



## ***JESUS SAYS...WELCOME HOME!***

<sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.<sup>1</sup> Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

# ***THE EVANGEL***

## ***JUNE/JULY 2025***



***ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331***

At last week's Executive Committee and then Worship and Music Committee meetings, I suggested that we start lifting an offering again at our worship services.



Pending the council's approval at its May meeting, we will resume this practice on June 22. This entails passing the plates after exchanging the peace and not simply having the plates be available on tables where worshipers may place offerings when coming in or going from the worship services. Of course, passing the plates was the norm in most churches until COVID interrupted that tradition as churches understandably sought to minimize human contact among worshipers for safety reasons. While the pandemic is not over yet, it certainly does not present the threat it did and we feel that it is indeed safe again to sing together, exchange the peace, and pass the plates. I am grateful for this positive development.

Now, some see collecting an offering during worship as an interruption in the service. Others see it as a business interlude in the middle of the service. And some may even view it as some type of negative thing that we do to try to stay afloat. I assure you that it is none of these things. Collecting the offering during the service is an important part of the worship experience itself. Prior to collecting the offering, we have confessed our sins and heard the word of absolution (forgiveness), and heard of God's love for us in song, prayer, scripture reading, and preaching. Then at the point of the offering we can continue to worship God by placing a token of our thanks and praise in the plate for all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to do for us. The offering then is a real act of worship as it gives us a structured time to return thanks to God. This is potentially much more pointed and meaningful to worshipers than simply placing something in the plate upon entering or exiting the worship service.

I do realize that in our changing world some of you may give electronically or maybe monthly and not every Sunday. Either of these ways is a perfectly acceptable way to give. By all means, if you give, say electronically, and prefer that method, please continue to do so. When the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. Some churches even have cards that you could put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. Perhaps we can provide those cards here.

As a people we have so much for which to be grateful and praise God. May we really feel this as we place our donations in the plate. After making our offering we continue to be blessed as our Lord comes to us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Praise be to God!

*Pastor Dan*



**PLEASE BE INFORMED** that our **Administrative Assistant, Carmen Buckley**, will be on a medical leave starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>. She is having surgery on her right hand, which was injured from falling on Christmas Eve. We send Carmen all our prayers and our commitment to assist her through a peaceful recovery period.

Therefore, for at least a one-week period, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>, the church office will be closed. This schedule does not apply to Pastor Dan who will continue to keep his office hours and respond to phone/emails/texts.

The following office schedule will apply during this one-week period:

- During office hours, Mon.-Thur., 8am-4pm, and Fri., 8am-12pm, the church phone will be answered, emails will be received and responded to.
- The physical office will be closed during this one-week period. The building will be accessible for those with key cards and for meetings/events where the door is programmed to be open. Otherwise no one will be in the office to give access. Items/articles/information can also be dropped off during Sunday worship hours. Items can be placed in the office door slot.
- Sponsorships (flowers, bulletins, radio, etc) for May 25 and June 1) cannot be accepted.
- Sunday bulletins for May 25 and June 1 will be prepared beforehand. Any last-minute announcements will be made by the Pastor during Announcements.
- **MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 2 - 6 and 9 - 13** – Please call before coming into the office to be sure someone is there. At the time this newsletter was printed Carmen was not certain when she will be back full-time and Pastor Dan Yeiser is on vacation from June 4<sup>th</sup> until June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer. Coffee makers would start the coffee around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request) Both coffee and snack volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!



# ATTENDANCE

## Sundays at 9:30 am

April 27.....	86	Facebook Live.....	15
May 4.....	81	Facebook Live.....	10
May 11.....	89	Facebook Live.....	11
May 18.....	84	Facebook Live.....	9

## Saturdays at 5:00 pm

April 26.....	19	May 10.....	13
May 3.....	16	May 17.....	13



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Christian Ed. Committee is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 minute activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! Reminder that PA Clearances are needed to volunteer to work with children. We can help you get those clearances at no cost to you! Sign up on the bulletin board across from Pastor Yeiser's office or contact the church office to volunteer.

If there are weeks where no one has volunteered, this activity will be canceled.

THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to lead Faith Formation this year. Volunteers lead Faith Formation for children and adults following worship as well as various adult Bible studies throughout the year. Thank you to Lynne Thompson, Megan Weible, Carol Louey, Lucille Farrington, Deb Sowers, Russ Kaltreider, Linda Zellers, Suzanne Butler, and Peg Sennett. Well done, good and faithful servants!

—Bill Sowers - Christian Education Committee Chairperson



**PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY** from 12:15 – 12:35 pm. This brief service consists of prayer, scripture reading and silent meditation. All are welcome to join us at 12:15 pm in the church lounge.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Linda Zellers will lead Mid-week Devotions on June 4, 11 or 18 while Pastor Dan is on vacation.

## **JUNE'S DESIGNATED GIVING - Special**

Designated Giving this month will go to help defray the medical expenses for Irelyn Sprengle. Irelyn Sprengle is an 11-year-old girl and on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor. Wilms Tumor is a type of kidney cancer that occurs in young children. It is responsible for 95% of all malignant kidney tumors in patients under the age of 15 years old. Wilms tumor can occur in one kidney (unilateral) or in both kidney (bilateral and can spread throughout the rest of the body. There are about 650 new cases diagnosed each year in the United States.



Irelyn is a Spring Grove student in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She loves sports (gymnastics, soccer, basketball, and flag football.) She also loves music and is an avid Steelers fan. She loves the colors yellow and neon pink. Irelyn's parents are Kyle and Emily Sprengle. They have 6 children. Irelyn (11), Crimson (8), Champlin (8), Dempsey (6), Landry (6), and Anistyn (3) and they live in Spring Grove. Irelyn's grandparents are Lance and Diane Sprengle and Joe and Vonnie Mahon. Vonnie has been my friend for many years. Emily and my daughter, Kortni, were friends growing up. The Family attends Christ American Baptist Church. They have faith that God will get their daughter through this, and he will be with the entire family to give them the strength that they all need to help each other.

Irelyn has been going to Hershey Medical Center for treatments. Irelyn's journey started on April 22, 2024, with lots of testing. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the family received her diagnosis – Wilms Tumor. On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, she received her first chemotherapy treatment. Irelyn has been going through many chemo treatments and surgeries in the past year. It has been a very hard year for both Irelyn and her family. The family has faith in God that he will be with them as they fight this disease and will heal her.

April 9, 2025, Irelyn completed her final chemo treatment, On April 11<sup>th</sup> Irelyn rang the "Believe" bell to signify the end of inpatient chemo! While this marks a very important milestone for this journey, Irelyn has 2-3 weeks of recovery, scans, and then she will ring the final bell. Praying that there will be no evidence of the disease in her body, Irelyn will continue to have appointments at Hershey due to the blood clot that remains in her heart.

Please join me in praying for the Sprengle family asking God to give this family the strength they need and to heal Irelyn.

God's Peace,  
Sally Lovelace

**JULY SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING** was not decided before this newsletter was completed. Watch upcoming worship bulletins for information July's Special Designated Giving.

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**GRADUATES**

Christopher Johnson will be graduating from Littlestown High School on May 29, 2025. He has made Honor Roll every marking period of his high school career with a GPA of 3.875.

Christopher has participated in Scouts since fourth grade and completed the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank during the fall of his Senior year. He has been involved in the music program throughout his school career and has participated in a musical, Concert, Marching, Indoor, Jazz and County Bands, Concert and County Chorus and Show Choir throughout his high school career. He also was a member of the boys Tennis team since 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

This summer, Christopher will be working as a lifeguard and camp counselor at Camp Nawakwa. He hopes to participate in a mission trip in the coming year.

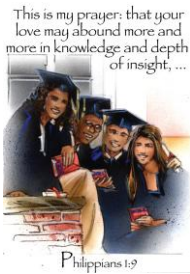
In the fall Christopher is planning to take a gap year and will most likely continue working at the YMCA in Hanover while he explores future possibilities. His interest is in robotics engineering, but he is also considering ministry.

Lillyana Schmidt will graduate from New Oxford High School on May 22nd and, in the fall, will attend York College for Nursing.

Tianna Gray, daughter of Carolyn Gray and granddaughter of Bob and Barbare Colehouse, will graduate on May 24th from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Kinesiology. Tianna will attend Messiah University to receive her Doctorate.

Please let the church office know if you, or any other member of St. Paul's, graduated from high school, college or trade school this year so that we can acknowledge them in the August Evangel. We would also love to hear what your future plans are.

You can email us at [assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org)  
or call us at 717-637-5941.



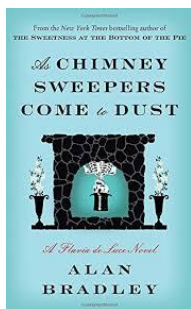
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**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:** Please contact **Carmen Buckley** in the church office or at [assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org)

- Radio—June 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
- Altar Flowers—June 8, 22 & 29 (2 vases at \$20 each); June 15 (1 vase at \$20)
- Communion Bread and Wine- June 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12 each date)
- Worship Bulletins- June 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20 each date)
- Eternal Flame—June 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10 each date)



## ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB



St. Paul's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025** at 12:45 **pm** in the Conference Room. The book we will be discussing is As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust by Alan Bradley . This is a Flavia de Luce Novel. Flavia de Luce, a 12 year old, "is perhaps contemporary crime fiction's most original character--to say she is Pippi Longstocking with a Ph.D. in chemistry (especially poisons) barely begins to describe her."(Maclean's). We will meet after Pastor's Midweek

Meditation. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink.

We do not meet in July, but will meet again on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025** at 12:45 pm in the Conference Room to discuss The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader.

Any reader is invited to attend our meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.



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The **Faith In Action Committee** sponsors a Homebound Card project every year. We ask members of the congregation to make a commitment to send cards to our Homebound members so that they know we are thinking of them. If you would like to be included on the Homebound list, please let the church office know so that you can be added to the list. This is open to any member who just doesn't get out too often and would like to receive cards on the special holidays of the year. We are trying to update our Homebound List which has grown shorter due to the deaths of several of our members. Thanks for your help.

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - May 24<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>

Mon.–Thurs.—8 am to 4 pm & Fri. – 8 am to 12 pm

The Church Office will be closed on the following days this summer:

- Monday – Friday, May 26 – 30 (medical leave)  
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- Monday – Friday, July 1 – 5 (vacation)
- Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day).



# Growing Faith In God's Garden



## Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 28 – Friday August 1  
9:30am to 12noon

Bible Stories Include:

- Day 1 – Garden of Eden
- Day 2 – The Parable of the Sower
- Day 3 – Vine and Branches
- Day 4 – Jesus Prays in Garden
- Day 5 – The Risen Christ in the Garden

Open to all children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register online at <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/vbs-registration>  
or by calling 717-637-8904  
Space is limited

This VBS is a cooperative Ministry between St. Mark Hanover  
and St. Paul (York St.) Hanover.  
Hosted at St. Mark, 129 Charle Street, Hanover



Just a reminder that the Faith In Action Committee will again be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief in July and August. We hope to fill 100 backpacks again this year. Keep your eyes open for sales to help with this event. Items needed are :



- 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks  
8" X10-1/2" of wide-or college-lined paper
- 30 centimeter rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt Scissors
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 16 or 24 boxed crayons
- 2-1/2" erasers.

Boxes for items will be put out in the hallway in July and August. Watch the bulletin and Evangels for more information on this event. St. Paul's always is so generous for this event. The Committee appreciates your effort. The Committee will again apply for a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of the backpacks and some supplies.

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## SISTERS IN FAITH

It's time to mark your calendar for our fall retreat scheduled for **Oct. 10 – 12**, at Mar-Lu-Ridge. We are hoping to have women of all ages join us for all or part of the weekend! Our weekend will be a time of fellowship, study, worship, and good fun.

We will once again use a Bible Study from the Women of the ELCA Gathering magazine as a theme for our weekend. This year we'll

explore Faithfulness: Faith Where You Are (Ruth and Naomi); Faith in the Depths (Psalm 22); Faith Adventures (Peter and Cornelius); and Faith Risks (Jarius and the Faithful Woman).

So this year, who will win the Skip-Bo tournament, what places will we visit, what campfire stories will we tell? Come join us to find out!

The lodge has recently been remodeled for access for all abilities (elevator and better accessibility). There are still individual rooms (sleeping 1 or 2 people) each with a private bathroom. Best of all? Linens and all meals are PROVIDED! Cost is based on length of stay (one night = \$130; two nights = \$160...a slight increase from last year).

To register and for more information, contact Deb Sowers ([debsowers@gmail.com](mailto:debsowers@gmail.com)). Remember that all are welcome whether or not a St. Paul's member!



The Faith In Action Committee would like to thank all those who contributed towards the Diaper and Wipes Drive collection in May that we did to help St. John's Lutheran Church in Abbottstown. They will appreciate all that we could do to help them. Thank you for your generosity.

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Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm, is St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Broadway's annual Strawberry Festival! Enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake or sundaes along with soup and sandwiches.



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### FOOD PACKAGING EVENT PLANNED!

What began in 2012 as a congregational mission project initiated by a young man at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, has blossomed into a biennial community-wide service event. Residents of the greater Hanover area from local businesses, service organizations, churches and neighborhoods join together to help feed school-

age children with a food packaging event coordinated through "Rise Against Hunger".

Our congregation will once again support this community event coming up on **Nov. 1** where we hope to pack over 100,000 meals. The meals packed at St. Matthew's have helped to feed children in Haiti, Columbia, Malawi, Liberia, Burundi, Zambia, and most recently Ukraine and Poland. We have registered to send 20 people for the **2:00-4:00 pm packaging time**; however, you can volunteer for any time that suits your schedule. See Deb Sowers or contact the church office for more information.

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we volunteer to help with this food packaging event! More information will be forthcoming about signing up to help with the packaging, but for now, mark your calendar to help. And check out the QR code to the right to watch a YouTube video about the 2023 event and watch for several St. Paul's members (in the yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" shirts!) OR visit <https://youtu.be/azaV9QkRYf4> on YouTube...Give Local York Spotlight: Hanover Against Hunger) to view.



# Hanover's Texas Roadhouse Helping HAH



**Hanover Against Hunger**  
Feeding the Hungry since 2012  
HungerKnowsNoBoundaries.org

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Texas Roadhouse Partners with HAH



Feb 15 & 17  
Mar 2 & 3, 16 & 17  
Apr 6 & 7, 21 & 22  
May 4 & 5, 18 & 19  
Jun 1 & 2, 15 & 16  
Jul 6 & 7, 20 & 21  
Aug 3 & 4, 17 & 18  
Sep 7 & 8, 21 & 22  
Oct 5 & 6, 19 & 20

Hanover Against Hunger will receive 10% of all designated Hanover Texas Roadhouse food / beverage (including alcohol) purchases, 10% of carry-out, and 10% of gift card purchases made in conjunction with the partner's food purchases, on these dates.

It will be helpful if you tell your server when making food and beverage orders that you want to give your gift to Hanover Against Hunger.

Mark these dates on your calendar. Plan on eating and socializing monthly with friends and family and help feed others!

Help us spread the word. Share this opportunity with others.

Have a great meal and help to feed others. Tell your server at TRH in Hanover that you are there in support of Hanover Against Hunger. When you do, 10% of all designated Hanover Texas Roadhouse food / beverage (including alcohol) purchases, 10% of carry-out, and 10% of gift card purchases made in conjunction with your visit on the dates shown on the right.

But the good news does not stop there. This offer will continue on Sundays and Mondays of every other week through October of 2025. Stay tuned for updates. THANK YOU TRH!



Texas Roadhouse Fundraising

10% of your Gift Card purchase goes to support Hanover Against Hunger



GIFT CARD

Texas Roadhouse Fundraising Gift Card (\$10-\$100) — \$10+

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## A Mother, A Warrior, A Grandmother – And Why PAL Matters



Every meal has a story behind it. For Kim Brock-McKinsey, those stories are filled with courage, resilience, and hope. A war widow at just 21 and a mother navigating life's many chapters, Kim has faced trials that would bring most to their knees — yet she continues to rise.

From raising children while earning a black belt and a Penn State degree, to caring for disadvantaged teens, to enduring two simultaneous cancers and a life-changing spinal fusion, Kim's journey has been anything but easy. But her current chapter — living in poverty while caring for her grandchildren — has brought her to a new kind of battle: feeding her family on an income meant for one.

***"While living just on my VA check (\$1600/month) and waiting for Social Security Disability, I gained custody of my grandkids," Kim shared. "Because of red tape, we didn't qualify for food stamps. PAL has been there for us. I was able to feed the kids and myself while we waited for child support and disability. I am forever grateful."***



PAL — Provide-A-Lunch, a program through the Hanover Area Council of Churches — steps in when there's nowhere else to turn. For Kim, that meant not having to worry about where the next meal would come from while navigating the heartbreak of losing her grandchildren's father and yet another round of waiting for support.

***"Now we are living on a small disability check, and after the children's father passed, we're waiting again — this time for their social security. But because of PAL, I do not have to worry about what to feed them."***

Thanks to the kindness of our volunteers, donors, and community supporters, PAL is more than a lunch — it's a lifeline.

From all of us at the Hanover Area Council of Churches: Thank you for helping us serve heroes like Kim and the children depending on her.

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