

“Epistle” January 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 and 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 15th of the previous month. That means that all information that you would like included in the August Epistle should be in by August 15th.. You may email information and articles to either:

stpauls@pa.net or
thereighards@pa.net

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

Thank you.

Hearing Devices

Our congregation provides wireless ear devices for those who need them. 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.

****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.

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 News

- Can't hear the pastor? St. Paul's has a wireless system to boost the sound for those who need it. Individual earpieces fit in the ear. See an usher for one of these devices if you'd like to try one out during worship in the nave.

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.

Study on Youth Development and Ministry

Dr. Holly Hoffman will present an adult Sunday School class titled "Adolescent Mental Development and Social Research about Youth: Implications for Christian Education" starting in January in the **parlor** during the regular 9:30 am Sunday School hour. A printed study guide with reading material will be provided. This course is primarily aimed at the parents of Catechism students, but is open to all those who deal with young people ... even grandparents! You are welcome to join us whenever you are able.

Dates will be:

Jan. 6, 13, and 27

Feb. 3, 10, and 24

Mar. 2, 16, and 13

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.)

*******Hospital Updates*******

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.

CPR/AED and First Aid Training

Thanks to all who completed the "Church First Aid Kit-Operators Needed" form!

About 12 of you also expressed an interest in taking a course in First Aid and/or CPR/AED use. **Training has been arranged for Saturday, January 12, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parlor.** (The full training will take 5 hours and therefore has to be held on a Saturday.) Cost will be \$25, payable by the due date below, checks to American Red Cross. The Red Cross will do the CPR/AED segment first, so that those who do not need or want First Aid can leave early. It is also possible to "test out" and leave early if this is a review and you have retained all your skills. Even if you didn't fill out the original survey, you are still welcome to take this training.

A light lunch/snacks will be provided.

Please sign up below and **place form in Holly Hoffman's mailbox by 12/30/07 in order to receive your cards at the training.** (Late registrations can be taken but will receive their cards later). Thanks again!

Name _____

Phone # _____

CPR/AED only? _____

All 3 trainings? _____

First time or refresher?

The New Missionary Family We are Sponsoring

At our annual Congregation Meeting November 18, 2007, we voted to begin sponsoring a new missionary family, the Rev. Chad and Natalie Rimmer and their two sons, Paul Michael and Luke. The Rimmers are serving at the International Church in Copenhagen, Denmark, the same setting for ministry as the previous missionary family we were sponsoring, the Rev. Timothy and Mary Ann Stewart and their two children, Isaac and Annika. The Stewarts left Copenhagen and global service in August 2006 and now are living in the state of Washington, where Pr. Stewart is serving a congregation.

Pr. Rimmer had served his internship under Pr. Stewart at the International Church in Copenhagen, so the ministry setting is not totally new to him or to Natalie. He began his new call in August of 2006. For more information about the Rimmers, please take a look at their web site www.therimmers.org. For information about their ministry in Copenhagen, please see www.internationalchurch.dk.

In time for the season of Epiphany, the season in which the Church focuses on spreading the good news of Jesus to all nations, we will have here at St. Paul a bulletin board display about the Rimmers and their ministry in Copenhagen. Please take time to look at the display and learn about our new missionary family.

The International Church of Copenhagen

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www.internationalchurch.dk
internationalchurchcopenhagen@gmail.com
Sunday Worship 11:30 at Sct. Andreas Kirke,
Gothersgade 148

December, 2007

Greetings to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ!

I am writing this letter to all the members, pastors and staff of **Advent Lutheran** - York, PA, **Christ Lutheran** - Manchester, PA, **St. James Lutheran** - York, PA, **St. John Lutheran** "Brick Church" - Montgomery, PA, **St. Matthew Lutheran** - York, PA, **St. Paul Lutheran** - Carlisle, PA, and **Union Lutheran** - York, PA. According to the Missionary Sponsorship Program of ELCA's Global Mission Unit, you are the congregations who have entered into a covenant relationship with us for the year 2008.

We are thrilled and blessed to receive you as partners in our ministry to serve the Gospel of Christ in this international, ecumenical outreach of the ELCA in Denmark, at the International Church of Copenhagen. Your support gives vital resources to continue our mission in this place. Let me take a moment to introduce you to that mission, what role you play in it, and ideas about ways we can grow our relationship.

Since 1961, the ELCA chartered the "American Lutheran Church" in Copenhagen, to provide a community of faith for US expatriates who lived here after World War II. Over the next couple of decades, Christians of all nations and denominations began to come to the "American Church", not because they were American or Lutheran, but because it was a community of faith that functioned in English.

(If you know anything about the Danish language, you'll understand why this is so important!) By the early 1990s, the congregation was made up of Christians from over 25 different countries, and nearly 20 different Christian denominations. In order to reflect this growing identity, we changed the name to "The International Church of Copenhagen".

In the past few years, ICC has intentionally embraced its international, ecumenical nature. We are made up of American Evangelicals, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Armenian and Ethiopian Orthodox and many more in between. We worship using Ecumenical forms of worship and music that reflect our diverse cultures and nationalities. We conduct our education, fellowship and diakonia in ways that encourage Christians of different cultures, nationalities and church traditions to have a place of authentic interaction so that we can experience the breadth of God's activity in the world, and create peace among God's people.

According to the ELCA's Accompaniment model of missions, we have a good and growing relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark, den Danske Folkekirke. The Bishop of Copenhagen installs the pastor of ICC, and we are allowed to worship in a Danish church building (currently we are worshipping at Sct. Andreas Kirke). The ELCD is the state church of Denmark, technically "the people's church", of which the Queen is a member. For that reason, many ask, "what are we doing with a missionary in a Lutheran country?" Being that the ELCD is a state church, their ministry is always in Danish and rightfully so. However, Copenhagen is an international setting where people from all over the world find themselves assigned either by their government, employment, marriage, education, or the UN refugee assignment process. This multitude of people (whose first or second language is not Danish) may not have the language ability to participate in a Danish ministry. So, the ELCA provides this ministry that is vital to the migrant community, welcomed by the Diocese of Copenhagen, and life giving to your brothers and sisters who seek a community of faith as an integral part of their new life in a new land.

This is the reason that most of our congregation is made up of people who are very transient... refugees, diplomats, students, international educators, employed families who are here for assignments between 1 and 3 years. Our congregation turns over about 30% of its membership every year. Services of Farewell and Godspeed are a staple in our liturgical rhythm, but so are new member receptions. Our congregation is a visible sign of God's faithfulness in building up communities with new and unimagined gifts. We live the Emmaus Road experience whereby we get to walk with one another often for just a brief time – and there in our midst, we discover the presence of Christ.

In this ministry people of faith find welcome, support, fellowship, even a place to stay here in our parsonage. Since the early '60s, ICC owns a church parsonage in which the pastoral family lives, the office is located (in the basement), and space is maintained for our meetings, activities, fellowship gatherings, and guests who always find an open door, a soft bed and a warm meal. Our ministry is one of hospitality, designed to welcome the stranger in a foreign land. We model our ministry on the witness of Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, Peter and Cornelius – never quite sure who is coming, and constantly surprised by the way the Spirit is able to knit together a community of faith from perfect strangers by the golden thread of the Spirit's unity in the bond of Peace.

We feel that this unity is our contribution to the witness of God's Kingdom on earth. In our worship diplomats and refugees kneel together to receive the sacraments. In our gathering Ethiopians and Eritreans, Iranians and Americans, Pakistanis and Indians gather together to pursue the Wisdom of God in the ways that make for peace, rooted in the Gospel that is at the center of our life and faith. In ICC, God's people can find hope, redemption, reconciliation, unity and the freedom to faithfully live the Peace of Christ in a restless, struggling world.

We have a few partners in that ministry. The first and greatest is, of course, the Copenhagen Diocese of den Danske Folkekirke, and Sct. Andreas Parish. But our partners also include Tværkulturelt Centre (Cross Cultural Center), where we provide outreach ministries and English language worship for Refugees, mostly from the Middle East and Africa. We are also a member of the Danish National Council of Churches, where we participate in local ministries, and host forums on ecumenical topics of faith formation, global awareness and advocacy.

And we are proud to welcome you as a partner in our international, ecumenical ministry. Your support helps the ELCA provide a pastor and family during a time when Global Mission is working faithfully to find the resources to support its missionaries around the world. Because of budget limitations, the ELCA does not budget any financial support for its international churches, and neither does the ELCD. All of our support is gleaned from a transient membership, and the willing stewardship of sister congregations like yours. In faithful response, our congregation commits to supporting ministries around the world, too. 10% of our small budget is dedicated to benevolence for partners in ministry. Reflecting our international identity, we support one ministry on each continent. Last year, our Senior Youth garnered enough support to travel to our sister congregation in Khayelitsha, South Africa, and serve children living with HIV/AIDs at St. Michael's Sophumelela preschool. While ICC is itself a mission congregation, this is one way that we strive to also be a center for practicing mission.

Now, let me suggest some ways that we can practice that mission together. We can certainly learn a great deal from one another by simply communicating. We will share our newsletters, and keep you informed of our life and ministry. Part of our covenant is to pray for one another. Please keep us informed of your congregation's prayer requests so that we can pray for you, too. We also invite you to visit our personal website as well as ICC's website. On these websites you can see images, read blogs, find Danish crafts and recipes and follow our life. **But we have also reserved pages specifically for you to use.**

On ICC's webpage, please visit:
[www.internationalchurch.dk/
 supportingchurches.aspx](http://www.internationalchurch.dk/supportingchurches.aspx)

On the Rimmers' website, please visit:
www.therimmers.org/supportingchurches

We would love for you to use these pages to post your comments, stories, and pictures, so that we can share in your ministry, too.

And finally, I would love to encourage cooperation between our Christian Education programs. Whatever there is to learn through Global Mission – whatever growth is to be gained from experiencing God's work at work in the world beyond the distance that our eyes can see and our ears can hear, we should place that experience in the hands and hearts of our children. We can find creative ways for them to communicate and grow together. In the same way, our youth groups, and adult education classes could share with one another. We welcome any thoughts that you might have to build this relationship.

Finally, I want to personally thank you for your support. While I am the pastor called by the ELCA, this ministry would never be possible without Natalie's faithful gifts. ICC and Global Mission called us with the understanding that this is a family ministry that includes and impacts our life in every way, notwithstanding our two boys, Paul Michael and Luke. As a family, we share the responsibility that comes with the pastoral yoke (stole), and we grow together in the rich blessings of international ministry. For helping to make this possible, we thank you for your sacrificial sharing. We hope you can grow from the experience, and we look forward to all that our relationship has to offer.

So for now, on behalf of my family, ELCA Global Mission, and the International Church of Copenhagen, we send our warmest greetings from the land of the Vikings and Kings, Danish pastry and red cabbage, Kierkegaard and Grundtvig, Hans Christian Andersen and the Little Mermaid, and our most fervent prayers for you our brothers and sisters in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all,
 Rev. Chad M. Rimmer

A Note from the Pastor

I would like to “Thank” everyone for their cards and various gifts during this season of Christmas. As pastor, it is very easy to become so immersed in the ‘doing’ of things at times like Christmas that the personal participation all but disappears. Opening your greetings and gifts kept me involved with this season in a personal manner and I truly am grateful to all of you for that grounding.

We are now in the midst of the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” This short season of the church year brings us, with the Magi, to the Babe in the manger bearing gifts. We have been so blessed by our Lord here at St. Paul—what could we possibly give? I recall one of my favorite Christmas Season hymns by Gustav Host titled *In the Bleak Midwinter*:

*What can I give him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him--
Give my heart.*

“A Christmas Classic,” Augsburg Publishing House, 1983, p. 46

--May we respond to the gracious gift of that Babe in the Manger with nothing less than our whole heart—are very being.

Karen and I will be on vacation from January the 21st (Monday) through January the 27th (Sunday). During this time of vacation Pastor Christopher Frye will be supplying on Wednesday evening the 23rd and Pastor Seibold will be supplying on Wednesday morning the 23rd and Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th. In the case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Seibold at (717)-532-7628.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Tim

Rev. Timothy W. Sadler

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
January—2008

Wednesday— January 2nd, 2008—(white)

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion in the Parlor
6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

January 5th & 6th, 2008—Epiphany of Our Lord—(white)

Saturday

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion
Please read Matthew 2: 1-12—Christ revealed to the nations.

Wednesday—January 9th, 2008—(white)

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion in the Parlor
6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

January 12th & 13th, 2008—Baptism of Our Lord — (white)

Saturday

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

Sunday

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion
Please read Matthew 3: 13-17—Christ revealed as God's servant.

Wednesday—January 16th, 2008—(white)

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion
6:00 P.M.—Contemporary Worship in Stock Hall

January 19th & 20th, 2008—Second Sunday after Epiphany-- (green)

Saturday

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

Sunday

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

Please read John 1: 29-42—Christ revealed as the Lamb of God.

Wednesday—January 23rd, 2008—(green)

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion

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

January 26th & 27th, 2008—Third Sunday after Epiphany—(green)

Saturday

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

Sunday

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

Please read Matthew 4: 12-23—Christ revealed as a prophet.

Wednesday—January 30th, 2008—(green)

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion

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

From The Stewardship Committee

“I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

Martin Luther

This quote from Martin Luther comes from the text of the The Treasure Principle Workshop that some of us are studying on Sunday mornings. The Stewardship Committee acquired the workshop to help us to reconsider our relationships to God; particularly in relation to our use of the time, talents, and treasures that he has given us. Martin Luther challenges us to let go of the things that we want to possess and to place all things into God’s hands. That is a very hard challenge, but is one that Jesus used in his preaching about salvation to the rich man.

As is the fashion of the Sunday morning group, we wander about in our discussions. What is stewardship about? Is tithing still a church teaching? (A recent study published in a local paper said most people do not think so.) How much giving is enough? Do you have to give it all to the church or are there other worthy causes that we can support? You cannot buy your way into heaven, so why do we even try? Why not just live a good life and let Christ sort it out at judgment? These are only some of the discussion lines, and the range of examples is even wider. You can see that we are challenged mightily by the idea of stewardship.

There is an image in the Treasure Principle that I have found very powerful. It is the image of time in the form of a dot and a line. The dot represents our lives here on earth and is limited and finite. The line represents eternity, time in God’s realm. The text asks where we want to invest our resources (our time, talent, and treasure). It is an issue anyone who has any money contends with on a continuous basis. Should I spend my money now on things I want, or should I save some of my money for the future? How should I divide and allocate that which I have? We all answer the question by our actions whether we really think about it in those terms or not. Probably like me, many change their views as their life situations change. When I was very young, and generally not responsible for my financial welfare, I spent almost all of what I had. I might save a couple of weeks or a couple of months for something special, but I almost never saved long term for “the future.” Now I think about my future life more than I did then. How will I live when I retire? Will I have enough to keep the style I have become accustomed to? How much is enough?

The image of the dot and the line makes me think about the same issues in longer term. Five minutes after I die, all the things that I possess will belong to others and have no meaning for me. What will have meaning then? Is the way I lived? Is it what I did with my time, talents, and treasure when I had the chance? How did I invest that which God gave me? Was I a good steward? I cannot answer for everyone, but I do think that the question is one that everyone ought to ask and answer for themselves. I think it is a very difficult question, and I do not have a good, complete answer even for myself. But I continue to ask the question and consider my own answer. I pray that God will help me answer the question in a way that he finds acceptable. I hope he does the same for you as well.

Steve Lindberg

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

January Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet on Monday morning, January 7, at 9:30 am in the parlor. Circle 2 will meet Thursday, January 10, at 2 pm at the home of Joyce James, 201 Shatto Drive. Circle 3 will meet on Thursday evening, January 3, at 7 pm in the parlor. The topic for January is "Follow your heart- and find the heart of God." If you do not presently attend circle meetings, plan in the new year to do so! Call Pat Boyne at 486-3832 if interested.

Lenten Luncheons Soon

The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America here at St. Paul will again sponsor the Lenten Luncheons beginning Ash Wednesday, February 6, at 12 noon in Stock Hall. The ladies will provide a light lunch followed by a Lenten dialogue presented by Pastor Tim. These luncheons are enjoyed by all who have attended and continue each Wednesday for six weeks ending March 12. All are welcome! Plan to invite your friends and attend.

Scheduled Upcoming Events

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

Circle 2 - Thursday, January 10 at 2 pm at the home of Joyce James, 201 Shatto Drive

Circle 3 - Thursday, January 3 at 7 pm in the parlor

Lenten Luncheons - beginning Wednesday, February 6 at noon in Stock Hall

Day of Renewal - Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon

7th Triennial Gathering - July 10-13, 2008 in Salt Lake City for all Lutheran women

Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.

We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with the C.A.R.E.S. program last year. From our fabulous hosts, meal preparers, food, toiletry and monetary donators, overnight volunteers, etc. We are so proud of St. Paul's hospitality and we feel very blessed by your overwhelming responses to our ministry!

Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. is in the process of opening a Daycenter, hopefully, in April 2008. The Daycenter will be able to give the homeless a safe, structured environment where they could pursue resources and build self-esteem. Although C.A.R.E.S. will be getting Grants to help with construction, the program still needs to raise \$26,000 on top of the Grants they will receive to finish the project.

C.A.R.E.S. can still use donations of toiletry items (especially men's and women's deodorant, foot powder, etc.), food items (peanut butter and cheese crackers pkg's, granola bars, juice boxes, instant coffee, coffee cups, etc.,) men's and woman's warm socks; gloves; hats, scarves, long underwear, sweatpants and sweat-shirts (men's - lg., x-lg. and xx-lg., women's - m, lg., x-lg.) We have been averaging 15 - 20 people a night with 4 being women and the rest men. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Donations may be dropped off at the Church office.

Sheila and Mark Thesen
Pat Shearer

C.A.R.E.S. HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers for the C.A.R.E.S. Homeless Shelter are needed!! Each night, we need a female and male to stay overnight at the shelter. Please prayerfully consider giving up one or two nights each month to help chaperone at the local Churches that sponsor the Homeless Shelter. Training is provided!

With winter here, there is a serious need to keep the homeless out of the bad weather. For more information on volunteering, please call Shari Bellish (C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director) at 249-1009 or Sheila Thesen at 249-9690. Thank you!

CARES Shelter Wish List:

- Black Markers
- Blankets
- Cleaning supplies
- Clear trash bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Copy Paper
- Dryer Sheets
- Hats, gloves, scarves
- Hot Beverages
- Mats,
- Name Tags,
- Pens, Plastic Ware,
- Plates, cups, bowls (paper)
- Socks

Trial size personal care items:
Soap, shampoo, conditioner,
razors, wash cloth, toothpaste,
toothbrush, floss, lotion,
Chap stick, hairspray.

CARES Office Wish List:

- Air fresheners
- Cleaning supplies
- Clorox wipes
- Cold beverages
- Copy paper
- Dryer sheets
- Folders
- Hot beverages
- Ink cartridges
- Laundry soap
- Message pads
- Pens
- Plastic ware
- Plates, cups, bowls (paper)
- Vacuum cleaner

CARES Daycenter Wish List:

- Office desk
- Office phones
- Mail slots
- Lockers
- Living room furniture
- Bulletin boards
- Conference table & chairs
- Class room tables & chairs
- Computers
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Dishwasher
- Sinks
- Small kitchen appliances
- Single size mattress'
- Hospital pillows
- Towels & washcloths
- Washer/Dryer (stackable)

Project SHARE News

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Distribution *
- Clothing Room
- Warehouse
- Work cardboard baler
- Office work
- Drive truck to pick up food
- Work in kitchen

* (2008 distribution schedule is on the Stewardship board in the parlor.)

Call Pam Bream 249-7773 for more information.

Bell Ringers—

Mark Your Calendars:

St. Paul's Bells will play for the Easter season during both Sunday services on March 30, and *The Joyful Ringers* will play for both Sunday services on April 6.

Monday night rehearsals will resume on February 4th for both bell choirs. The last rehearsal will be Monday, March 24.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.



Join the Senior Choir for Lent & Easter

Now is a great time to join the Senior Choir for the Lent & Easter seasons. This choir sings at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday service and rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:15—8:30. There are no auditions—just show up and sing. Please contact any choir member or our choir director, Bill Hemminger, if you would like to join us for the 2008 winter/spring season.



Thank You

Dear St. Paul's family,
Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this trial in our lives. All our prayers continue to be answered daily. We each have been blessed with healing every day and know full recovery is in our future. We know our faith and the many prayers have given us this miracle. Thank you especially to Pastor Tim for your inspiration and support.

John, Tonia, Katie and James Ulsh

Mission Trip!

Have you felt a calling to help those effected by Hurricane Katrina & Hurricane Rita? Rachel Rhine is currently organizing a mission trip to Camp Restore, located in New Orleans, LA.

Your help is needed. You can help in any of 3 ways:

- 1) Praying for those in need & those people who will be traveling.
- 2) Offering financial contributions that will be used to help finance the trip & provide materials for the homes being repaired.
- 3) Joining with your St. Paul's family and going on the mission trip!

This exciting adventure will take place March 30—April 5, 2008.

You can learn more about the work camp on the internet at www.camprestore.org. Rachel has reserved space for 20 travelers, but can take more people if sufficient notice is given. If you have questions or would like to register for the trip, please contact Rachel Rhine.

Christian Education News – VBS Mtg.

Important 2008 Vacation Bible School Meeting on Monday, January 14, at 6:00 p.m. in Stock Hall ! It's time to start planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School! In order to have another fun-filled , successful week of sharing God's love with children, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to lend a helping hand in planning and implementing this learning experience. Please plan on joining us at 6:00 p.m. in Stock Hall on Monday, January 14th. Refreshments will be served.

(Note: This is just prior to the regular Committee night meetings which begin at 7:00 p.m.)

Christian Education Note:

Please note that the Sunday School teacher and support staff appreciation lunch has been rescheduled for the spring instead of the winter. We thought it would be better for everyone and we could have more fun in the nicer weather.

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.

If you would like to be an acolyte or crucifer please contact, Jody Hafner, Mike Kulikoksy, Nick Fox, Rachel Rhine or the church office.

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
Joe Tomkiel
- Fellowship Comm.: Mary Jane Keller
- Finance Comm.: Bill Suchocki
- Property Comm.: Dwight West
- Social Ministry: Margie Thumma
- Stewardship Comm.: John Brenner
- Witness & Outreach: Vacant at this time
- Worship & Music: Michael Kulikovsky

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.)

Hospitalization and Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one are in the hospital, please contact Pastor Tim or the church office with hospital/room information. The hospitals do not always contact us even though you may request it.

January Meetings are as follows:

January Committee Meetings:
Monday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.

January Congregation Council Meeting:
Monday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Retreat—February 16, 2008

All Council members are reminded that we have a Congregation Council Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 16th at the Seminary in Gettysburg. Details will be discussed at the January council meeting.

