



JESUS SAYS...WELCOME HOME!

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

THE EVANGEL

NOVEMBER 2025



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

I have enjoyed communicating with you through the church's newsletter and thus it is with some sadness that I write my last article. Again, my last day with you will be November 30.



I am pleased that Pastor Jason Northridge was called as your new pastor and will begin his ministry with you on December 1. He will bring gifts and enthusiasm that will only be beneficial to the congregation as the Spirit leads him in faithful service here.

As I depart on the Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend (Advent 1 on the church calendar) I want you to know that I am most thankful for my time with you. I appreciate the warm reception you gave both Christy and me as we became involved here at the beginning of March. Though the time may have been brief, it has been a fine way for me to step back out of retirement and engage in full-time ministry. I appreciate the facility, grounds, and especially, you the people of God who worship and serve our Lord here. You are blessed with many strong and dedicated lay leaders who are committed to furthering the mission of this church. It was great working with all of you and your fine staff. Your staff is easy to work with and brings dedication and excitement to its work.

Over the course of my nine months at St. Paul's I, like Pastor Katrina before me, sought to bring a sense of stability and calm to the congregation. I focused much on visiting members in hospitals, rehab centers, and also homebound members. I also started a mid-week devotion service that I am going to recommend continues after November. I made some administrative adjustments and am pleased, too, that important matters such as updating the church constitution and church resolutions occurred over our time together. Additionally, I am pleased that three big property projects were recently completed. And, speaking of property matters, while we were sorry to see Mike Buckley leave his position as Maintenance Technician, we were blessed to have the competent Dirk Wildasin assume that role.

I know it can be frustrating and sad for congregations when pastors come and go as we all sooner or later do. But the good news is that the greatest pastor, the perfect one, Jesus Christ, is here to stay. He is the head of the church, and we are the body. Stay Christ focused and eagerly and joyfully engage in doing his work together. Through you the Spirit is accomplishing wonderful things and will continue to do so. Always turn to our Lord for guidance and direction in life. Recall the concluding words of St. Matthew's gospel where we read from Jesus, "and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." God be with you and do remain our Lord's faithful servants. I will always remember you in thought and prayer, while wishing you God's richest blessings.

Pastor Dan

Pastor Dan will be conducting his next to last worship service as our Bridge Pastor on Sunday, November 23rd. Please join us for a brunch celebrating Pastor Dan's service right after the worship service in Fellowship Hall.



It is a time to acknowledge and celebrate what he has brought to us in his time here with us. His wisdom, guidance and service will always be appreciated.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Thank you!
Church Council Executive Committee



ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AT A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING, Pastor Jason Northridge was called to serve as the new settled (long-term) pastor of our congregation. Pastor Jason will begin his ministry with us on December 1.

Pastor Jason has served as the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Mount Wolf, PA for the last thirteen years. Three years ago, he also began serving part time at Grace Lutheran Church, Roundtown. Pastor Jason grew up in a large family in Jonestown, PA. He is a graduate of Susquehanna University and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Pastor Jason is married to Pastor Amy Northridge. Pastor Amy is an ELCA pastor who serves Mt. Zion UCC, York, PA. Pastor Amy and Pastor Jason have one child, Freddie. Freddie is in fifth grade, plays the trumpet, and loves video games.

Pastor Jason has served on the Reference and Counsel Committee and the Nominating Committee of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. Pastor Jason has served three terms as dean of the North York Conference. Each summer, he spends a week as a chaplain at Camp Nawakwa. In the community, Pastor Jason had served for several years on the Board of Directors for the Northeastern Senior Center. He helps out at his son's school, serves with the PTO, and is part of the Dover School District's Parent Advisory Council. In his spare time, Pastor Jason enjoys reading, watching TV, and going to the movies. You will find he loves going to Walt Disney World with his family and building Lego sets with his son.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. Please consider volunteering to help with this very important ministry at St. Paul's. You can volunteer to make coffee, bring snacks or both. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your consideration!





PASTOR DAN CONTINUES TO OFFER MID-WEEK DEVOTIONS ON WEDNESDAY from 12:15 – 12:35 pm through the end of November. 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.



Our brother-in-Christ, Virgil Loss., claimed the promise of his baptism on October 23, 2025.

CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS - Please note that St Paul's office hours are changing. The office will be open Tuesday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM. The office will be open by appointment only on Mondays; however, phone calls, text



messages, and emails will be answered and responded to by Carmen as appropriate. The office will be closed on Fridays. Only emergency phone messages and emails will be handled on Fridays. For access to the building during non-office hours, including Mondays and Fridays, you can request scheduled door access through Carmen by contacting her in a timely manner; or you can continue to use your swipe key. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. If you have concerns or suggestions, please talk directly with Frank Hueske, Council President, or Peg Sennett, Lay Personnel Chair.

Christian Education

Continue

Join us on Sundays following worship! There's something for all!

Children and Youth (2nd Floor Gathering space): we will do an opening activity together and then split into age groups (ages 0-5; grades K-5; grades 6 and up; there's also Confirmation ministry one Sunday a month)

Adults (1st floor opposite the Lounge): grab a snack and drink and join us.

Children: We continue to learn about our Old Testament faithful fathers and mothers. God's promises to Noah and his family, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Joseph and his brothers continues to us!

Youth: Our confirmands have continued to learn about the tenets of our Lutheran faith. This past month we learned about Law + Gospel and Sinner + Saint; we are all both sinner and saint; Jesus told us "Love God. Love People." The End!

Adults: Our "Daily Discipleship" group continues to meet following worship, and the Anxious for Nothing book study will conclude on November 11. Recently 12 Sisters in Faith gathered for a weekend of learning more about "Faithfulness" at Mar-Lu-Ridge camp. A great time was had by all!.



Do you have a gift of working with children? Interested in sharing your faith with them? Our Christian Ed. committee is looking for volunteers to lead Sunday morning Faith Formation activities with children in grades K-5.

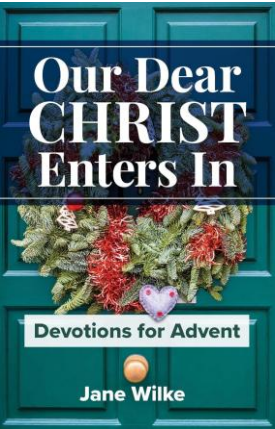
All resources are supplied for you! You would be part of a team that rotates leadership as your schedule allows. Consider volunteering for just one week! PA Clearances required (and we'll help you get them if need be!).

We also continue to look for youth "mentors" to serve as part of a team of mentors to rotate leadership of Faith Formation for our youth in grades 7-12. No prep is needed for this small group discussion group. Contact Deb Sowers to volunteer for either group.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org

- Radio—Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
- Altar Flowers—Nov. 9, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (2 vases at \$20 each); Nov. 16 & 23 (1 vase at \$20), 4 plant poinsettias for Dec. 24 at \$50 each
- Communion Bread and Wine—Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)
- Worship Bulletins—Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 24 & 28 (\$20 each date)
- Eternal Flame—Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

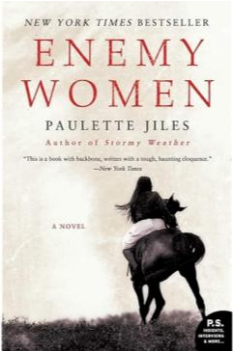




An Advent Bible Study will begin the first Tuesday in Advent, December 2nd to December 23rd beginning at 10 AM in the conference room. The study is “Our Dear Christ Enters In”. During Advent, we are invited to simply let our dear Lord enter into our homes and into our lives? How does His entry into the world speak into and even change our approaches to this season? In this special series for Advent, we look at what happens when Christ enters in and makes our hearts His home. Sign up on the sign-up sheet across from Pastor’s office so we can order books.

ST. PAUL’S BOOK CLUB

St. Paul’s Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 12:45pm** in the Conference Room. We will be discussing Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles. Kaye Gibbons writes, “Enemy Women is all strength and poetry, as are history’s grandest ordinary women and extraordinary writings.” Join us for fellowship and good discussion. Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink.



The Book Club will also be finding out what books we will read for 2026 at this meeting. The list of suggested books was passed out at the October meeting and members were asked to send the top 10 books they would like to read to Janet Haack. Janet will tally the votes and let everyone know what books will be read in 2026.

YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Scan the QR code to give online or go to <https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give> and support the mission and ministries of our church. Thank you for being a blessing!



I would like to thank all the members of the St. Paul's Church family who honored me for my 90th Birthday by sending cards. It was a wonderful surprise to receive over 90 cards from you, family and friends for my celebration.
Harry Dusman



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES -
It's that time of the year again to start filling boxes! Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes are available outside the pulpit entrance. Filled boxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, Nov. 9th. Any questions, please see Lori Rebling or any member of the Faith in Action Committee. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project!

St. Paul's Men in Mission thanks everyone who donated books, puzzles, etc; helped with sorting, set up, and clean-up; especially the Boy Scouts.

We also thank all who donated generously to our annual Used Book Sale. This was our 8th year and it has grown to be a great outreach event and fundraiser. This year we received \$1,344.00 in donations to be distributed to youth in our community which includes Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, St. Paul's Youth and the Hanover Street Elementary School.

ATTENDANCE

Sundays at 9:30 am

October 5	98	Facebook Live.....	13
October 12	93	Facebook Live.....	11
October 19	82	Facebook Live.....	9
October 26	82	Facebook Live.....	13

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

October 4	71	October 11	10
October 18	14	October 25	11



THANKS to all who contributed to our St. Paul's team for the 51st Hanover Area CROP Walk! Our team raised \$627 for world (and community) hunger almost doubling our goal. If you haven't had the chance to donate, we are taking donations through the next few weeks. Visit our team page at [2025 CROP Hunger Walk - St. Paul's York St.](#) or by using the QR code to the left. God's work, OUR hands!

“CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXPRESS”



I hope this year has been one full of blessings for you and your family, but it is not for all our families in Hanover. There has been a greater need in families which are not able to purchase even the smallest gift for their loved ones. We are partnering with New Hope Ministries again this year to provide the basic life-needs for needy families this Christmas season. Starting November 9th there will be a table on display outside the pulpit entrance, with place cards. Each place card will have the name of a gift needed. If you could choose a place card and purchase the item and then place the gift in the box provided, you will make a big difference in a person's life. There are items on the cards for infant/toddlers, children, teens and adults.

Please do not wrap gifts. New Hope needs to see the gifts to make a selection as to which family to give them to.

Please place items in box by November 30th. They will be taken to New Hope. Thank you so much.

The Faith In Action Committee

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 2025 GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL



Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35 - *"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,*

I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

- Living our purpose and principles were seen as the calling of Pastor Jason Northridge to St. Paul's, the increasing number of children in worship and the donations from the Book Sale of over \$1,300.00.
- Council approved sending the updates to St. Paul's constitution to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting on December 14th. Thank you to the Constitution Taskforce for its due diligence.
- Council approved the Continuing Resolutions to the constitution. Thank you to all who gave input to Peg Sennett who compiled the Resolutions.
- Council approved using Adventures in Ministry Funds for a brunch for Pastor Yeiser.
- A gift for Pastor Yeiser was also approved.
- Council reviewed the updates to the constitution for the Hanover Area Council of Churches.
- Council appointed outgoing members, Dan Kiser, Russ Kaltreider and Dave Maus, to the Nominating Committee.
- Council moved to the congregation at the Annual Meeting the motion to sell the Poist Parking Lot. St. Paul's has an offer of \$28,000.00 for the lot.
- Council appointed Jon Shaw to the Audit Committee for a three year term ending December 31, 2028.
- Council dissolved the Call Committee. Thank you to Wayne Butler, Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Lucille Farrington, Michelle Johnson, Sally Lovelace and Jon Shaw.
- All Committee Night is November 12, 2025, at 6 PM.
- Next council meeting is November 19, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it unto me" Matthew 25:40

Tax Prep Volunteers Needed for Spring 2025 Tax Season



The AARP Tax-Aide Foundation Tax-Aide Program is expanding its team of volunteers in York County for the upcoming tax season. We are looking for capable, motivated, compassionate, friendly volunteers.

You don't have to be a tax pro to volunteer with AARP's Tax-Aide program. We're looking for volunteers who want to make a difference in people's lives: people who want to help those unable to afford professional tax preparation — and often miss out on much needed tax breaks and refunds — get money back in their pockets.

We also need volunteers to step up for a variety of roles in addition to tax preparers. The additional volunteer roles include schedulers, greeters, administrative support, instructors, technology assistant and translators. Tax-Aide volunteers receive comprehensive training. But best of all, giving back through Tax-Aide is rewarding and the camaraderie and support makes volunteering fun.

Last year in York County, nearly 100 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers filed more than 4,300 Federal, PA and local tax returns. The program is offered at locations throughout York County.

For more information on how to get started as a volunteer, leave a message for Roxanne at 717.640.5006, email us at info@yorkaarptaxaide.com or visit our website at www.yorkaarptaxaide.com.



**Hanover Area
Council of Churches**



CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP

in memory of Jamal A. Henry Jr. (JJ), who earned his angel wings 2014 while asleep. JJ loved Christmas and toys, and his family started this annual collection which assists families in need to provide some joy to their families during the holiday season. Please consider donating to help our community families in need!

Help us collect toys and gift cards for children in need this holiday season. We are looking for toys for all ages plus gift cards to local stores such as Walmart, Target, Dick's Sporting Goods, Kohl's, etc. Please bring donations to the front reception desk Monday-Friday between 9am-1pm.



JJ's Toy Shop (0-12 years old)

1st full week in December

Monday thru Thursday

8:00am-12:00pm SIGN UP AT

HACC FRONT DESK by 11/27/25

Adopt a Teen this Holiday Season! (13-17 years old)

Like an "Angel Tree", come in and take a Teddy Bear tag from our wish tree. Then shop for the teen to help make their holiday dreams come true! Teddy Bear tags will be available November 3-21. Purchase, wrap, and drop off at HACC by December 12th.

Monetary donations also accepted using QR Code.



SCAN ME

3rd Annual Holiday Teen Teddy Bear Tree



Do you know a teen or family that needs help with gifts for their teen this holiday season?

Make a referral to add them to our Teen Teddy Bear Tree.

Much like an "Angel Tree" name will be added on a teddy bear tag and hung on a holiday tree for community members to be a secret shopper.



2 ways to make a referral:

1. Pick up a Teddy Bear Tree Form at the Hanover Area Council of Churches, or
2. Call 717-633-6353 by November 21st



Would you like to be a SECRET SHOPPER?

Select a tag from our Tree to do some holiday shopping for a teen in need this holiday season. You can select as many tags as you wish. Please be sure to give the front desk your name, phone number, and your tag number(s) so we can contact you if necessary.

All gifts are due back to the Council of Churches by Friday,
December 12th, 2025 to ensure the families can pick up
before the holiday!

Thank you for your support of the children in our community
this holiday season!



It is almost bell ringing time! Calling all to come help us to ring the bell!

Are you interested in serving others while having a fun time ringing the bell? We would love to have you join us this Christmas Season ringing the bell during our Annual Red Kettle Campaign.

The Salvation Army Hanover Service Center will be operating the Red Kettle Campaign at Wal-Mart on Eisenhower Drive, Sam's Club on Wilson Avenue, and Hobby Lobby on Wilson Avenue throughout the 2025 holiday season.

In Hanover, the money raised during our annual Red Kettle Campaign enables us to help those in our community with rental and utility assistance, lifesaving medications, sending children to an overnight camp free of charge, as well as helping school children returning to school with clothing and school supplies.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign enables The Salvation Army to provide food, toys, and clothing to over six million people during the Christmas season and helps more than thirty-four million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

Volunteer bell ringers are the difference between an empty kettle and one that raises funds that sustain the help we give all year long. The Salvation Army relies on monies raised in the red kettles to serve more than twenty-five million people in need each year.

Giving just **TWO (2) HOURS** of your time to make a direct impact on local Salvation Army programs. Having a bell ringer and a kettle can mean more money raised to help those in need in your community. Bell ringing season begins mid-November and continues Wednesday through Saturday until Christmas Eve, so the impact of bell ringing is felt during a time of love, joy, and peace. Please consider joining us to ring the bell and share the joy of Christmas.

You also have the option of **Sponsoring A Day**. Organize family, friends and coworkers to cover a day from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (4 two-hour periods). Bell ringing with a friend makes it even more enjoyable! It's a wonderful way to give back to your community during the holiday season. If you are representing a company or organization, you are welcome to bring signage so the people know of your willingness to support our community.

Volunteers and volunteer groups can contact:

Kathi Thomas
Salvation Army Hanover Service Unit
124 Broadway
Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-2105
Kathleen.thomas@usa.salvationarmy.org



FINANCIAL FIGURES FROM JANUARY 2025 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2025

Through September 30, 2025	Actual	Budget	Difference
Parish Ministries & Programing Donations	\$218,981	\$272,348	\$(53,367)
Pastoral Salary & Expenses	\$63,441	\$92,149	\$(28,708)
Buiding & Grounds Expenses	\$69,814	\$70,148	\$334
Music/Worship Salary & Expenses	\$45,466	\$49,060	\$(3,594)
Administrative Salary & Expenses	\$58,880	\$61,106	\$(2,226)
Parish Education Committee	\$1,958	\$5,514	\$(3,556)
Stewardship Committee	\$734	\$1,125	\$(391)
Faith in Action	\$198	\$225	\$(27)
Grocery Ministry	\$9,334	\$7,501	\$1,833
ELCA Offerings	\$14,197	\$18,751	\$(4,554)
Investment / Endowment Earnings	\$166,984		
Monthly Designated Giving	\$10,468		
September 30, 2025 – Balances:			
Operating Checking & Savings	\$80,567		
Main Endowment	\$932,843		
Capital Loan (from Endowment)	\$36,070		
Other Restricted Funds/Accounts	\$163,114		



Poinsettias will once again adorn our worship space on Christmas Eve. You have the opportunity to purchase a flower or make a donation to "World Hunger". The cost of the flower(s) is \$15.00 per plant. The donation and/or flowers will be recognized in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Poinsettia(s) should be taken home following the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

There are also 2 large (4 plant) altar

poinsettias available to sponsor for \$50 each. Please mark the form below for large poinsettias if you would like to sponsor one or both of these.

Unclaimed plants are not delivered to specific locations, therefore if you are unable to pick-up your plant following the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service, please give serious consideration to a donation to "World Hunger".

Please use the form below and return it to the church office **no later than Sunday, November 23rd. Additional forms will be available on the counter outside the pulpit door entrance.**

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Remembering or honoring a loved one at Christmas through the purchase of a poinsettia(s) or a donation to "World Hunger".

Please fill in the blanks and return the money (\$15.00 per plant, \$50.00 per large altar poinsettia) or donation (any amount) and form to the church office **by Sunday, November 23.**

Enclosed is _____ for _____ poinsettia(s)
(Total dollar amount) (how many)

Make a _____ donation to "World Hunger"
(any dollar amount)

In honor or In memory of (circle one)

By _____

In honor or In memory of (circle one)

By _____

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Monday & Friday – Flexible schedule (see page 5)

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