

## 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.1 Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

# THE EVANGEL SEPTEMBER 2025



ST. PAUL'S LUTHRAN CHURCH HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331



Many of us are intrigued by the story of "Jesus and Zacchaeus" found in Luke 19:1-10. It is a wonderful story about Jesus entering the commerce city of Jericho,

which was situated on an important commercial route and was a center of taxation. Zacchaeus was a rich person who made his wealth through the, in biblical days, despicable practice of collecting taxes. He, in essence, worked for the Romans and collected taxes for them from his fellow Jews, while extorting them (a practice allowed by the Romans) to make more money for himself. To say the least, he was not a popular man and was religiously and socially speaking, an outcast and traitor as he worked for the Romans against his own people.

However, that did not stop him from wanting to see Jesus as the latter was making his way through town. Nor did it stop Jesus from wanting to associate with this guy that most people treated with contempt. Being short, Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus and surely was shocked when our Lord (displaying prophetic power) called him by name and told him to come down and serve as his host for the day. Zaccheaus was only too happy to oblige and received Jesus into his home. Now the grumbling shifted to Jesus as the people complained that he was associating with a sinner. Zacchaeus was so moved by the Lord that he promised Jesus that he would give half of his possessions to the poor and give fourfold back to anyone he had defrauded. Jesus, touched by Zacchaeus's faithfulness, blessed him with a pronouncement of salvation.

What can we take from this story? Well, it shows the gracious, caring, and saving work of our Lord. Though despised by others, Jesus loved and cared so much for Zacchaeus that he invited himself into his home where a wonderful encounter was sure to take place. We note Jesus doing this type of outreach frequently in the gospels. People who are not good enough for their sinful peers are, somewhat ironically, good enough for their sinless Lord. As Jesus himself stated in the concluding verse of this text "the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost."

He came to seek out and save Zacchaeus, you, and me. For you see, all people are welcome in our Lord's eyes. God's love for this man completely changed his life as he pledged to care for others and be fair to them. God's amazing love for us moves us to give thanks and praise to God in worship and to care for others. Stay onboard here as we continue to do these things as a congregation of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Pastor Dan

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 signup 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

August 3	82	Facebook Live	18
•		Facebook Live	
August 17	77	Facebook Live	18
August 24	82	Facebook Live	20
	Saturdays	at 5:00 pm	
August 2	20	August 9	8
•		August 23	



## WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS?

On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, a representative from York County's Office for the Aging will be at St. Paul's talking about the programs they have for seniors in York County. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 9am to 10:30am. Coffee and

doughnuts will be provided. This is a perfect time to learn more about programs that are available and to ask any questions you may have about them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office to help us with seating and handouts.

2025 ANNUAL REPORTS are due in the church office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports should reflect activity through August 31, 2025.





BUDGETS FOR 2026 are due September 4th based on planned activities for 2025. Year-to-date spending reports and worksheets will be emailed to Committee Chairs and Council Liasons for the September Committee meetings.

## 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.





## SEPTEMBER SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING IS FOR LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

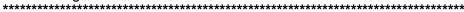
Flooding is one of the most common disasters in the United States. Across the country, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, supports

communities as they recover from devastating floodwaters.

## Our response:

As ever and with your support, our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors around the country as floodwaters recede, cleanup begins and communities — like those in South Central Texas among others across the United States – rebuild after flooding events. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve.

Lutheran Disaster Response works with synods and partners to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery (including disaster case management and meeting unmet needs) and provide educational training for synods and partners in affected regions.





Our sister-in-Christ, Esther Germuth., claimed the promise of her baptism on August 9, 2025.

Our brother-in-Christ, Larry Zumbrum, claimed the promise of his baptism on August 19, 2025.

Our sister-in-Christ, Jeanette Carbaugh., claimed the promise of her baptism on August 23, 2025.

PROGRAM - I know that in the past some of you served as visitors to St. Paul's homebound members. I believe that COVID took a toll on this program. I informed



the Executive Committee last week that I would like to resurrect this fine program. We currently have about eighteen homebound members that I know would appreciate visits from their fellow disciples/members at St. Paul's. Whether you are one of the recent visitors or would like to take part in this visitation ministry, please express your interest to Pastor Dan and/or Carmen in the office. Participants will visit one to three homebound members monthly and distribute communion to them. This program does not replace my pastoral visits but does supplement them. There will be a training session for all who would like to serve as visitors.

-Pastor Dan Yeiser



DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THE CHURCH OFFICE will be on the following schedule: Mon. - 8 am - 12 pm, Tues., Wed., Thur. and Fri. - 9 am - 4 pm. The church office will be closed for Carmen's vacation from

Mon., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> through Mon., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Carmen Buckley in the church office or at <u>assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</u>

Radio-Sept. 7, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)
Altar Flowers-Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- Sept. 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 (\$10 each date)



## Christian Education

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! PA Clearances required (and we'll help you get them if need be!). Contact Bill Sowers to volunteer.

Rally Day will coincide with God's Work Our Hands Sunday! Join us as we celebrate ALL ministries of our congregation...including Christian Education. Come learn about ministries we have to offer!

Adults have opportunities to grow in faith as well! Fall Bible Studies include:

- Daily Discipleship: facilitated by Russ Kaltreider, we gather together every Sunday following worship to further discuss the Bible lesson from that week's service.
- "Anxious for Nothing" book study: led by Gay Dickson on Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning on Oct. 7. A sign-up sheet is located opposite Pastor's Office.
- Something's Brewing Bible Study: facilitated by Suzanne Butler and Peq Sennett will begin again Jan. 2026.

Confirmation Ministry is starting up again! All youth in grades 6-12 who have not yet been through the instruction are invited to join us. Contact the church office for more information.

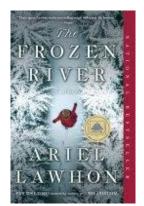
Join us on Sundays following worship (starting Sept. 14)! There's something for all!

- 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 ioin us

To the members of St. Paul's,

The family of Harry Dusman is planning a Card Shower to celebrate his 90th Birthday on September 30. Our goal is for him to receive 90 cards for his birthday to make the day special. We appreciate your consideration. Cards can be sent to: Harry Dusman 425 Westminster Ave. Hanover, PA 17331.





## ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday**, **September 24**, **2025** at 12:45pm in the Conference Room on the second floor. We will be discussing The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhorn. This story takes place in Maine in 1789. Martha Ballard is a midwife and healer and is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell, Maine. Martha is summoned to examine a body that has been taken from the frozen Kennebec River and to determine the cause of death. Thus begins the story of the mysterious death of this

person. Hope to see you at the meeting to discuss this wonderful historical novel.

### WE HAVE CHANGED INTERNET PROVIDERS

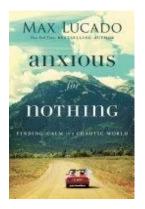
so please use the following:

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and discontinue using
stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net

Steven Ruppright – Director of Music
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and <u>discontinue</u> using <u>steven ruppright@</u>

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Lori Rebling – Director of Handbells
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THANK YOU!



#### **OCTOBER BOOK STUDY**

Do you feel weighed down with worry? Could you use some calm? Join us for a Tuesday Evening Book Study of Anxious for Nothing; Finding Calm in a Chaotic World by Max Lucado beginning October 7 at 7 PM in the conference room. This book will help us learn how to invite God to reframe the way we face our fears based on Philippians 4:6-7. Gay Dickson will facilitate the book study.

Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 21 so

we may order your book.

If we have more than 14 sign up we will have a waiting list and Gay will repeat the Book Study after Epiphany.

#### 2025 CAMPERSHIPS

This year we sent six individual children, four or which were new to St. Paul's, to Camp Nawakwa. We also sent two families (total of seven individuals) to Family Camp at Camp Nawakwa.

We collected a total of \$1405 in designated giving to support these camperships. The total cost was \$6595, with the balance of \$5190 paid via our generous Adventure in Ministries which is part of the St. Paul's Endowment Fund.

Some photos are included below and a few comments gathered included "the delicious food at camp, the beautifully chilly swimming pool, being in a magnificent natural setting, loved all the camp songs, the joy of bible study and allowing families to enjoy the experience

together while creating family traditions".

Laura Silver – St. Paul's Camp Person





Below is a picture of the St. Paul's Family

Camp group (plus Amy (Sowers) Mambu and Zoey)...sorry we didn't get to include Jenn (Dubs) Biddle).



As a long-time Nawakwa camper and volunteer, I ALWAYS appreciate spending a week at camp! This year was especially awesome as I got to fully attend with part of my family. I loved being able to share songs and camp fun with my granddaughter, Zoey. A new tradition is born! It was also joyous for me to experience camp with our daughter Amy as chaplain and Adult Bible Study leader. I learned that God is faithful through all the highs and lows of my life.

Thank you for this opportunity to grow as an individual and for us to experience this as a family.

Deb Sowers

Please fill out the following 2-page survey, tear it out of this booklet and return it to St. Paul's. There is a box on the counter, outside the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary, to drop the survey into or you can take a photo of both pages with your phone and email it to <a href="mailto:assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org">assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org</a>. Extra copies are available on our website at <a href="mailto:www.stpaulsyorkst.org">www.stpaulsyorkst.org</a>. Thank you for taking a few moments of your time to complete the survey.

Evangelism Sι	ırvey
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Evangelism means "sl the Gospel?	naring the Go	spel." Do yo	u believe that .	lesus commands us to share	
	○ No	○ Not sure			
How important do you	think evange	lism is for the	e Church (not ji	ust St. Paul's)?	
not at all ①	2	3	4	(5) the most important	
The next set of ques	tions is abou	it current ev	angelism mini	istries at St. Paul's.	
How well does St. Pat	ıl's share the	Gospel with	the Hanover ar	ea community?	
not well (1)	2	3	4	(5) very well	
How important is St. F	aul's radio mi	nistry in sha	ring the Gospel	?	
not at all ①	2	3	4	5 the most important	
How important is Live	Streaming the	e worship se	rvice in sharing	the Gospel?	
not at all ①	2	3	4	⑤ the most important	
How important is St. F Gospel?	'aul's Faceboo	ok page ( <b>NO</b>	T including Li	ve Streaming) in sharing the	
not at all ①	2	3	4	(5) the most important	
How important is St. F	'aul's website	(https://stpa	ulsyorkst.org/) i	in sharing the Gospel?	
not at all ①	2	3	4	5 the most important	
How important is it for	St. Paul's to	expand evan	gelism efforts r	nationally and/or globally?	
not at all 1	2	3	4	(5) the most important	
The next set of ques	<u>tions is abou</u>	t evangelis	m programs fr	om the past.	
How effective was the	Live Nativity	in sharing th	e Gospel with t	he community?	
not at all ①	2	(3)	4	<ol><li>very effective</li></ol>	
Would you like to see	the Live Nativ	rity return in	the future?		
			○ Not sure		
How effective was Din	iner Church ii	n sharing the	Gospel with the	ne community?	
not at all (1)	2	3	4	⑤ very effective	
Would you like to see	Dinner Churc	h return in th	e future?		
	01		○ Not sure		
How effective was have Gospel?	/ing a booth a	t Dutch Days	s/Snack Town 8	Street Fair in sharing the	
not at all ①	2	3	4	⑤ very effective	
Would you like to see	having a boot	th at Snack 1	Town Street Fai	ir return in the future?	
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## **Evangelism Survey**

Do you have ideas or s the future? Please prin		or Evangelisn	n you would	like to see St. Paul's pursue in
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The next set of quest	ions is abou	ut your exper	iences.	
How comfortable are y	ou sharing y	our faith with	others?	
not at all ①	2	3	4	(5) very comfortable
How could St. Paul's s faith?	upport you a	nd/or help you	ı become m	ore comfortable sharing your
Would you be interested specific projects?	ed in serving	on the Evang	elism Comr	nittee and/or willing to help with
Yes, I would lik	e to serve or	n the committe	e.	
Yes, I would be	interested in	n helping with	specific pro	jects. (no long-term commitment)
O Not at this time	<del>:</del>			
* If you selected	d YES, pleas	e include you	r contact infe	ormation below.
Contact Information	(optional)			
				Thank you for
Name:	···-			your participation!
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There will be a special worship service, followed by volunteer activities (one of which will be assembling our school backpacks which our Faith in Action Committee collected items for), ministry fair, and fellowship meal. Please sign up for the meal on the sheet located by the pastor's office, in the church lounge OR call/email the office to let us know you plan to attend! We want to be sure to have enough for everyone!

# ST. PAUL'S USED BOOK SALE



Friday, Oct. 10 9 AM – 3 PM Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 12 PM

## **Proceeds benefit Youth Programs**

We will begin collecting books September 1st and can be placed on the stage in the Fellowship hall. Books, DVD's, and Puzzles are accepted.

This is our annual fundraiser and is held downstairs in our Fellowship Hall. Funds are used in support of community youth programs. Our thanks to everyone for their past support and look forward to another successful year.



#### Sisters in Faith

It's not too late to register for our fall retreat scheduled for Oct. 10 - 12 at Mar-Lu-Ridge. There are already 6 of us registered, but we have room for any more! 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). Remember that all are welcome whether or not a St. Paul's member!

Mark your calendars! We are looking for 20 volunteers to participate in the Hanover Against Hunger food packaging event on Nov. 1 (afternoon shift). There is a sign-up sheet on the board opposite the Pastor's Office. All ages are welcome! See Deb Sowers or contact the church office for more information



#### Feeding the Hungry

- · Disaster Relief
- · Orphanages
- · Schools
- · Local Food Relief

## Hanover's Texas Roadhouse Helping HAH



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!



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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 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 Justin Schmidt's care of St. Paul's grounds, a thank you to the Call Committee for their diligence, gratitude that Hurricane Erin did not make landfall and a thank you to Pastor Yeiser for his visitations to the homebound.
- Council approved the motion from the Lay Personnel Committee to hire Dirk Wildasin as Maintenance Technician.
- Council, also, approved the motion from the Lay Personnel Committee to make a change to the Administrative Assistant's work schedule effective September 29, 2025.
- All Committee Night will be reinstated on the <u>second</u>
   Wednesday of the month beginning on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The
   committees will gather in the sanctuary at 7 PM and then
   disperse to their meeting places.
- As of the meeting, the Call Committee had decided upon a
  pastoral candidate but had not yet heard from the candidate. If
  the candidate is agreeable, the next step is a meeting with
  council.
- Council set the rate for substitute organist at \$175.00.
- Property Projects Update: The chimney has been removed but still needs to be capped. Repointing has been completed. August 20<sup>th</sup> will begin the parking lot project which is expected to be completed by August 30<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. Replacing the sanctuary roof will soon be scheduled.
- Council approved using Adventures in Ministry Funds to pay for unsponsored radio broadcasts through June.
- Next council meeting is September 17, 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



#### Join Us

## For an Adventure Filled Journey

Camping \* Hiking \*
Fishing \* Learn New
Skills



Pinewood Derby \* Trips

**Cub Scout Pack 102** 

Meetings are Thursday evenings

Starting September 11 @ 6:30

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

127 York Street, Hanover

Interested? Come to the meeting

or

Contact Cubmaster Garth Mays @ gbm1@hotmail.com or Terry Mays @ telee1959@hotmail.com



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