

“Epistle” May 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 15th 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 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

Can't hear the pastor?

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

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

Telephone System Notes

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

You can do the same thing for:

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

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

Assisting Ministers

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

Worship Assistants

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

Distribution assistants: pour the wine;

Lectors: read the lessons;

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

Communion helpers: wash the communion glasses after worship;

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

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

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

Hospitalization and Pastoral Care

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

Altar Guild

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

Christian Education News

Christian Education

Invites you to join an adult Sunday School Class:

Study on Youth Development & Ministry

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

The next dates will be:

May 4, 25

June 1, 22

Hot-Topics Adult Class

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

Pastor Tim's Class

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

Pastor Tim's class will not meet while he is on vacation.

The Augsburg Class

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

Bible Study Notes

Pastor Tim's Bible Study

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

Youth & Family Ministry

Fox's News Flash Corner for May



Fri. May 2—Sun. May 4:

GODSPY High Adventure Spring Retreat Weekend at Camp Kirchenwald !!

"Saturday", May 10:

Family Day Trip to Gettysburg. This event is a first time event for us. Time and details will follow. We'll be eating lunch together and going to the newly remodeled Boyd's Bear Country and the new Gettysburg Visitor Center.

See the flyers around the building for information.

Sign-up on Nick's bulletin board right outside his office door!!

Sunday, May 18: 2— 4 p.m.

Mini & Middle SPY will meet this afternoon for some fun activities, games and snacks!

Sunday, May 18: 5—8 p.m.

GODSPY meeting with all the usual faith, food great times and friends!

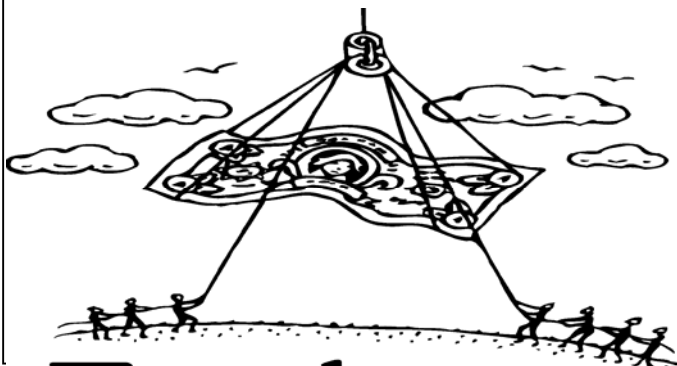
Always check the weekly Messenger and listen to the announcements for possible schedule changes!



RELAY WITH ME!

ST. PAUL'S JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER!

Organization of the St. Paul's team has been very successful thanks to you! We are almost ready to hit the track and begin our 24-hour journey towards a cure. How can you help, you ask? We need your assistance in the form of donations. A very, very important item our team needs is a large camping tent for our overnight stay. Do you have one we may borrow or would you like to donate it? A canopy with removable or roll-up sides, large coolers or ice chests, weather-resistant folding tables, beverages and snack items are also other items that we could use at our camp site. What else? Monetary donations! Team members will accept your contributions in the form of cash, checks (made payable to "American Cancer Society"), or on-line (www.events.cancer.org/rflpacarlisle, please ensure you name our team!). Look for our team information table in the parlor in the upcoming weeks. You may consider supporting us on a personal level or include your family or Sunday School class. At our table we will have an outline of planned activities and ceremonies, opportunities for luminaria sponsorship and survivor participation, as well as a list of our team members, and other valuable information. We are confident that we will make you proud of us in our first year of participation! Join us now, join us at the relay at this year's "Hoedown of Hope!" Please contact me if you'd like to learn more by e-mail: swise1030@yahoo.com; phone: 243-0221 evenings; by church mailbox; or at Wednesday evening and Sunday morning 10:45 a.m. services. Thank you for your support!



Hot Dog Sale and Yard Sale to Fight Cancer!

On a related note, there will be a hot dog sale Sunday, April 27th at the Carlisle Wal Mart to benefit the American Cancer Society. The sale will start at 9:30 am and lasts until the 'dogs are gone—or 2:30!

Join us after church and grab your lunch!

There will also be a yard sale to fight cancer on May 10th, from 8- ?, on Silver Maple Drive in Indian Hills. There will be seven families participating.

These sales are sponsored by the United We Walk Relay for Life team (the Reighards and Schauferts are members) and all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Your patronage would be greatly appreciated!

Think Stephen Ministry

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

Baby Food Jars Needed !

The Chris Ed. Comm. is **in need of empty baby food jars** for a craft project for Pentecost.

If you have any that you can spare please bring them in to the Chris. Ed. office next to the church office and just put them on the desk. Thank you.

Habitat for Humanity

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

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

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



Attention Golfers

We have been invited by First Lutheran to a golf outing to benefit this year's Habitat for Humanity build. The outing is at 1 pm on May 9th and will be held at Eagles Crossing Golf Course, rain or shine. The format will be an 18 hole shotgun scramble. The cost is \$50 per golfer. Anyone interested can contact Brian Nelson (at 717-486-4147 or Ringonelson4@embarqmail.com). Let Brian know as soon as possible.

Helen Brenneman Memorial Scholarship

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

Daryl Griffie Memorial Scholarship

Applications and guidelines are available as of May 1 in the church office for the Daryl Griffie Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship, established by the family of Daryl Griffie, is available to any confirmed member of St. Paul's, who is engaged in some type of post-secondary education. Subsequent announcements will follow in the weekly Messenger and the monthly Epistle. Applications must be submitted to the church office by June 1. Contributions may be made to the scholarship fund at any time through the church office.

Annual Campership Yard Sale June 13 & 14, 2008

Yes, we will be having a Yard Sale this year, but it will not happen until June 13 & 14 this year. So it will just be a little later than you are used to. So continue to go through your things and save them for us a little longer.

Proceeds from the Annual Yard Sale are used to help families and youth from St. Paul's who are attending Lutheran camps each year.

So, if you are attending Camp Nawakwa or Camp Kirchenwald this summer, please sign up on the list in the church office to be eligible for these supplemental funds.

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.

Christian Education Opportunity

The 135th Annual Cumberland County Sunday School Association's Convention will be on Tuesday evening, May 13, 2008 at 6:15 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Carlisle. The church will serve a turkey dinner. The event includes a meal, workshops and a speaker. The Christian Education committee would like to encourage all Sunday School teachers, support staff, and anyone interested to attend. To register, or for more information, contact Rachel Rhine at 243-3482 by May 4th.

Lutheran With A Question Mark

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

It's the time of year when thoughts turn to vacation—a time of getting away from it all.

Can Lutherans get away from it all as a Christian community?

YES! We often hear about our youth going to camp, but there are many camps and retreat centers for families as well as older adult programs. You can even host your own program.

How rustic is it?

It's not all about sleeping on cots. There are many different types of conference centers that may not be as fancy as the Hotel Hershey, but you have a bed and a bathroom.

So why go on a retreat?

A retreat can be an individual or a group experience. It can be very personal or an organized program. The choice is yours. Typically these centers allow you to get away from the distractions of the modern world (think TV, ipods, cell phones, computers) and to get a little closer to the world God created for you.

How do I organize a program?

You don't have to. A retreat is what you want it to be. Do it for fun--do it as a group of women, men, couples, families, a Sunday School Class—whatever! The ELCA has plenty of resources on its website to guide you if you want to include a special Bible Study or activity.

What if I don't have the money or the gas money?

That is the beauty of Lutheran Camps and Retreat Centers. They're close and not expensive! The information is listed below.

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Fax Number: 717/677-7597
Web site: www.lutherancamping.org

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Web site: www.campmountluther.org

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

May Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet on Monday morning, May 5, at 9:30 am in the parlor with Vicar Joe leading the study and Pat Beittel and Nancy Nelson hostessing.

Circle 2 will meet Thursday, May 8, at 2 pm at the Pine Manor community room with Gladys Cashman as hostess and Miriam Kelly leading the discussion.

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday evening, May 1, at 7 pm in the parlor, and Lissy Weirich will lead the lesson. Each circle is continuing the study on the Beatitudes. If you do not presently attend circle meetings, please join us at any of these times. Call or talk to Pat Boyne at 486-3832 if interested.

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. People who want to enrich their faith, grow in their understanding of the Women of the ELCA, and enjoy fellowship are welcome to attend. The theme is "Walk boldly toward healing," and is based on Luke 8:43-48, Mark 5:25-34, and Luke 6:21-23. Our Women of the ELCA can send one delegate with voting privileges and any number of participants who can attend the events of the convention. Let's see St. Paul's represented by a large group this year. For more information contact Pat Boyne or refer to www.lss-elca.org and click on Synod Council Committees, then under Auxiliaries click on Women of the ELCA and look for convention details.

Come to the Waters - 7th Triennial Gathering

At this time, 1,673 women have registered to attend the 7th Triennial Gathering in Salt Lake City from July 10 - 13. Karen Poe is one of the 16 ladies from the Lower Susquehanna Synod who will be there. Imagine all these sisters in Christ sharing together, learning together, worshiping together, and sharing fellowship together. Make sure you ask Karen about the gathering and look for her report when she returns.

<http://www.womenoftheelca.org>

Scheduled Upcoming Events:

Circle 3 - Thursday, May 1 at 7 pm in the parlor

Circle 1 - Monday, May 5 at 9:30 am in the parlor

Circle 2 - Thursday, May 8 at 2 pm at Pine Manor community room

21st W/ ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synodical Convention - June 27 & 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran, Hanover

7th Triennial Gathering, Women of the ELCA - Come to the Waters - July 10-13, Salt Lake City

Lutheran Volunteer Corps now seeking applications for 2008-2009

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

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

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

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

Lutheran Camping News

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

www.lutherancamping.org/employment.php

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

We would like to thank Marianne Brock for taking time out of her busy schedule to come to St. Paul's to present Temple Talks at all the worship services the weekend of April 26 & 27.

Wed. Evening Worship Opportunity

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

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

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

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

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

Children's "Wednesday Night"

Sunday School Project

Pennies for Patients!

The Wednesday evening "Sunday School" class is seeking your help! Every Wednesday evening during worship, children ages 4—11 gather to participate in "Wednesday Church School". The children have finished a lesson on the 7 mile walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus that 2 of Jesus' disciples took shortly after his crucifixion. The children have chosen to do a service project in which they will try to collect enough pennies, that if placed in a single line, could stretch for 7 miles! All money received will be given to the charity the children chose, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To learn more about St. Jude's visit www.stjude.org. To donate your pennies, please deposit them in the glass jugs decorated by the children, which are located in the parlor and narthex. We will be collecting pennies until May 28th. Thank you for your support!

Update! So far we have collected 15 lbs of pennies! Thank you!

Names of Graduates

We would like to have all the names of the youth who are graduating from high school or college. Please write them down for us and drop them off in the church office., or call the office with the information as soon as possible. Thank you.

Senior Saints News Corner

Senior Saints Update

The Senior are going to the Capital Performing Arts Center on **May 14 to see the show "Broadway With Love"**. **We will meet at the church at 10:30** a.m. and depart for the theater at 10:45. The church van will be available if transportation is needed. Lunch at the theater will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the show will begin at 1:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend, please give a check for \$39.00 to Harry Pace by 4/30/08.



Senior Saints—June 19

Thursday, June 19th the Senior Saints will travel to Lebanon, PA **to enjoy a boat ride on the Union Canal**. A little information about the canal: the Union Canal operated from 1827 until 1885, carrying produce and manufactured goods to Phila. The Lebanon section connected the Swatara and Tulpehocken creeks, leading boats to the Susquehanna River. It was designated as a National Landmark in 1994. The tunnel also is a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The tour is one hour, the cost is \$6.00 each. We will meet at the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m., plans for lunch will be announced later. Please call Gladys Cashman, 249-3439, to make reservations.

Jubilation Ringers Concert

The Bells of Otterbein Handbell Choir is please to host the Jubilation Ringers of Allentown for their first concert in the Carlisle area. They will perform in the sanctuary of Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Rd., Carlisle, PA on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken. The Jubilation Ringers is one of six handbell choirs from Asbury UM Church , Allentown, PA and ring one of the world's largest church-owned collection of bells and related instruments.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive!

The time of year is here again when millions of Americans combine forces for Stamp Out Hunger - the nation's largest annual single - day food drive! EVERY PERSON MAKES A DIFFERENCE! We need your help spreading the word to your friends and family. Please tell them that on Saturday, May 10th, letter carriers in more than 10,000 communities will collect food items and deliver them to local food banks to help some of the millions of Americans, including an estimated 13 million children, who face hunger every day. Since 1993, families have donated more than a half-billion pounds of food to Stamp Out Hunger. Simply place bags filled with nonperishable food items like canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal and rice next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 10th. (Please do not include out-of-date items or those in glass containers.) Your letter carrier will pick up the bags and deliver them to your local food bank. If you live in an urban area, check with your letter carrier or bring food to your local post office and they'll deliver it to local food banks.

Thank you! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Peanut Butter Egg Thank You

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

Even with a short season this year, we were able to make 103,000 Peanut Butter Eggs! Thank you all for a job well done once again!

PB Egg Makers Dinner

The date for the PB Egg makers dinner has changed to Saturday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be provided. All you are asked to bring is a dessert to share, (preferably a pie) to go with ice cream we will have. We hope to see everyone there.

Help Needed on May 7th

We will need some help spreading mulch on Wednesday, May 7th beginning at 7:30 a.m. If you are willing to help please contact Bruce Lemmon, or Denny or Diane Shughart. Thank you.

Fine Arts at First—May 10

The United States Air Force Heritage of America Band Langley Winds will present a concert at First Lutheran Church on May 10th at 7 p.m. They will perform an exciting blend of classical, popular, and patriotic music. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the performance. For further information call First Lutheran at 249-3310.

Stephen Ministry Training Class in the Home Stretch

The class of 2008 Stephen Ministers at St. Paul's is nearing completion with four class sessions and two retreats left before the class is commissioned on June 7th.

Our trainees have worked extremely hard and their dedication is paying off. The course has involved pre-class reading assignments and in-class lecture, discussion, and role playing. Our trainees are showing some real growth in knowledge and skills.

The skill practicing is a very valuable component of class. It takes what you're learning out of the realm of theory and turns it into something you have to apply. It can be very challenging to role-play, for instance, that you're ministering to a young mother whose husband has just died. It brings out real emotions and tears. But it is extremely helpful because it prepares you for actual care-giving situations.

During skill practicing there has been real ministry going on too. When you learn and discuss grief, you can't help but surface genuine issues from your own life. When this happens, we find ourselves ministering to each other. All of that will help us be better caregivers later on.

A recurring emphasis of Stephen Minister training has been confidentiality. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is held in strict confidence. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from other Stephen Ministers. We have learned that the emphasis on confidentiality is important for potential care receivers. Most people are reluctant to share their problems and situations because they are afraid of others finding out. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know that they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid that others will find out.

Remaining training topics include: Using Mental Health Professionals and other Community resources, Ministering to those experiencing grief, Dealing with depression and Supervision, to name a few. When those topics are done, the trainees will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers and receive their first care-giving assignments. But even then their training is far from over.

Continuing education is an important component for Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers will meet for continuing education once a month, even after they begin meeting with their care receivers. The goal is for Stephen Ministers to continually enhance their skills and learn new ways to care. We want them to provide the best care possible for their care receivers.

For more information or to request a Stephen Minister, please contact Rachel Rhine at 243-3482 or Pastor Tim at 243-2319 ext 23.

Vacation Bible School 2008

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

This year we'll be celebrating VBS with a curriculum called,

"God's Big Back Yard."

As always it takes a lot of people to help make it a successful program so if you would like to volunteer to help please contact Jody Hafner, Tammy Jones or Rachel Rhine. There will be a sign up sheet in the church office on the reception desk.

Pentecost / Mother's Day Inter-Generational May 11

On Sunday, May 11th we will celebrate Pentecost and Mother's Day with an Inter-Generational Sunday School event in Stock Hall during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to join us for this special celebration of the church year. There will be activities, crafts for all ages and some delicious food too. Mark your calendars now, so you don't miss any of the fun and fellowship we will enjoy together!



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

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

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

Thank you and God Bless,
Sheila Thesen

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

There is a training session for "Host's" on : Sunday, April 27th in the church parlor from 12:15—about 1:30 p.m.

There is a meeting for "volunteers" on : Monday, April 28th from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in Stock Hall. For the month of May our CARES guests will arrive at 9:00 p.m. and leave at 7:00 a.m. the next morning.

Planning to pay for college?

Whether you're trying to fund a college education for your child, grandchild or even yourself, choosing the appropriate savings vehicle is one of the critical components to your success.

But how much money do you need to save, and which plan is best for you?

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans offers a free education funding calculator to help families estimate how much they need to save. Visit thrivent.com and click on *Planning: Tools & Services*, then *Education Planning*, then determine which savings vehicle is right for you. Here are some of the most popular college savings vehicles:

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Each savings vehicle has its own unique advantages/disadvantages. A Thrivent Financial representative can help you choose the one that's right for you.

To learn more about paying/saving for college, contact your Thrivent Financial representative, Michael P. Smith, MBA, FIC, at 717-502-1100 or michael.p.smith@thrivent.com today, or visit thrivent.com.

A Letter from Our President

ST. PAUL'S AMAZING DISCIPLES

The other day as I was traveling on business I passed a physical fitness center and noticed that the parking lot was not only quite large, but every parking space was occupied. I started thinking that I had never seen a commercial advertisement for membership in this business, which leads me to believe that word of mouth had to be the answer for the large membership. I suppose you could say that this business has amazing disciples.

Although Christianity is not the same type of activity as membership at a fitness center, St. Paul challenged his disciples whom he taught and nurtured to think for themselves. Perhaps he was preparing the disciples in a similar way that today's athletes prepare and train for a great race. I like to think that the members of St. Paul's are indeed great and amazing disciples, and that each and everyone of us are participating in the great race of spreading God's word.

Our church not only needs our present disciples, but we continue to need additional disciples to volunteer their time and talents to assist and support our ministries. We can always use more voices in the choir, additional helpers in the nursery, volunteers to help host Carlisle CARES, and the list goes on and on. If you want to know how or where you can help out and volunteer in a St Paul's ministry, please feel free to contact Pastor Tim, any member of church council, or me.

With your continued help as amazing disciples we will be able to continue to meet and expand our mission of

Gather to be fed + Offer our praise + Depart to serve.

Peace,
Gary Nicholson
President, Congregation Council

A Note From the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are approaching the end of our fifty day journey in the season of Easter. When Karen and I return from vacation we will be celebrating the Festival of Pentecost. Traditionally, we have celebrated the confirming of our confirmands at the late service on this Sunday. I am pleased to announce that the following confirmands will be confirmed on Pentecost;

Cheyenne Delp-- the daughter of Milissa and Paul (Randy) Delp,

Megan Lopez—the daughter of Virginia and Alan Lopez,

Bennett Metzger—the son of Amy and Gregory Metzger,

Catherine Tomkiel—the daughter of Claudia and Joseph Tomkiel.

Immediately following the 10:45 service on May the 11th everyone is welcome to join the confirmands, families, friends, and other congregants for a time of celebration in Stock Hall with a light lunch sponsored by Thrivent for Lutherans. Please come and support our confirmands at the joyous time as they affirm their baptism and become baptized/confirmed members of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This confirmation class will be the first class to be confirmed using our new approach to confirmation teaching. The Confirmation Task force includes; Ginny Ramsey, Ginny Lopez, Gary Nicholson, and myself. This Task Force works together with our Christian Education Committee chaired by Rachel Rhine. We would like to “Thank” our Congregational Council for their support during this time of change and transition.

I would like to share with you part of the *Confirmation Task Force Report* put together by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our way of approaching confirmation ministry is defined in the “Summary and Recommendations” section of this report--

Summary and Recommendations

This report's definition of confirmation ministry emphasizes the pastoral and educational ministries of this church that help the baptized through Word and Sacrament, to identify with the Christian community and to participate in its mission. A key question has been: What is the role of the congregation in affirming youth in Christian faithfulness with an emphasis on lifelong learning and discipleship? This definition and question have led to several understandings.

First, everything involved in confirmation ministry flows from Baptism. The faith that follows Baptism is the focus for congregational life. In this life together, the Bible, the Small Catechism, and worship for all members, including young persons, are vital. A Gospel-centered, grace-centered approach to confirmation ministry conveys a community grounded in Christ.

Second, confirmation ministry happens in a living community of faith and is the responsibility of the whole congregation, not only the pastor. Confirmation ministry is better able to respond to the concrete needs of youth when it is tailored to fit particular contexts.

Third, effective confirmation ministry involves use of a variety of persons and approaches. Youth are helped to mature in faithfulness through learning with peers and persons of all ages and cultures, including catechists, mentors, pastors, and parents or guardians. For such learning to take place, congregations must be hospitable places for youth. Fourth, young people benefit from confirmation ministry programs that include diverse models of learning. Young Christians should not be isolated from the ministry of the rest of the congregation, for confirmands are called to life-long learning in worship, identity, mission, discipleship, and vocation. Confirmation ministry thrives where adult involvement in education and service is a high priority. In other words, it is as important for adults to participate in education as it is for children and youth to be involved in congregational worship.

Recommendations

- 1) That congregational confirmation ministry be Gospel-centered, grace-centered both in content and in approach. Recognizing the many dimensions of the lives of young people, we call upon congregations to intentionally address the need to hear the Gospel as refreshing, life-giving good news. Furthermore, because of the highly competitive and depersonalized environment of much formal schooling, congregations should make their approach to confirmation ministry grace-centered as well.
- 2) That such a confirmation ministry be tailor-made with an emphasis on community building and faith to convey the Gospel in the congregation's particular context. Recognizing the diverse settings in which members live, we affirm the congregation's freedom to work singly, or with neighboring congregations, to develop a confirmation ministry which addresses the needs of their specific young people. Such an approach provides the flexibility to address the varied ages, maturity, and skills of young people.
- 3) That congregations create, or designate, a confirmation ministry team to give shape and direction to the planning and coordination of a pastoral and educational confirmation ministry. Recognizing that reforming confirmation ministry is an on-going task, we urge that specific members of the congregation be designated to provide oversight and continuity.
- 4) That synods, the churchwide organization, and seminaries be in partnership with congregations in developing a broad variety of support resources, such as materials, networks, and trained leaders for confirmation ministry. Recognizing that our approach to confirmation ministry places greater responsibility at the congregational level, we call upon others in this church to work together to provide support and resources.

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As Pastor, I feel as though I have been blessed to be called to a congregation willing and able to follow through with a ministry that tends to be a huge challenge, for most, in this day and age. May we continue to look forward, with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, in our ministry and outreach here at St. Paul.

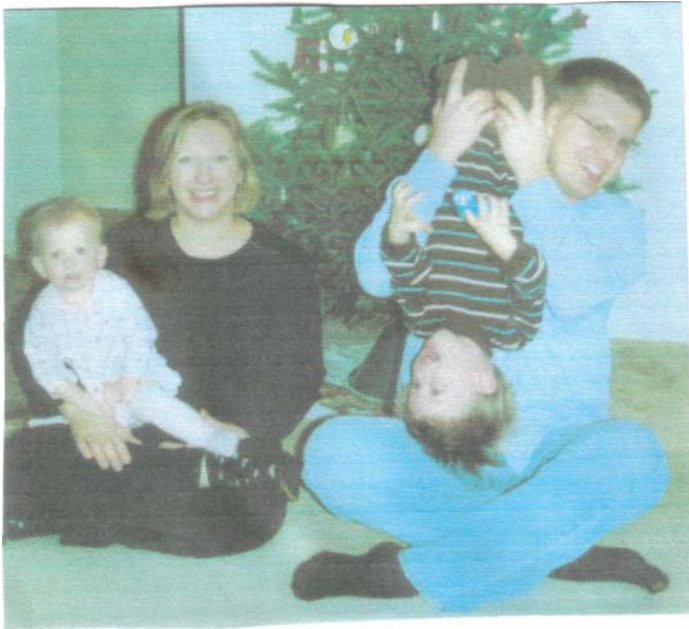
In Christ's Service,

Pastor Tim

The Rev. Timothy W. Sadler

Lead Pastor

GET ACQUAINTED CORNER



Mark & Elizabeth Ferry with their two children
Trent (3 1/2 yrs.) and Hannah(1 1/2 yrs).

Mark is employed at TCI in New Cumberland as a technician. He graduated from Susquehanna Township and Thompson Institute. Elizabeth graduated from Big Spring and Millersville University with a BS in French. One year of her study was done in Nancy, France. She taught at high schools in Maryland and Pennsylvania before retiring to become a full time at home Mother.

Both Elizabeth and Mark love cooking, gardening, and walking. Additionally, Mark is skilled in woodworking and when he has time enjoys reading.

Elizabeth's parents are members James and Dorothy Miller.

Congregational Council Meeting

March 31, 2008

Summary

The Congregational Council of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church met on March 31, 2008. Following is a summary of the discussion from the meeting.

- Mr. Nicholson will charge the nominating committee with finding people to serve on the Endowment Fund Committee.
- Mr. Suchocki reported on the audit findings. A complete report may be viewed in the Church Office.
- Pastor Sadler reported on all of his activities for the last month. He thanked Council for approving funds for his Blackberry.
- Vicar Joe's last Sunday with us will be July 13, 2008.
- Mr. Fox reported on the activities that he has planned for the Youth.
- Mr. Schuettler gave a report on the Peanut Butter Egg money and asked for permission to spend the money on nine items.
- Mrs. Rhine asked Council's permission to allow the Wednesday Evening Church School Class to begin a service project to collect pennies for a charity of their choice.
- Committee reports were made. Those reports may be viewed in the Church Office.
- The Bylaws and Constitution Committee hopes to be finished with their work by December. In order to do that, two Congregational meetings will have to be held.
- Confirmation will be held May 11th at the 10:45am service with lunch following the service.



Summary – Committee Night

April 14, 2008

- The Centennial Fund will be closed in late April or early May.
- The Nominating Committee has been asked to have an Endowment Fund Committee in place by June 30, 2008.
- Block Party Date is September 14, 2008
- Yard Sale is June 13 and 14.
- Property Committee will ask three people to give estimates on refurbishing or replacing the 30 year old boiler.
- The Rocky Boy Mission trip will not happen until 2009.
- Money in lieu of geraniums at Pentecost will be given to CARES for family housing. St. Paul will be used from April 14 through April 30th for family housing as needed.
- Expenditures from the peanut butter egg money were approved.
- Susan Wise will put a table in the parlor to dispense information for the "Relay for Life".

OUR COUNCIL

Congregation Council Meeting 2008

Pastor:	Timothy Sadler
President:	Gary Nicholson
Vice-President:	Barry Parks
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Current Acct.:	Mark Ritter
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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.)

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 May:

Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

May Congregation Council Meeting:

Monday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

