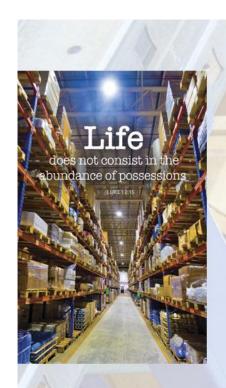
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 127 YORK STREET, HANOVER, PA



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

Our Purpose:

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Guiding Principles:

As instruments of God's love, when you see us at our best you will see us:

- -Generously stewarding God's gifts of resources, time, and talents
- -Serving as God's hands & feet in ministries & missions of outreach to all
- -Providing for the care of God's people, both physically and spiritually
- -Growing in Faith through worship, study, and discernment
- -Praising God through music, word, and service
- -Welcoming all people into fellowship with God

Important Worship Notes

All liturgies are printed within this bulletin.

Children's activity bags and children's bulletins are located on the podium in the hallway on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. Children's activity bags are also located on the coat rack behind the door of the choir loft side of the sanctuary.

P: Pastor

C: Congregation L: Lay Reader A: Assisting Minister

If you are communing, please be sure to fill out a communion record card, for our church records, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

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INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God.

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ⊕ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.



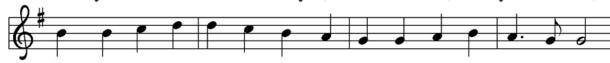
*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

- L The First Reading according to Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
 - ²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.
 - ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.
 - ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 49:1-12 read responsively

- A Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
- C ² you of high degree and low, rich and | poor together.
 - ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
 - ⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
 - ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me.
 - ⁶ the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?
 - ⁷One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
 - ⁸ for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,
 - ⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

- ¹⁰ For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
- ¹² Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

C Holy wisdom, holy word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

L The Second Reading according to Colossians 3:1-11

⁶¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL** Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

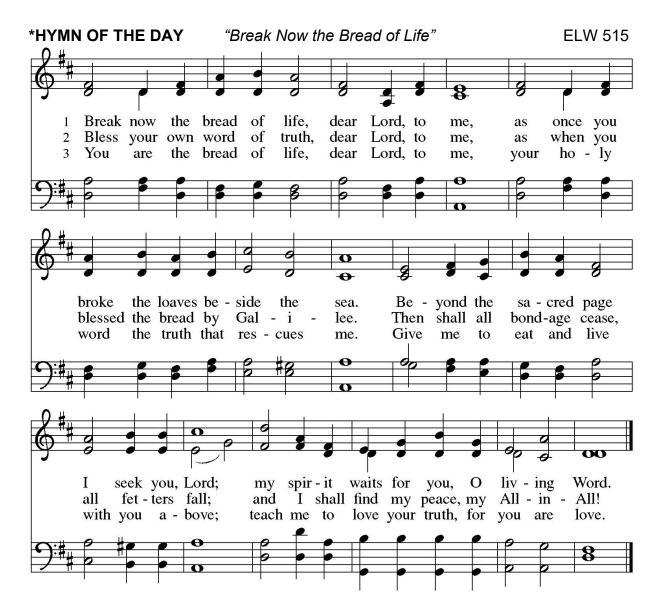
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Dan Yeiser

Following the Children's Sermon, Children and Children's Church leaders are dismissed to Children's Church and will return for the Sharing of the Peace.

SERMON Pastor Dan Yeiser



*APOSTLES' CREED

- A Let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

THE MEAL

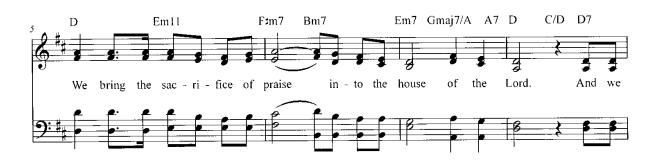
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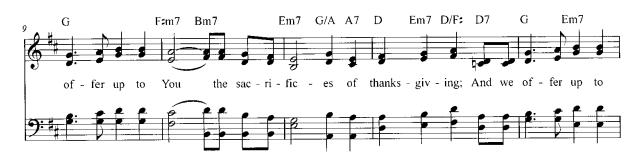
OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"I Love To Tell the Story"* McMichael Diana Leppo – Flute and Deb Diddlemeyer – Violin

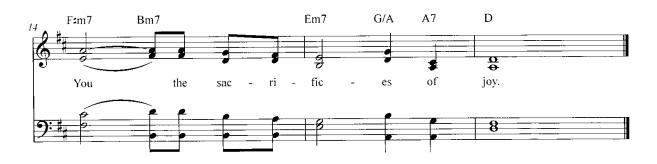
There are several ways of making your offerings to God during this time. One is to place your offering in our offering plates as they are passed. You can give electronically at https://stpaulsyorkst.org/give and when the plate passes by, you may simply meditate on the gifts that you are currently making online or monthly. We do have cards that you can put in the plate indicating that you give electronically. A supply of those cards is available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

If you are not able to give monetarily during this time, know that your prayers and praise are a pleasing offering to God. If you can give a little more during this time, please consider doing so as a way of supporting your fellow disciples who are not able to.









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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Ρ Let us pray,
 - Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our C selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

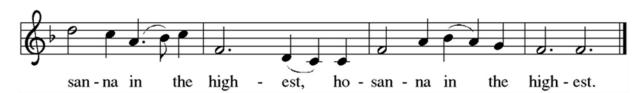
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.





*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all in now ready.

All are welcome to commune.

If you wish to receive communion from your seat, please let an usher know.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

*AGNUS DEI

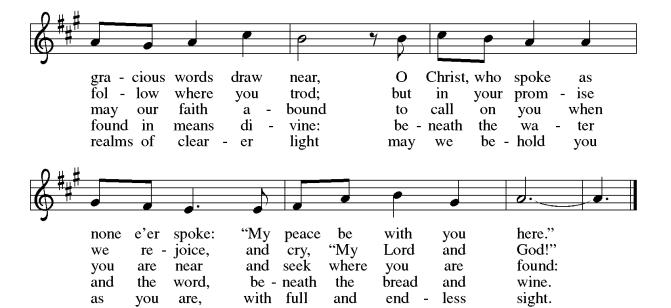


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION





*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

Parenting God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

*BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior + Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.



*DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- C We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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	August 3	August 10
Saturday night Worship	Pastor Dan Yeiser (8/2)	Russ Kaltreider (8/9)
Assisting Minister:	Donna Lehman	Gretchen Walter
Acolyte:	Jocelyn Fissel	Leah Kaltreider
Lay Reader:	Sherry Cracium-Bolin	Lucille Farrington
Communion Distributors	Donna Lehman	Mary Yohe
	Michelle Johnson	Suzanne Butler
Ushers:	Bob Colehouse	Bob Colehouse
	Dan Fuhrman	Dan Fuhrman
Altar:	Linda Knapp	Linda Knapp
	Sally Lovelace	Sally Lovelace

^{*} Stand if you are able

BOTH VASES OF ALTAR FLOWERS, THE COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE, THE WORSHIP BULLETINS and THE ETERNAL FLAME are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Markle on her birthday Aug 6 from John, Wendy, Melissa and Matthew

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!

DURING THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE CHURCH OFFICE will be on a flexible schedule for Monday and Friday so please call before you come in. In person hours will be kept on Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION - Boxes for items are in the hallway and the deadline for the collection is tomorrow. St. Paul's is always so generous for this event and the Committee appreciates your effort. The Committee again received a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of the backpacks and some supplies. Items needed are:

- 216 80 sheet spiral notebooks 8" X10-1/2" of wide-or college-lined paper
- 225 blue or black ball point pens
- 37 centimeter rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- 47 Pencil sharpeners
- 27 –boxes of 16 crayons

We will be packing the School Kits on September 7, 2025 at God's Work Our Hands Event after church. Hope to see you all there to help with this packing. Thank you for your constant support.

WE HAVE CHANGED INTERNET PROVIDERS so please use assistant@stpaulsyorkst.org and discontinue using stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net. THANK YOU! **AUGUST'S DESIGNATED GIVING** is for New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need with emergency crisis assistance, food pantries, rent/mortgage assistance, help with medical needs, heat/utility assistance, transportation assistance, counseling, referral services, youth programs, holiday food baskets and gifts. In addition to basic needs, NHM offers ongoing support and guidance to help people become self-sufficient and stable over the long term through financial literacy, nutrition education, GED, employment preparation, and job training programs. NHM received an overall score of 97.24 out of 100 from Charity Navigator, the most utilized evaluator of the financial stability and best practices of charities in the U.S.

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

Radio-Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (2 vases at \$20 each) Communion Bread and Wine-Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 21 & 28 (\$12 each date) Worship Bulletins-Aug. 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame-Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

THE ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB will meet again on **Wed., Aug. 27, 2025** at 12:45 in the Conference Room to discuss <u>The Nightingale</u> by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader. Any reader is invited to attend out meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.

WHAT DOES THE OFFICE OF THE AGING OFFER TO HELP SENIORS? On Saturday, September 20th (change of date from last week), 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.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE - Our annual book sale will be held on Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th. **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 funds are used in support of our Youth. Our thanks to everyone for their past support and look forward to another successful year. **SISTERS IN FAITH** - Our annual retreat will be at Mar-Lu-Ridge on October 10-12.

SUN., AUG. 3	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
9:30 am		Worship Service – 7 th Sunday after Pentecost
Immediately following Worship		Coffee Hour – Lounge
WED., AUG. 6	12:15 pm	Midweek Devotions – Lounge
	5:00 pm	Property Committee - Lounge
	6:00 pm	Christian Ed. Committee – Conference Room
	7:00 pm	Faith in Action Committee – Lounge
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music Committee – Church Office
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THUR., AUG. 7	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Executive Committee meeting – Pastor's office Boy Scout Troop 102 – Youth Room & Gym
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FRI., AUG. 8	3:00 pm	Grocery Ministry prep – Gym
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SAT., AUG. 9	9:00 am	Grocery Ministry – St. Paul's Council
	5:00 pm	Saturday Evening Worship Service – lounge
	6:15 pm	Narcotics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall
SUN., AUG. 10	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast – 95.3 FM & 1280 AM
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God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 7. There will be a special worship service, followed by volunteer activities, ministry fair, and fellowship meal. Please sign up for the meal on the sheet located by the pastor's office OR call/email Carmen to let us know you plan to attend! We want to be sure to have enough for everyone!

Save the Date I M I I M I I T

God's work. Our hands. September 7, 2025

Special Worship
Service Projects & Ministry Fair
Faith Formation Kick-off
Fellowship Meal



ST. PAUL'S USED BOOK SALE



Friday, Oct. 10
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Saturday, Oct. 11th
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