

# “Epistle” July 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**  
**July 2008**

**Saturday June 28th—Sunday, July 6th-**

Mission Trip to Haiti ! The following is a list of young adults and youth going on the Mission trip to Haiti with a large group of other ELCA youth from our area:

Nick Fox, Heather Hartline, Brian Stambaugh, Brian Railing, Jeremy Railing, Elliott Metzger and Shannon McCoy.

They will be working with children in a school in Haiti.

Please keep everyone on this important mission in your daily prayers.

**Thursday, July 17th—Sunday, July 20th-**  
 5th annual Sr. High Joint Youth Group Beach Trip to Ocean City, MD.

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**Project SHARE Fundraiser**

Just as he did so successfully last year, Rick Smith is having a Christmas in July "Sleep Out for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness" again this year in the parking lot of the Giant Food Store in Carlisle. The event will take place from July 11th - July 20th.

Project S.H.A.R.E. is helping to recruit volunteers to collect food donations outside the doors of the store on Friday and Saturday July 11 & 12 from 11 - 1 and July 15 from 3 - 5:30 and 5:30 - 8:00. Volunteers will be asked to hold a sign and thank people as they make donations.

Please listen as Rick shares his thoughts during his radio broadcast, The Rick Smith Show on WHYL960AM, and please call 249-7773 or email pamshare@pa.net if you are interested in helping.

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

We want to offer our thanks to all of you who have generously offered your time and talents to aid our Habitat House project. We are well underway and making good progress. We have some updates for all of you. Due to delays from weather and the necessary time spent acquiring permits and inspections, the project is approximately a week behind schedule. St Paul's has volunteered to be responsible for the primary painting which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 19th. We will need about 15 volunteers to work as well as others to provide a lunch. A definite date and further details will follow. On our workday we will be supplying the 2 x 4 which all our volunteers signed to be included in the house construction. On an ongoing basis, the project needs volunteers on Mondays and Saturdays. Please contact Cletus Benjamin at 776-8327 who will have the actual work schedule for the day. There is always work for anyone willing to volunteer. Again, thank you for your continued interest and patience and God Bless You!

**Project SHARE Needs**

The greatest needs at Project SHARE right now are: milk, canned chicken, baby foods, Similac formula with Iron, canned peas. 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.

We no longer need egg cartons! We have a source for them now.

Thank you.

### **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."

### **Yard Sale Thanks**

We would like to thank JoEllen Clapsadl for running the annual yard sale again this year. We were able to make \$1505.42.

Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped with the set-up, the two sale days and the food stand; those who donated items to be sold, all those who shopped, and those who donated food items for the food stand.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way! We couldn't do it without many hands helping !!

### **Praise Band News**

St. Paul's Praise Band is taking a well deserved break during the four Sundays in July. Worship and Music Committee considered having an organist or pianist play for this service, but we were able to find a praise band on CD that would allow us to continue to sing the same congregational music that our own praise band does every week in our 10:45 Sunday worship. The praise band will be back in full force beginning with the first Sunday in August.

### **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.

**Peanut Butter Egg Ministry 2008**

During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2008 the following approved projects were completed with funds remaining from the “2007” season:

1) Garbage disposal	\$359.	4) Oil Candles for Altar	\$1329.
2) Refrig./Freezer	\$4698.	5) Electrical work	\$851.60
3) Projector room equip.	\$1160.	6) Lap Top Comp.	\$1989.

The following projects were approved for funding with the profits of our “2008” season:

1) Apartment Ministry	\$6000.	9) Relay for Life	\$200.
2) Haiti Mission Trip	\$5000.	10) Habitat Project	\$200.
3) Endowment Fund	\$5000.	11) Mulch	\$1030.67
4) Recondition Offering Plates	\$1000.	12) Rocky Boy Mission Trip	\$5000.
5) Carlisle CARES	\$500.	13) St. Paul’s Quilters	\$159.40
6) Red Cross Bldg. Fund	\$500.	14) Carpet for the ramp	\$504.58
7) Project SHARE	\$500.	15) Vanity Ladies room	\$750.
8) Video Equipment	\$650.	16) Pastors office furniture	\$2000.

Our total profit this year: \$38,563.66

We are considering a request for funding for a leadership conference trip in the fall.

We are now planning for the “2009” season.

**For the 2008 Season We Used the following:**

Sugar	3850 lbs.
Peanut Butter	3640 lbs.
Chocolate	2650 lbs.
Margarine	180 lbs. purchased, plus what was donated
Vanilla	4 gal.
Labels	103,000
Glassine bags	103,000
Brown paper bags	8,000

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**A hearty thank you to all the many volunteers who make this project possible each year!**



**The Mighty Mixers  
 The Holy Rollers  
 The Divine Dippers  
 The Olympic Runners  
 The Classy Wrappers  
 The Bountiful Baggers  
 And  
 The Swift Delivery Service**

**Not to mention all those “Happy Consumers!”**

## **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.

### **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.

### **A Special Note From WITNESS & OUTREACH**

Please reserve **July 12<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars to come and meet our Missionaries from Denmark.

Pastor Chad and Natalie Rimmer and their children will be joining us for the Service Saturday evening and dinner following the service. Hopefully, St. Paul disciples will take advantage of an opportunity to nourish their bodies while getting to know our missionaries and hear about their experiences in Denmark where they are assigned to the International Church in Copenhagen.

There is some recent correspondence from Pastor Chad on the "Missionary" bulletin board for your reading pleasure.

PLEASE COME AND SHOW YOUR  
SUPPORT

**GET ACQUAINTED CORNER****Meet:**

**Evelyn Osborn  
7 Abbey Court  
Carlisle, Pa. 17015  
701-8680**

Evelyn comes to us from Boynton Beach, Florida where she has resided for the past fifteen years. She has four sons and a daughter living in various States, closest one is Kevin living in Dillsburg, Pa.

Evelyn was born in Brooklyn, New York, was married to Patrick Cummings in Brooklyn and then later they moved to Staten Island, New York and resided there for more than 30 years.

She also found time while raising her 5 children to work in two libraries in Staten Island, the Wagner College Library and the New York Public Library.

Five years after Evelyn lost her husband Patrick, she met Charles Osborn. They married and decided to move to Florida where they enjoyed eleven happy years until his passing on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003

While in Florida she did a lot of swimming. She now occupies her time with reading mystery books and loves to play many different card games.

We are pleased to have Evelyn among those at the Monday afternoon bible study. She is also planning on joining a Circle and has expressed a desire to become a member of one or more of our Church Committees.

Evelyn became a St. Paul disciple June 1, 2008





**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**July—2008**

**Wednesday—July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

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

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

**July 5<sup>th</sup> & July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Eighth 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 11: 16-19, 25-30—The yoke of discipleship.

**Wednesday—July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

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

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

**July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Ninth 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 13: 1-9, 18-23—The parable of the sower and the seed.

**Wednesday—July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

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

**July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Tenth 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 13: 24-30, 36-43—The parable of the weeds.

**Wednesday—July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

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

**July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008—Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—(Green)**

**Saturday**

5:15 P.M.—Holy Communion

**Sunday-Special Congregational Meeting**

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion & 10:45 A.M.—Holy Communion  
Please read Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52—Parables of the reign of heaven.

**Wednesday—July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008—(Green)**

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



Dear Members of Saint Paul,

It is hard for me to believe that my time as Vicar here is coming to a close so soon! What a wonderful year it has been, full of blessings and learning and healing.

Everything I hoped for in my Internship I found here, and more. I wanted to spend some time learning with a congregation that is reaching out in ministry into its community, that has perspective on its past, present and future, that empowers its members young and old, long-term and newcomer, that worships in diverse, meaningful and uplifting ways, that studies the Word, seeks to discern God in the world in every way, and that sees ministry as a team effort of humanity and the Holy Spirit. I have learned with the best!

The Internship ministry at Saint Paul is a great gift not just to your interns, but also to the larger church. I'll take all that I've found here with me into my next parish, into all my duties, and into my heart, and as I move on I will try to share God's love as I found it here.

I found God's love in the listening, in the patient attention to paperwork, and in the constructive criticism I found in the Intern Committee: Don Brion, Mark Ritter, June Reed, Margorie Thumma and Doug Weirich. I found God's love in the opportunity to sing and play a joyful song with choirs and praise bands with some very talented and good hearted folks. I found God's love in the fellowship afforded us by hard working and imaginative cooks and chefs at a hundred gatherings. I found God's love in the wisdom and wonder of Sunday School classes, Bible Studies and countless conversations with Pastor Tim. I found God's love in the service minded efforts of the Saint Paul Staff – what a great group to learn from! I feel like a career minor league catcher that just got to spend a year with the Yankees (please try to cherish their efforts and insights!). Most of all though, I found God's enduring and abiding love in the lives of you all, some of God's people, as you minister to one another here, as you reach out to neighbors, as you worship in the midst of going about your interesting and diverse daily lives.

It is an Intern's duty to learn all this, to internalize it, and then to move on. I have to get out of the way so the next intern can have this opportunity to learn and serve, so the congregation members can be in a good and full relationship with their current pastors and student pastor. That means that I'll be scarce. This summer I have to focus on new tasks: I am headed off to work for the Air Force Reserve for a few months, for the most part down in Virginia, with a week of fun up at Camp Nawakwa, and then in the Fall I have one more semester of studies at the Seminary in Gettysburg. Edie, Jay, Sarah and I plan to stay in Gettysburg until the end of the next school year for the kids, and I'll probably wait on a call until the summer, working for the Air Force in Washington DC in the Spring. Come a year from now, we'll see where the Spirit takes us. I'd wager that we'll be somewhere in the Northwest, but God only knows!

We have found so much of God's love here, but we abide in knowing that God is with us always as we live in freedom to roam. Saint Paul wrote these words at the end of the eighth chapter of his letter to the

Romans: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor thing present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." The Lutheran Church that bears his name in Carlisle also bears out the wisdom of his words and deeds, for I will always carry that love I found here with me.

Godspeed,

Vicar Joe

## **From the New Vicar**

Hi! I wanted to take a few moments to introduce myself. My name is Terry McCarthy and I will be the intern and vicar here at St. Paul's for the next year, beginning on Monday July 14th. I am excited to begin this year of learning and experiencing parish ministry with Pastor Tim as my supervisor. I feel very blessed to have this opportunity. So, the first thing I'd like to do is thank all of you at St. Paul's for providing and for supporting an internship experience for students at the seminary. Although, in the course of this year I hope to be a vital part of the pastoral team here and to provide ministry to the members of this community, I'm sure that I will learn and receive far from more from each of you and from this experience than I could ever hope to offer. Therefore I am certainly eager to begin this year as we prepare to journey together.

I have completed three years of study at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, so this internship is one of the final parts in my journey towards ordained ministry. I was born and raised in the Roman Catholic faith tradition in Central New Jersey and then later in Suburban New York State, just a bit northwest of New York City. The practice of our faith, attending mass and praying together as a family was at the center of our family's life, as I was growing up. My parents were active as volunteers in our parish and in our community. Their commitment to living out their faith through service to others continues to be a guiding example and an inspiration to me. My mother passed away about 15 years ago, but my father is now an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church and continues to live out his vocation of service.

As a young person I felt a call to ministry and after high school I spent a challenging year in A Catholic seminary community, but I left knowing "it just wasn't right for me." Remaining committed to helping others in some professional manner; I continued my studies and after college, began a fifteen year career as an Occupational Therapist. Much of that time was spent treating children at risk for disabilities. I lived and worked in those years in upstate New York and in western New York. In those years at the beginning of my career I attended church less regularly and my faith was more in the background of my life than it had been while I was growing up. I also married shortly after college, and a painful separation and divorce of that marriage turned me once again to my faith for personal renewal and consolation. At that time, though I realized that I disagreed with the Roman Catholic hierarchy related to the issue of divorce and on the structure of the church and on other issues as well.

It was at this time that I moved to West Virginia to teach in an Occupational Therapy Program. I met and began dating Susan, who I later married and as that relationship became serious, I remember her turning to me one day and asking "Why is it that for the first time in my life, I'm dating someone whose faith is important to them, as it is to me and neither one of us goes to church?" Reflecting on that powerful question led us to begin attending St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Beckley West Virginia. We quickly became active in that very loving and welcoming congregation with the help of Pastor Wanda Childs who was excellent at recognizing the gifts of individuals and at encouraging them to put them into action. We both became members and taught Sunday School, and it was through these activities and relationships that both Susan and I began to reflect on each of our calls to ministry, which we had both pushed to the back of our minds over the years.

After only being married two years and while still owners of our home in West Virginia, Susan and I moved to Gettysburg for her to begin full- time study towards ordained ministry at The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg. I worked full- time as a Therapist at York Hospital, and then after our home in WV finally sold, I began full- time study myself at LTSG in August of 2005. We have had a busy few years to say the least. Susan graduated, and was ordained and called as the pastor of Bender's Lutheran Church in Biglerville P.A. in the summer of 2006. Just a few months later, our son Luke Benjamin was born. Luke was adopted. We were introduced to his birthmother, when she was only 5 weeks away from her due date. However, Luke had other plans; he arrived a month early and only three days after our initial conversation with his birthmother! Despite the initial shock that we were suddenly becoming parents and the large amount of legal and logistical arrangements that needed to be made, the adoption continued and he is now a very active and happy 18 month old toddler. I continued my studies at LTSG and have enjoyed working as a supply preacher on many Sundays in churches in the area.

As you may be able to tell from this introduction, I strongly believe in the value and power of sharing our stories with one another. I could have rattled off facts about myself more concisely but I believe it is in sharing our stories that we truly get to know one another and experience God's presence in one another. I very much look forward to meeting all of you, to hearing your stories and learning how God has been present in your lives.

God's Peace and Blessings,

Seminarian Terry

## **Report of the 2008 Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly**

Along with Pastor Tim and Mary Jane Keller, I had the opportunity to attend the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) held on June 12 – 14, 2008, at Messiah College, in Grantham, Pennsylvania. A total of 771 people participated in the assembly including 666 voting members. The assembly's theme "Living in God's Amazing Grace: Faithful and Bold" was expressed throughout worship, presentations, debates, and displays.

I will very briefly summarize some of the assembly's highlights. A complete set of the assembly minutes will be available in the future at the church office.

### **Thursday evening forums...**

More than 350 people attended Thursday evening informational sessions on synod ministries ranging from global mission to youth ministry, to Lutheran disaster response, to vocational discernment.

### **Keynote Speaker and Bible Study Leader...**

The Rev. Robert Rimbo, bishop-elect of the Metropolitan New York Synod, told the assembly that the Gospel statement is an open statement of all God has done for the world. God sent into the world Jesus Christ, the image of God and the final Adam, the one true human being. The Gospel is all about our dying and rising with Christ, our becoming a new creation. With the same spirit, God sends us, warts and all, to reflect God to one another and to the world. Don't underestimate the treasure that God has given for you to share. Nothing can compare to the power of God.

### **Synod elections...**

Elections were held for open positions on Synod Council for two clergy positions, two lay female positions, and one lay male position. Also, an election for two lay female board members for Gettysburg Seminary was held. In addition, elected were churchwide assembly voting members to include four clergy at large representatives, lay female at large representatives and lay male at large representatives.

### **Assembly action...**

Referred to this synod's Church in Society Committee a resolution asking that our synod intentionally address the issues of racism and ethnicity and identify resources to facilitate conversations around these issues.

Amended and adopted a request from the York Conference asking Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries to address by September 30, 2008, concerns about the large compensation packages of its top executives.

Adopted a request made by Union Lutheran Church in York, to convey to the Northeastern Iowa Synod our prayers, our concerns, and our financial support for them during the crisis following unprecedented flooding throughout the state.

Delayed the election of a synod treasurer until 2009 to ensure that the financial matters are in proper order before the start of a new treasurer.

**Recognition of good and faithful servants...**

The assembly honored 12 professional church leaders who have served the Lutheran church for fifty years - Sister Barbara Slavinski, Red Lion, PA; the Reverend Donald McDowell Bohn, Greencastle, PA; the Reverend Marshall H. Gante, York New Salem; the Reverend Richard E. Geib, Columbia, PA; the Reverend Albert W. Gibson, Jr., Chambersburg, PA; the Reverend Wilson R. Hoyer, Lebanon, PA; the Reverend R. Lindsay Ingram, Jr., Carlisle, PA; the Reverend Richard C. Jones, Enola, PA; the Reverend William Robert May, Palmyra, PA; the Reverend John C. Schaertel, Harrisburg, PA; the Reverend Eugene L. Shiffer, Fredericksburg, PA; and the Reverend Frederick L. Shilling, Hanover, PA.

**Ordination...**

The Service of Word and Sacrament with Rite of Ordination at the Grantham Brethren in Christ Church was a highlight of the assembly as four new pastors were welcomed to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA.

*Ordained:* Antoinette J. Carlin who has been called as pastor of West Cumberland Parish (Centerville Lutheran Church, Newville, and St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Plainfield). Pastor Carlin is currently a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Blain, PA.

*Ordained:* Katherine Regina Lillian Brundage Brantner who has been called as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mount Joy. Pastor Brundage is currently a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Walkersville, MD.

*Ordained:* Maureen L. Seifried who has been called as pastor of First English Lutheran and Mount Zion Lutheran, Punxsutawney, PA. Pastor Seifried is currently a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shiremanstown, PA.

*Ordained:* Jeanette D. Leisk, who has been called as associate pastor of St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, PA. Pastor Leisk is currently a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Westborough, MA.

**Assembly offering...**

The assembly offering of \$11,179 was designated for ministry in the Konde Diocese, this synod's companion diocese in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

It was indeed an honor to attend the synod assembly as a representative from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Peace,  
Gary Nicholson  
President, Congregation Council



## *A Note from the Pastor*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this note we have just experienced the longest day of the year and from this time forward the days begin to shorten. This is also the time of year when we look to those lazy days of summer. However, here at St. Paul, we have much ministry to participate with and in. I would like to lift up a special opportunity for you to deepen your faith through a Bible Study focused on our Christian living.

During Vacation Bible School I will be teaching an adult Bible Study based on the parables of the New Testament. The offering will include the following topics:

How to deal with demons.

*“The Empty House”*

How to escape being possessed by possessions.

*“The Rich Fool”*

Our most common sin.

*“Pharisee and Tax Collector”*

How do we get rid of evil without destroying good?

*“Wheat and Tares”*

Practicing humility.

*“Places at the table.”*

What to do with your assets.

*“The Talents.”*

and possibly more depending on time and discussion.

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The classes will begin on the first evening of Vacation Bible Study and will continue throughout the week.

Here is a list of dates and times for your convenience:

Sunday—	July 27, 2008	6:00 pm---7:30 pm.
Monday—	July 28, 2008	6:00 pm---7:30 pm.
Tuesday—	July 29, 2008	6:00 pm---7:30 pm.
Wednesday—	July 30, 2008	6:00 pm---7:30 pm.
Thursday—	July 31, 2008	6:00 pm---7:30 pm.

I would encourage all of you to consider joining us for this time of concentrated Bible Study. We will meet in the parlor unless the room is not sufficient for the amount of participants.

In Christ's Service,

*Pastor Tim*

The Rev. Timothy W. Sadler

Lead Pastor-St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

## **Carlisle C.A.R.E.S.**

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

We would like this opportunity to address some questions we have been asked by several Church Members in the last month. "Does St. Paul's do too much for the CARES Emergency Shelter Guests?" or "Are other Churches mad at St. Paul's because of how much we do for the Guests?" Our answer to that is "No!"

We feel we should be asking the question, "Are we doing enough here at St. Paul's for the CARES guests" or even better yet, "What would Jesus do?" This is a ministry of St. Paul's! How can we deny the needs of our Homeless Guests? The Guests face extreme difficulties everyday and our ministry feels we need to show God's Love in whatever way He sees fit! The CARES guests do like to come to St. Paul's because they feel they are treated with respect and dignity here. We feel all Human Beings deserve that whatever their circumstances may be!

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 decaf. coffee, ice tea, coffee cups, etc.), men's and woman's socks. We have been averaging 20 – 25 people a night with 6 - 10 being women and the rest men. As you can see, our numbers are growing! With the way the economy is going, we can expect to see these numbers rise. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Donations may be dropped off at the Church office.

Once again, Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that help in whatever capacity they can! We appreciate you all!!

Blessings,

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!

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!

## **Special C.A.R.E.S. Mail News**

On July 10th at 6:30 p.m. CARES (Combined Area Resources For Emergency Shelter) will make its first of three appearances before the Carlisle Borough Zoning Board. The purpose is to present its plans for constructing a Day Care Center for the homeless. The site has been determined and CARES is working with the local housing authority to arrange financing. It is most important that the community register its approval of this plan as it would solve a myriad of problems not only for the homeless but for our community. A strong showing of support can best be indicated by a large attendance at the meeting.

Please urge members of your congregation to attend this important session which will take place at the Carlisle Police Station on Lincoln Street, between West and College. If you have questions about the Day Care Center or CARES in general, please feel free to contact Shari Bellish, Executive Director, at 249-1009.

## **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 will hold 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 will attend to represent the women of St. Paul. The theme is "Walk boldly toward healing," and is based on Luke 8:43-48, Mark 5:25-34, and Luke 6:21-23. Watch for a report from the ladies attending in the next Epistle. <http://www.lss-elca.org>

### **Come to the Waters - 7<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Triennial Gathering of the Women of the ELCA will be held in Salt Lake City from July 10 - 13. Karen Poe is one of the many ladies from St. Paul and the Lower Susquehanna Synod who will be there. Imagine all these sisters in Christ sharing together, learning together, worshipping together, and sharing fellowship together. Make sure you ask Karen about the gathering and look for her report when she returns.

### **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

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

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

**Blessing of the Backpacks** - services of August 16 and 17

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

# **International Church of Copenhagen**

June 10, 2008

Grace and peace to you all, beloved of ICC!

It is a joy to call us together as a community of faith to speak about the path that lies ahead for ICC. Over the course of 47 years, ICC was born, has matured, and is ready to endeavor a new stage in our life together, our ministry in Copenhagen, and to the world. I want to take a brief moment to share with you a bit about where we've come, so that we can understand our current reality, and catch a glimpse of where we are heading.

ICC was constituted in 1961 by the American Lutheran Church (ALC), as The American Lutheran Church in Copenhagen. We began in coordination with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (ELCD), as an English language ministry to Americans who were a growing population in Copenhagen after World War II. Over the next twenty years we grew to be a place of hospitality and home for people from all over the world who were seeking an English language community of faith. The congregation transitioned from a congregation of American Lutherans, to an international group of Christians from dozens of church denominations. Around the same time, the Lutheran Church in America evolved into its current form, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), which merged the previous Lutheran mission organizations into the new Global Mission Unit. At that time, the American Lutheran Church of Copenhagen made a faithful change to and became "The International Church in Copenhagen" to reflect our evolving identity and mission in Copenhagen. In order to reflect our new relationship with the ELCA, the ELCD and our emerging ecumenical identity, we adapted our constitution. Since that time, what a journey we have made! ICC is a body of Christians from over 20 nations, and at least half as many Christian denominations that proclaims the healing unity of God in Christ Jesus. And now, a decade later, we are looking to a new phase in our growth and development.

The ELCA has been realigning its financial commitments, and is striving to give more of its financial support to emerging churches and churches in conflict areas, specifically, churches in Africa, the Middle East and South America. The ELCA asked ICC and their international church ministries around the world to move towards financial independence in order to facilitate this faithful stewardship of limited finances. Over the course of several years, ICC has made positive steps in this direction.

We look to this year as the time to embrace the reality of independent financial sustainability, as a sign of the next stage of our growth. While we remain constituted as a ministry of the ELCA, with the security of their full ecclesiastical support in cooperation with the ELCD, we must make the financial and constitutional changes that reflect this current stage of our identity. We are ready for this step, but it will require the time, talents, and financial commitment of all who call ICC home. The Council of ICC wants to invite you to understand our path of financial sustainability at this special congregational meeting.

Let this faithful step be a sign of thanksgiving for all that God has done for us in ICC over the past 47 years. While our membership is transient, the Holy Spirit has been constant in its nourishment of this ministry. God sufficiently sustains us with the gifts that we share in community, and only asks that we sow our gifts so that love can grow in new ways over the next 47! So, let us give thanks for this opportunity to respond to the realities of our growing ministry, trusting in God's sufficiency.

We look forward to your presence at this congregational meeting, and we look forward to the future of our life and ministry together in ICC.

Peace to you all,  
Pastor Chad Rimmer

**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Summary of Minutes**  
**Congregational Council Meeting after Committee Night**  
**May 12, 2008**

- ◇ Summer Sunday School will be held in the upstairs room, with Mrs. Rhine teaching grades 1 – 5 in one room and 4 and 5 year olds in the other room.
- ◇ The Wednesday Evening School has collected 8,725 pennies thus far.
- ◇ The new Facility Use Form has not yet been finalized.
- ◇ Mr. West has been looking for estimates to put removable extensions on several outside railings.
- ◇ Council approved the expenditure of \$650 from the Peanut Butter Egg money for a video camera and \$200 to the Relay for Life.
- ◇ Mrs. Keller will coordinate the activities of the Bethany Guild for a short time.
- ◇ Mr. Nicholson thanked Council for their support and participation in confirmation activities on Pentecost.
- ◇ The next Council meeting will be **Tuesday**, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Gather to be Fed + Offer our Praise + Depart to Serve**  
**Congregational Council Meeting**  
**Summary of Minutes 5/27/08**

- ◇ St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church was notified of a gift from the Anna Anderson Estate to be used for meals and other necessities for needy families.
- ◇ A Congregational Meeting will soon be called to discuss the proposed revisions to the church's Constitution.
- ◇ Evelyn Osborn will become a new disciple at St. Paul on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◇ The Youth Group that will be going to Haiti is almost ready to depart.
- ◇ Financial Reports were studied and accepted.
- ◇ Property Committee Chairman, Dwight West, has been busy making some needed repairs and will install a door between the reception area and Ms. Schuettler's Office shortly. He will also shingle the roof the Habitat House in the very near future.
- ◇ Any persons interested in accompanying Mary Ann Ernst to The Rocky Boy Reservation this summer should contact her as soon as possible.
- ◇ The dessert teams set up to help with the Wednesday Night Meals are working out well. Thanks to all of you who are participating.

## 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:	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 July :

Monday, July 14th at 7:00 p.m.

### July Congregation Council Meeting:

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

