- Open an IRA.

For help reaching your financial goals, contact [name], [title], [designation] at [number] or [e-mail address] today, or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

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## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

A special thank you to all those who continue to make our prayer shawl ministry a blessing to so many. A few weeks ago, Pastor Tim distributed 18 shawls to residents at Manor Care. The shawls were greatly appreciated and extended God's love from St Paul's to those in special need. Thanks to Pat Boyne, Gladys Cashman, Charlyn Larson, Ken and Alice Walsh, Joyce Gries, Joyce Warner, Mary Ann Ernst, Mary Lou Secrist and Lissy Weirich for helping with the service and distribution of shawls. Keep watching for information about a

special get-together for all involved in this special ministry sometime this Fall. This will be an opportunity to get to know the others involved in the ministry as well as a chance to voice concerns and suggest changes you would like to have considered. Again, a warm thank-you to all who make this expression of Christ's love possible. God Bless you all.



## Stephen Ministry – Where did it all begin?

It dates back to 1974 when Kenneth C. Haugk, a pastor and a clinical psychologist, was pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in St. Louis Missouri. Fresh out of Seminary, his strengths and heart were in caregiving ministry, and he was looking forward to making a positive impact on his congregation and community by providing pastoral care to all those experiencing divorce, grief, hospitalization, discouragement, and other life difficulties.

Very quickly, though, he found that the needs for care by far exceeded that which he alone could provide. He faced one of a pastor's greatest frustrations: seeing people slipping through the cracks because their urgent needs were going unmet. In November of 1974, he discussed the situation with two seminary friends over a cup of coffee. The conversation turned to Ephesians 4 and "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." Haugk realized that God didn't intend for pastors to monopolize ministry. Rather, God gave all his people gifts for ministry and one of his roles as pastor was to equip others to use their gifts in ministry.

Haugk returned to St. Stephen's with a plan. In the coming months he recruited nine lay people who had gifts and heart to do caring ministry. He then used his combined backgrounds in theology and psychology to develop a training program in Christian caregiving. By March 1975 the nine were commissioned as "Stephen Ministers." Their first care receivers included a widower, a blind person, a young woman with cancer, a truck driver forced to retire early, and an inactive member struggling with faith issues.

The impact was immediate. People began receiving the focused Christian care they needed. Fewer people were slipping through the cracks, and Haugk found he had more time to perform his other pastoral duties. The Stephen Ministers were surprised by the spiritual growth they encountered as they saw God working through them to bring love and healing to others.

The story would have ended there, had not two of the Stephen Ministers cornered Haugk on a hot May morning after worship services. "This is good stuff," they said to him. "We're not going to let you go until you promise to bring this ministry to other churches!" Still wearing his vestments and perspiring from the heat, Haugk gave in and agreed to find a way to bring Stephen Ministry to other churches.

In November 1975 Haugk and his wife Joan founded a not-for-profit Stephen Ministries organization and began bringing Stephen Ministry to other congregations. It spread like wildfire. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Carlisle, PA is one of more than 10,000 congregations from more than 150 Christian denominations that now have Stephen Ministry. Over a 450,000 people have been trained as Stephen Ministers, a number that grows by tens of thousands each year. More than a million people across the United States, Canada, and the world have been touched by God's love through a Stephen Minister.

**All of us will face difficult times when we need a trustworthy friend who will listen. If you feel you would benefit by talking with a Stephen Minister, please contact Rachel Rhine or Pastor Tim.**



## Christian Education News



### Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School is in full swing! Come join the fun! Our youngest students through those entering kindergarten will meet in Room #213 (the room adjoining the nursery). Students having completed kindergarten to those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in Room #211 (across the hallway from the nursery), Students having completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade may begin catechism classes (meeting in the room above Stock Hall). Youth will meet down stairs in the youth room and adults have four classes from which to choose. For more information on joining a class contact Rachel Rhine (243-3482) or any Sunday School teacher.

### Adult Sunday School Opportunities

#### Augsburg Class

The Augsburg Sunday School Class led by Dave Boyles, meets in the room inside the Courtyard door of Stock Hall. You are invited to join us any time.

#### Adolescent Mental Development and Social Research about Youth: Implications for Christian Education Class

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", continues moving forward, with lively discussions being a regular part of class...join us in the Vicar's office! The next meeting dates will be: August 3, 10, 24 and September 7 and 14.

#### Hot-Topics Adult Class

The Hot-Topics Adult Sunday School Class meets in Stock Hall each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. Please join us as we explore our faith as it relates to living in God's world.

#### Pastor Tim's Class

Pastor Tim's Class meets each Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

## Adult Sunday School Class





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

## Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America from the Lower Susquehanna Synod held their twenty-first annual convention on June 27 and June 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hanover. Gladys Cashman, Miriam Kelly, Mary Nicholson and Pat Boyne attended and represented the women of St. Paul. The theme was "Walk boldly toward healing." Our women representatives attended a variety of workshops and shared ideas with other women from the synod. Bishop B. Penrose Hoover preached at the Saturday morning worship service, and also had dialogue with the women at the convention on Friday afternoon. <http://www.lss-elca.org>

## Blessing of the Backpacks

The Women of the ELCA will again sponsor the blessing of the backpacks, book bags, or totes at the services on August 16 and 17. The women will provide key chains in the shape of a cross to be given to all who come forward with their backpacks, book bags or totes. Anyone returning to school is welcome to participate - students of all ages. Please remember the dates!

## Combined Fall Meeting - Save the Date

The Women of the ELCA here at St. Paul will begin their fall season with a combined meeting in Stock Hall on Thursday evening, September 4 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend, so save the date on your calendars now. Featured will be a 20<sup>th</sup> year celebration of the Women of the ELCA with special entertainment by Debi Irene Wahl, who portrays hymn writer, Fanny J. Crosby. Debi offers an uplifting portrayal of Fanny, so plan to attend and enjoy the evening with the Women of the ELCA! Fanny will be there, will you????

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org> Scheduled Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Backpacks - services of August 16 and 17



Combined Fall Meeting - September 4 at 7 pm in Stock Hall - All are welcome!



## **Summaries of Congregation Council Meetings**

### Summary: Congregational Council Meeting **June 30, 2008**

- Dr. Holly Hoffman gave a short presentation describing her Diaconal Ministry Project. The project is a Stephen-Ministry like service for 11 – 18 year olds.
- Two people will be traveling to St. Louis, MO for a leadership conference.
- The new Facilities Use Policy and forms are available in the Church office.
- Mrs. Marjorie Thumma has resigned from the Congregational Council and as Chairperson of the Social Ministry Committee.
- The confirmation class and Pastor Tim recently traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the National Cathedral and the zoo.
- Carol Woods will attend an archiving seminar at the Gettysburg Seminary in September.
- Council is beginning to look for a new web-master.
- A list of new disciples was approved by the Council.
- Pastor Tim and Karen will be donating two lap-top computers to the church.
- Vicar Terry will be joining us on July 14, 2008.



### Summary: Wrap-up Congregational Council Meeting Following Committee Night **July 14, 2008**

- A Congregational Meeting will be held August 10, 2008 after the 10:45am worship service. Lunch will be served.
- A Blessing of the Animals is planned by the Witness and Outreach Committee for October 4, 2008.
- There are 15 people interested in going on the mission trip to the Rocky Boy reservation.
- Six Brenneman Scholarships will be awarded to St. Paul youth totaling \$20,000. The awards will be made at the 10:45am worship service on August 10, 2008.
- The first reading of the 2009 mission plan will occur at the regular Council meeting in late August.

## OUR COUNCIL

### Congregation Council Meeting 2008

Pastor:	Timothy Sadler
President:	Gary Nicholson
Vice-President:	Barry Parks
Secretary:	Carol Woods
Current Acct.:	Mark Ritter
Benevolent Acct.:	Brian Nelson
B/M & Organ:	Joe Keller
Christian Ed. Comm.:	Rachel Rhine
Fellowship Comm.:	Mary Jane Keller
Finance Comm.:	Bill Suchocki
Property Comm.:	Dwight West
Social Ministry:	
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 Kulikoksy, Pastor Tim, Nick Fox, Jody Hafner or the church office. Thank you.

Due to Vacation Bible School the July Council Meeting will take place on Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings for August : Monday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m.

August Congregation Council Meeting: (Mon. is Labor Day) Tuesday, September 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.

