

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



2022

ANNUAL REPORT

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Greetings St. Paul's members,

It is with great joy I get to report the generosity abounding at St. Paul's! Our Annual Report contains information from September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022. Many activities and ministries have begun anew after our two year pandemic pause. We are once again able to worship, serve and grow in our generosity and faith as a community.

Our full council not only meets monthly, but each is a liaison to a committee. Each Council member averages 3 additional St. Paul's activities regularly. Council renewed our purpose and principles and updated our 2022 strategic priorities this February. These include:

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 and feet in ministries and 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

Strategic Priorities:

- Increase our online presence.
- Engage and offer opportunities for growth to members and our community to live our principles.
- Return to a more Pre-Covid worship schedule.

The strategic priorities and survey suggestions guided our direction this year. Some plans have been implemented, others are in the works and will be implemented soon (and appear in next year's report). We ...

- Began Something's Brewing Bible Study, offered a Bible Study during Lent and one is planned for this fall;
- Old and new hymns are provided during our combined service;
- We're once again able to Pass the Peace during service;
- Our Heritage, Senior, Children's and Bell Choirs are again providing their wonderful music;
- Our Lutheran Men in Mission has regrouped and are meeting monthly;
- Our PAL volunteers are once again serving twice a month;

- A 40 Days of Prayer for Spiritual Growth was offered during Lent;
- Deacon Marsha Roscoe provided a small group workshop on Spirituality;
- Our weekly enews Happenings and Reminders continues and we've provided other emails in addition to the Evangel as necessary to keep communication open and timely;
- We have more volunteers serving on the altar guild, as Assisting Ministers and Readers, in grocery ministry, on a task force and/or working on projects;
- Committees continue to meet and, when applicable, are moving to project/short term commitment opportunities for all to serve; and
- Plans to begin communion visits to our homebound, coffee hour following church, Dinner Church, and a stewardship campaign are forthcoming.

As you continue reading, you'll see MANY areas of generosity and service happening at St. Paul's! I hope you can also see how our service and dedication align with our Purpose and Principles, our strategic priorities and our survey. We're moving forward, implementing as we are able, planning for more and seeking God's guidance. How is He guiding you to participate in service through Him? He is clearly at St. Paul's and He is working!

Nancy Smith,
Council President

Council Report

Members of the 2022 council were Sharon Bortner (2024), Amy Feeser (2022), Frank Hueske (2022), Dan Kiser (2023), Donna Lehman (2022-appointed August 10, 2022), Dave Maus (2022), Tom Miller (2022), Cindy Schmidt (2023), Peg Sennett (2024), Jon Shaw (2023), Laura Silver (2022), Nancy Smith (2024), Pastor Robert Burkhart and Linda Zellers. Russ Johnson (2021) and Russ Kaltreider (2021) served on council through December 31, 2021. Doug Riley (2023) served until May 31, 2022.

Officers of the council and the congregation for 2022 are:

President – Nancy Smith	Vice-President – Peg Sennett
Treasurer – Frank Hueske	Secretary – Linda Zellers

The committee liaisons for 2022 are as follows:

Worship – Donna Lehman, Dave Maus

Parish Education/Youth – Tom Miller

Property – Jon Shaw

Evangelism – Nancy Smith

Finance – Sharon Bortner, Laura Silver

Faith in Action – Dan Kiser, Cindy Schmidt

Stewardship – Amy Feeser

Visioning/Steering – Frank Hueske

In addition to receiving committee reports and taking action as required, the council did the following:

- Met in regular session in 2021 on September 15th, October 13th, November 10th and December 8th and in 2022 on January 12^h, February 9th, March 15th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th and August 10th;
- Met in special session on August 28th;
- Approved monthly Treasurer's Report subject to audit;
- Approved designated giving for each month which are listed in Financial Report section below; and
- Approved actions, which are published monthly in the Evangel.

The council begins each meeting with identifying how the congregation of St. Paul's is living our purpose and principles as well as what we have to celebrate. In 2022, Peg Sennett has led devotions based on "When God Whispers Your Name" by Max Lucado. As the body of Christ in this place, it is important that we carry out the "business" of St. Paul's in the light of Jesus' teaching.

In February, council and committee chairs met for a mini-retreat to review our purpose statement, guiding principles and strategic priorities. Pastor Richard Jorgensen facilitated the meeting.

Council members participate every third Saturday in our grocery distribution ministry.

Please pray for the council as they lead the congregation through the upcoming year and as they discern God's calling for this congregation. Council meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the conference room.

Submitted by,
Linda P. Zellers, Secretary

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor's Report

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ!

What a year in the life of the church! As I sit down to write this annual report, I realize there is no way I would be able to fully report on all that has happened in the life of St. Paul's this year. It's hard enough to cover what has happened in my own life especially with regards to the blessing I have received from the Lord, my peers and mentors, and from so many of you, who have prayed for me and supported me during my time of Sabbatical. The grace of so many has fed me well and I thank you for your blessings shared into my life. It is good to be with you again serving the Lord.

To the heart of the matter, let me continue by counting just a few of the obvious blessings here at St. Paul's this past year:

We are thankful for all of the technological skills evident among us, and for all those who keep us live and virtually in the homes of our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in person.

We are thankful for the dedication and flexibility of leaders, committees, and staff, and for their dedication and hard work throughout this past year.

We are thankful for the exceptional work of our treasurer and our bookkeeper for adapting to the ever-changing needs of the church and for their service in these unprecedented days.

We are thankful for the liturgical work of our organist/choir master, our bell choir director, children's choir director, and all of our choirs, along with the many lay volunteers who graciously share so much of their time to help with the worship ministries and responsibilities of our church.

We are thankful for the passion here for missions and ministries that share the Gospel into this community and express our joy to love our neighbors. And we are thankful for continued efforts in seeking new ways to meet the needs of our community and world.

We are thankful for volunteers helping with all of our ministries and especially for supporting our food ministry and the never-ending work of maintaining the church property.

We are deeply thankful for the work of our stewardship committee, and for the benevolence of every member here all of which supports our loving of our neighbors in God's world with generosity.

And we are most thankful for all who fill this place for worship, and also for those who continue to "tune in" to our live streaming and radio services.

With all these blessings in mind and so many more that are too numerous to recount, I offer the thanks of God's church to everyone who have spent themselves in any way to help our community of faith adapt, continue, and in some very real ways thrive and grow, even as our worldly concerns continue unabated. While we look forward to the days ahead when we can all gather once more to give thanks and sing and worship our amazing Lord, we remember to give thanks, for God has and is doing great things here.

These two more things which I know are on everyone's mind.

I am pleased to report the Sanctuary "face-lift" is well underway, and already that special place has been transformed into a thing of beauty. We are so very grateful to those who have spent themselves generously in the research and planning for this restoration of God's House, and thankful as well for gifts of time, talent, and financial resource that has brought us to this stage in the life of our church. We should also remember to praise God for his generosity to us and pray that He will continue to be generous in the coming years as we look forward with joyful and thankful expectation to worshipping together again in a refreshed and restored sanctuary. Most especially, as we await the opportunity to return to "normal," let us use this time to pray and brainstorm all the ways we can use God's house to serve Him and this community of neighbors to the very best of our ability.

The continuing anxiety and frustration that has clouded these past several years has been our battle against the COVID pandemic, and as yet it is not fully in the rear-view mirror. It has required creativity and dedication, which you all seem to have in abundance. Let us continue to be intentional about visiting, calling, and sending greetings to our brothers and sisters who are unable to leave their homes or choose not to receive visitors during this time of uncertainty. We simply must continue to do all we can to love and protect one another, not only from disease, but from isolation and loneliness. Thank you for doing the everyday work of being the church out there beyond these walls. Your faithfulness in sharing the gospel and uplifting our community is an incredible blessing to so many.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are always God's church where ordinary everyday people are learning to live as Jesus has taught us, and that is a very good thing. Jesus has promised to abide and guide His church as it is about the Gospel work of making disciples in the world and teaching them all that He has commanded and we are confident that Jesus has been with us this year, and that as we hear in the Great Commission, Jesus promises to be with us until the very end of the age.

St. Paul's is a vibrant community of faith. We are God's Church following in His Way in an ever-changing world. I pray for all that we might be united in this coming year to be the very vision of His Grace and Mercy in all that we think, say, and do. Let us live together as our mission statement declares, "called through Christ to praise God and love generously. Thanks be to God!"

The Peace of the Lord be with you always;
Pastor Burkhart

Director Of Music Ministries/Organist

The Music Ministry exists to serve and enhance the worship life of St Paul's Lutheran Church. The volunteers and staff of the Music Ministry work cooperatively to integrate diverse and well-performed music into the church's worship services, to help each member of the congregation to worship God more deeply.

The Adult Choir, which averaged 15 members, rehearses weekly and sings at two services a month, plus special services such as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Adult choir sings on all the festival Sundays and provides a wide variety of music.

The Youth choir had 4 dedicated members this past year. They rehearsed weekly and joined the Adult Choir to sing 2 services a month and special services.

The Heritage Choir, which averaged between 6 and 10 members, would rehearse once a month on Saturday mornings and supply music for worship one Sunday a month.

There were a couple of Sundays where all the choirs joined together to supply an anthem for worship.

The process for selecting music for each choir is still the same each year.

- We look at the readings and images for the Sundays we have and get an idea of what music would be proper for each Sunday.

- We look for music to match the Service and look at the difficulty of the piece. We have an idea of the number we will have in each group, so we try to match the music to the ability of the group. Sometimes this changes once the choirs begin rehearsing.
- We spend a great amount of time going through the files, looking for music to use. We also look at new music from publishers. We try to use what we have in our files and try to limit the buying of new music.
- Since we are live streaming and recording our services, we now check to ensure the piece selected for a given day is covered under one of the licenses the church has for copyrighted music. We check the listing for each license and sometimes we will need to contact a publisher and ask for permission to record or live stream the music. If permission is not given, we start all over again to find a new piece of music for that service.
- Once the rehearsals begin, we try to get a calendar out so members of the various groups have an idea of the services they will be supplying the music. If we have a service where we might be short of singers or players, we look at the music and change it if we need to. This means going through the process again to find another piece.

The music staff supplied musical leadership for the worship services held at St. Paul's in the forms of piano or organ music, directing the Adult, Youth, Heritage, Bell and Children's Choirs.

I attended online webinars or events such as:

- Technology and the church can it replace in person
- New music for worship
- Music, Copyright and Livestreams
- Evaluating Music for Choirs

I am grateful to all the staff, the Council, Personnel Committee, and the Worship and Music committee for their continued support of the music ministry.

Thank you, Lori and Gretchen, for your support and dedication to the music program at St. Paul's. We have a wonderful music team and ministry at St. Paul's.

Special thanks to Kathy Bishop and Wendy O'Brien who are the music librarians for the Adult and Youth choirs.

In Christ's service,
Steven Ruppright

Director Of Handbell Choir

The 7 member handbell choir rehearsed weekly from September through May and played for services 1 - 2 times per month. On occasion, we combined the handbells with the adult or children's choir to add depth to their vocal selections. With our small number of ringers, we are unable to use all of the octaves of bells that we own. Music written for smaller ensembles has enabled us to enhance our worship services with our current group.

Additional duties and volunteer activities :

- Substitute for organist during vacation times
- Member of the Faith in Action Committee
- Vacation Bible School Helper

I take pride in the musical choirs here at St. Paul's and look forward to being a part of these groups moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted

Lori Rebling

Director Of Children's Music

This year I enjoyed creating a weekly lesson plan for the Rotation Sunday School children. I told a Bible story and incorporated a craft, video, or game that reinforced the story. I led music enrichment activities and taught songs which we shared with the congregation once a month as a musical offering during the worship service, often accompanied with percussion instruments or ASL.

Along with directing these anthems sung by the children, I played the handbells in two additional anthems with the other Music Department staff members.

For our Christmas Eve service I invited students of Music And Motion to participate (we had 3 accept) and all the children worked very hard on our anthem and 2 preludes. We incorporated handbells and xylophones into our vocal music for this special service. As a thank you I purchased chrismons (made by Wayne Butler) again this year for each participant. All proceeds went to a charity organization.

I served as the staff representative on the Education Committee and as a co-director, music leader, and storyteller of the summer's Vacation Bible School (held at St. Mark's) with 28 participants. To keep our costs low, I wrote the curricula as well.

It has been my great joy to serve as your Director of Children's Music and I look forward to continuing to grow and improve in this position and in my service to St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Walter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education/Youth

Committee members are: Lynne Thompson, chairperson; Lucille Farrington, Gretchen Walter, Tom Miller (Council Liaison), Linda Zellers, recorder. Committee met monthly via Zoom.

Committee organized Sunday School rotation classes for elementary-age children, supported the activities of SPYKids and SPY, and Vacation Bible School and choose Lenten and Advent Devotional materials.

Rotation Sunday School began September 12, 2021 for children in grades Kindergarten through 6, students participated in music, games, and other activities during the 9:30 Worship service. They were led by Gretchen Walter and assisted by Rebecca Shearer; meeting in the Gathering Space.

The committee included a children's message in the weekly Happenings and Reminders.

Vacation Bible School was held July 25-29, 2022, at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Gretchen Walter organized the program along with volunteers from St. Mark and St. Paul's. Twenty-eight attended.

Junior High (Confirmation) class was taught by Lucille Farrington. Kitty Angel also helped, and Pastor Burkhardt met with students quarterly.

The "Something Brewing Bible Study" led by Pastor Burkhardt resumed in February. The group concluded the study of Acts and then began a discussion of C. S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity". During Lent, Linda Zellers led a six week study of the Passion of Christ.

The Cradle Roll program has four participants. From Baptism to three years old, children are sent cards on their birthday and their baptismal anniversary.

Christmas cards were sent to teens and college age youth.

The theatre upgrade was completed. The committee thanks the Fred and Sylvia Marsh Bequest for funding the upgrade.

Our Youth and Family Ministry information follows as its own report.

Studying God's Word is one way we grow in faith and strengthen our relationship with God. In the Christian faith, one is never done. If you have ideas for a class or would like to lead a class, please contact a member of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Thompson

Youth and Family Ministry

Youth and Family Ministry is a group for all St. Paul's youth (grades K-12) and their families. Deb and Bill Sowers lead the group activities with parent support. Our group meets on the third Sunday of each month for a time of food, fellowship, and devotions before (usually) splitting into the SPYKids group (youth grades K-6) and SPY group (youth grades 7-12).

One model for youth ministry is a balanced offering of SERVICE, LEARNING, WORSHIP, and FUN. Some of these aspects are interwoven in one gathering; at our monthly gathering, we have a time of games (fun) and worship (devotions and song). Here is a glimpse of some of our other activities:

SERVICE:

- Made cards for shut ins (both groups);
- Sent cards for soldiers (SPYKids);
- CROP Walk (SPYKids);
- Advent Night (SPYKids attended; SPY led activities);
- Went Christmas caroling to shut-ins in our area (SPYKids) and mailed cards to those we didn't see;
- Mission on the Mountain activities (SPY)--see description of activities below; and
- Helped once a month with Grocery Ministry (both groups).

LEARNING:

- Learned about Lent and made our own Lenten calendars (SPYKids);
- Retreat at Nawakwa (SPY)--completed the rest of the "boundless" studies; and
- Various service organizations within the ELCA (SPY--Mission on the Mountain).

WORSHIP:

- Devotions at all of our gatherings (SPYKids), and
- "Meeting God in the Ruins" study on our Mission Trip (SPY).

FUN:

- Games at our gatherings;
- Road Rally and Lock-In (SPY);
- Mini golf outing w/ice cream (!) (SPY); and
- Mission on the Mountain (SPY)--see more info below.

MISSION ON THE MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES (SPY)

- Organized/packed 10 Clean Up buckets for Church World Service;
- Guided tour of Brethren Service Center in New Windsor and spent time putting together hygiene and school kits;
- Cleaned up the labyrinth at Mar-Lu-Ridge;
- Zoom session with Emma from Lutheran World Relief;
- Presentation on Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; and
- Some fun (Inner Harbor, tubing on the Shenandoah, Shock Rock, and cave tour).

We look forward to another exciting year of ministry!

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Sowers

Faith In Action

The members of the Faith In Action Committee are Lori Rebling, Cindy Selby, Hazel Lehigh, Cindy Schmidt (council rep), and Janet Haack.

THE FAITH IN ACTION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S FOR BEING SO GENEROUS AND GIVING SO MUCH TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD. GOD'S BLESSING ON YOU ALL.

WELCOME BASKETS FOR NEW PARENTS—This is an ongoing project. No baskets were delivered to new parents in the congregation. We did however decide to give the books we give out in the baskets to 2 great-grandchildren born to a member of the church.

2021 SCHOOL KITS—Due to the Covid Pandemic there was no Rally Day to make up the School Kits, so the committee and others from the church met and filled 61 school bags. They were delivered to New Windsor, MD to Lutheran World Relief on the same day. School supplies left over were taken to New Hope Ministries. In July and August, the Committee began its 2022 School Kit Drive. This year the Committee purchased 72 backpacks to fill with school supplies

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD—There were 28 boxes for Operation Christmas Child filled by the congregation and taken to the Drop Off location at Hanover First Church of God in November 2021.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS—This year again we decided to fulfill the request received from New Hope Ministries in Hanover for unwrapped Christmas presents. Their guests are then able to shop for their whole family. We were able to deliver 82 pounds of gifts to New Hope ministries in December 2021 for this purpose.

CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND—Members of the church were asked to sign up for one homebound member and to make a year's commitment to send appropriate cards to that particular shut-in through 2022. The sign-up sheet was filled in and cards are being sent.

COLLECTION OF CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES—The Committee collected cans of fruits and vegetables for the Saturday Morning Food Distribution during January. The cans were taken downstairs and placed on the stage at the end of the month.

SOUPER BOWL PROJECT—In February, the committee held the Souper Bowl project. The cans of soup collected were taken down to the Saturday Morning Food Distribution and placed on the stage at the end of the month.

FABRIC KITS—During Lent the Committee collected fabric and thread to make up Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Twenty Fabric Kits were delivered to Lutheran World Relief in New Windsor.

Our committee has tried to continue providing opportunities for St. Paul's members to share our generosity with those less fortunate than ourselves. We invite anyone who is interested in this kind of outreach to join our committee. We are also looking for new ideas and new ways to grow our generosity in helping others.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Haack

Finance Committee

Purpose of the Finance Committee is to ensure that St. Paul's financial decisions and activities adhere to good stewardship practices including:

- preparing annual budget,
- analyzing financial information,
- ensuring church assets are protected, and
- making appropriate financial recommendations to Congregation Council.

During this past year

- a 10-year review of financial activity was conducted by an outside professional,
- the Accounting Chart of Accounts was reviewed and accounts combined or eliminated as appropriate,
- two new members were added to the Committee.

Finance Committee members: Ginny Murray, Sharon Saltzgiver, Steph Sanders, Laura Silver, John Vannes and Treasurer, Frank Hueske.

Category	Budget (9 Months)	Actual	Difference	Projected 2022	Comments
Parish Offering	\$187,500.00	\$152,943.63	-\$34,556.37	\$203,924.83	Regular Offering Plus Plate
Synod	\$22,500.00	\$13,694.76	-\$8,805.24	\$18,259.68	Only Regular Synod Offering
Property	\$8,865.00	\$8,769.00	-\$96.00	\$11,691.99	
Capital	\$3,825.00	\$4,776.22	\$951.22	\$6,368.29	

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their continued stewardship and generous giving. May God continue to bless this congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank R. Hueske, Council Liaison to the Finance Committee/Treasurer

Property Committee

Members of the property committee performed work throughout the year. Most of the outside work such as lawn care, trimming bushes and repairs to equipment were done by property committee members. We also upgraded lights in the lounge, replaced burned out lights as needed and repaired leaking toilets. Members installed new flooring in the gym and began removing old piping in the gym to name a few of the tasks we've tackled.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Johnson

Stewardship

The Stewardship committee has reformed and began with reviewing available stewardship campaigns. Members are participating in 'Building a Culture of Generosity' which will be implemented at St. Paul's this fall.

Worship and Music

The Worship and Music Committee, as is with all our church, is still operating within the boundaries of the Covid pandemic. We have been active in our church life and have also found some new members to join us in our endeavors.

Since last fall we have been worshipping together at one 9:30AM service inside our Sanctuary. As always, wearing a mask is a personal choice. We have allowed congregants to sit where they like, but highly recommend that everyone sanitize their hands before receiving the communion elements. At the beginning of 2022, we removed the spacing tape on the floor and returned the Bibles and hymnals to the pews. We also had a new blue dossal made for the Advent season. This past year we also returned to celebrating Christmas Eve live at 2 services, one in the afternoon and another in the evening. Easter and Pentecost also found us all gathered in our Sanctuary.

At the beginning of summer, we once again returned to having an 8:00AM service on the lawn, as well as keeping our 9:30AM service inside. After Labor Day we will once again return to one 9:30AM service inside. We know that some would like more variety in choosing times to worship, but our whole committee feels very strongly that it is much better for us all to be worshipping as a complete community, rather than dividing our congregation into 2 or 3 smaller entities. For the summer months, a 5PM Saturday church service has been added, once as dinner church and once just as worship. Whether these 2 services continue will be determined later in the fall.

Our biggest challenge this year was the upcoming painting and restoration of the Sanctuary. We have been very fortunate this year to have a wonderful group of volunteers that have helped us remove Bibles, hymnals, stands, paraments, candles, and all other necessities for worship. Then we set-up a temporary worship space in Fellowship Hall. We still need volunteers as ushers, readers, assisting ministers, etc., but we seem to have a good core of people who have really helped with our worship services, especially since Pastor Burkhardt has been on sabbatical. A big thanks to the committee and those who help at each and every service at St. Paul's – without all of you, worship as we know it would not be able to continue!

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Butler

Lutheran Men in Mission

The Men in Mission began to re-organize for the first time since the Pandemic.

Getting our group together proved to be challenging and rewarding. A core group of dedicated and spiritual men were able to accomplish several projects.

- Thank you to everyone who helped in some way putting together our annual used book sale. We had an overwhelming donation of books, excellent help, including our Boy Scouts, in setting up and taking down the books, and all who made a donation helping us raise over \$1,000.
- For the first time in many years, we decided to have a Pancake Breakfast and it was well attended by over 50 people.
- Celebrating our Women of St. Paul's, which is something we had done in the past, we held a free meal for all our Ladies and their friends. We only had 17 women sign up but even though our entertainment had to cancel due to Covid, everyone had a good time.

Our Men's group meets every Fourth Saturday of each month with a breakfast meeting, bible lesson, and occasional speaker. Growing our faith in God and serving our congregation and community are part of the conversation. All are welcome.

Active members include: Bob Colehouse, Pete Lehigh, Pastor Bob, Gary Smith, John Reitz, Glenn Alwine, Russel Johnson, Christopher Johnson, Doug Riley, Alex Riley.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Colehouse

St. Paul's Book Club

The book club met 10 times this past year and read 10 books. We continue meeting at the homes of our members unless there is a special service at church such as Lenten Services than we meet at Church after the service. We meet the last Wednesday of the month, except for July and December. Our meetings begin at 6:30pm with light refreshments, then we begin the discussion of the book we have read for the month. The books we read are suggested by members of the group.

This year a group of members attended the movie Where The Crawdads Sing, which was a book we read two years ago. This coming

year we hope to have Audrey Farley, a local author come to speak to us about her book, "The Unfit Heiress" after we have had a chance to read it.

We invite anyone who is a reader to join our group for good discussion and fellowship.

Grocery Ministry

Weekly grocery distribution continued throughout the year. Our partnerships with the York County Food Bank, New Hope Ministries and our congregation enabled us to

- Distribute over 100,000 pounds of food products;
- In 3,053 boxes;
- To our 198 registered families;
- By our volunteers serving over 440 hours.

Many thanks to our weekly groups of church members, Cub and Boy Scouts, Book Club, Council and Girl Scouts who help distribute food every Saturday morning after preparing for distribution Friday afternoons.

GROUPS MEETING AT ST. PAUL'S in 2022

- Boy Scout Troop 102 – New Birth of Freedom Council
- Blue and Grey District, Cub Scout Troop 102
- Daisy Troop 81320, Brownie Troop 81710, Junior Troop 80727, Girl Scout Troop 81659
- Hanover Lancers Flag Line
- Music and Motion

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

2022 SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING

January	Hanover Area Council of Churches	\$1,000.00
February	Missionary Support-The Swansons	\$834.00
March.....	St. Paul's Camperships	\$1,434.33
April.....	St. Paul's Family Crisis Fund	\$1,548.00
May	St. Paul's Sabbatical Policy Funding.....	\$580.00
June	New Hope Ministry	\$1,035.00
July	Lutheran Camping Corporation.....	\$1,040.00
August.....	Youth-Mission on the Mountain	\$906.00
TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING FOR 2022 through August....		\$8,377.33

2021 CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Baptized members as of 8/31/2021	798
Active/Confirmed members as of 8/31/2022.....	281
Non-voting/Confirmed members as of 8/31/2022	382
Baptized/Unconfirmed members as of 8/31/2022.....	135
Baptisms	5
Confirmations.....	--
Marriages.....	--
Deaths	13
Members received.....	3
Members released by transfer.....	7
Members removed by their own request	8
Average weekly worship attendance – 9:30 am – 1/2 – 5/29/2022	75
Average weekly worship attendance – 8:00 am – 6/5 - 9/4/2022.....	26
Average weekly worship attendance – 9:30 am – 6/5 – 9/4/2022	43
Average weekly Saturday worship attendance -	14
Average Midweek Lenten 7:00 pm - 3/27 & 4/3/2022	29
Holy Week - Maundy Thursday	44
Good Friday.....	67
Average Facebook Live broadcast attendance	9

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 8/31/2022 (*from PNC Bank Statements)

*Business Checking Plus	\$48,462.38
*Memorial.....	\$9,257.10
*Property.....	\$25,153.56
*Organ	\$3,379.79
*Youth	\$3,606.25
Adventures in Ministry - approximately	\$468,070.23
Remaining money held within a separate Family Crisis, Sabbatical Policy, Marsh Family and Mission Trips funds.....	\$291,988.20

This 2022 Annual Report through August 2022 will be approved at the 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2022.