



JESUS SAYS...WELCOME HOME!

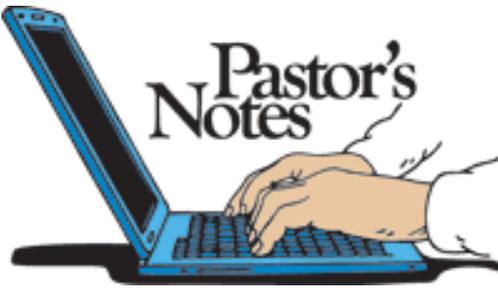
⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.¹ Romans 12:4-5 NRSV

THE EVANGEL

FEBRUARY 2021



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



Sometimes we wonder, “What did I do to deserve this”, or “why did God do this to me”, or “why is everything so messed up.” Here is a great explanation.

A daughter is telling her mother how everything is going wrong; she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her, and her best friend is moving away.

Meanwhile, her mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, “Absolutely mom, I love your cake.”

Well, honey, it's not cake yet, but here, have some cooking oil,” her mother offers. “Yuck” says her daughter.

“How about a couple raw eggs?” “Gross, mom!”

“Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?” “Mom, those are all yucky!”

To which the mother replies: “Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a delicious cake!”

God works the same way. Many times, we wonder why God would let us go through bad things and difficult times. But God knows that all things respond to his authority, and He has decided to make all things work for good! We just have to learn to trust God and know that He is making something wonderful!

God is crazy in love with us. God sends us flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever we want to talk, God will listen. God stays with us everywhere we go, and God chose us to live with him in paradise. Maybe we should see the Good News that is always there for us and let some of our messy stuff go till God takes it out of the oven.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Burkhardt

Got a question ...need to talk?
The office is open and the phone is working.

NEW EMPLOYEES AND A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

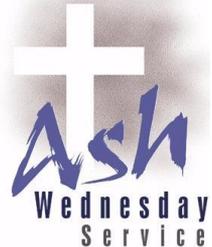
We are pleased to announce the hiring of two individuals to perform housekeeping and sexton duties. Becky Kiser, a member of St. Paul's, will perform housekeeping duties including vacuuming, dusting, bathrooms and keeping the sanctuary clean. Becky will be working on Sundays. Toby Tasker will work two afternoons per week focusing on heavy duty chores and housekeeping. Generally, housekeeping and sexton duties total 35 hours per week, but because of COVID and reduced use of the building, their work schedule is limited for now.

We also take this time to express deep gratitude to Janet Haack, Wayne and Suzanne Butler, and Maureen Kaltreider for keeping our building clean and sanitized over the last several months. It would have been extremely difficult (maybe impossible!!!) to have opened the building for worship, business, and meetings without them. We have been truly blessed by their service.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

An Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Wednesday evening, February 17, at 7:00 pm. We will be using the Service of Word and Prayer and it will include the Imposition of Ashes.



Lent



SUNDAYS DURING LENT

Beginning Sunday, February 21, we will employ "Setting 5" from the red ELW Hymnal at our 9:30 am services.

Midweek Lenten Worship

Due to COVID-19 concerns Midweek Lenten worship services will be video-taped and shared on St. Paul's website, www.stpaulsyorkst.org.

We invite you to join us as we leave the hustle and bustle of the world behind and contemplate what the Passion of Christ means for us.

2021 offering envelope boxes are available for pickup during church office hours. If you prefer not to come in, please call the office (717-637-5941) before you come, and we can bring them to the door for you.



Give Online

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

You can now contribute to St. Paul's anytime convenient to you by visiting our new online donation page at **[Home | St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover PA \(myvanco.com\)](#)**. This page can also be found on our website (**[www.stpaulsyorkst.org](#)**) by clicking "Give". Our donation page is currently set up to receive donations to Parish, Property, Grocery Ministry, Pastor's Discretionary, or Memorial Funds. You can make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations using debit/credit cards or a bank account. Our giving site is safe and secure through Vanco. St. Paul's has been using Vanco for many years for our electronic giving and are excited to expand the services to allow you more control and choices for electronic giving. Please contact Sue in the church office with any questions.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 127 York Street, Hanover PA

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General Offering

St. Paul's Lutheran Church allows members and guests to support us with one-time or recurring donations whether you attend in person or online. Thank you for your support!

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Property Fund

St. Paul's is always striving to maintain our facility and grounds. Your donations to our Property Fund help us with the cost of necessary projects to keep our building clean and safe.

[Donate now](#)



Grocery Ministry

As an outreach to our neighbors during the COVID-19 shutdown, St. Paul's began distributing food parcels on Saturday mornings. In addition to non-perishables, we also give out fresh produce and!

[Donate now](#)



Memorial Contributions

We welcome your donation in memory of someone special. A permanent record of your donation is recorded in our Memorial Book kept in the narthex of the church.

[Contribute](#)



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastors Discretionary Fund allows the pastor to assist those in need of emergency financial assistance. Your donation makes this assistance to those in need possible.

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Our brother in Christ, Paul Hausmann, claimed the promise of his baptism on January 18, 2021.



LENTEN LUNCHES - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we will not be able to have Lenten Lunches this year. Hopefully, we will be back in 2022.

**FEBUARY SPECIAL
DESIGNATED GIVING
MISSIONARY SUPPORT**

**Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Lynn Swanson
and family**

Stephen, a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician, serves in the care of children at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community.

Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers. Their newsletters are posted on the Global Ministry bulletin board right outside of the church office.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Radio – February 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 or any portion you desire)
- Bread & Wine – February 7, 14 & 21 (\$12)
- Bulletins – February 14, 17, 21 & 28 (\$20)
- Eternal Flame – February 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$10)

Please contact Sue (swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.



AVAILABLE



CARDS FOR HOMEBOUND

The new list for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board in hallway outside of Pastor's office. Please help brighten the day for our shut-ins by signing up to send them cards throughout the year. Thank you for helping with this important ministry within our church!

FAITH IN ACTION COLLECTIONS

“SOUPER BOWL” COLLECTION

The Faith in Action Committee will be collecting cans of SOUP through Feb. 7 (Super Bowl Sunday). Place cans of soup on table outside of pulpit area. Donations will be taken to Hanover Area Council of Churches to help meet the need for food in our community each and every day. Thank you for supporting this project!



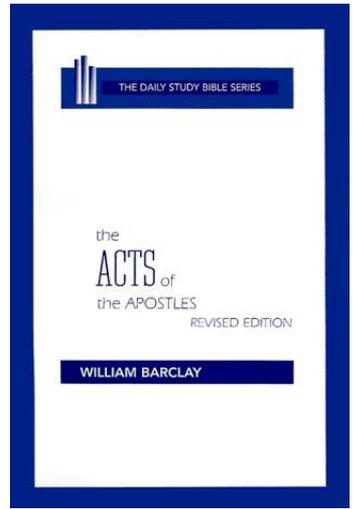
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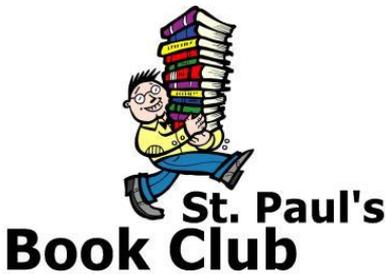
The Faith in Action Committee has chosen Tender Care Pregnancy Center in Hanover to be the recipient of our Lenten collection. They are in great need of diapers - sizes 4, 5, and 6 ONLY. Please place diapers (any brand) on table outside of the pulpit from Feb 21 through March 28. Thank you in advance for helping those families in need in our community!

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES" BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Burkhart is interested in resuming our Monday Evening "something's Brewing" Bible Study of the Acts of the Apostles, *'in-person'* now that vaccines are being distributed.

If there is sufficient interest, we will identify a meeting place, other than the church, that will provide meals and beverages, along with a space where we can safely gather while paying attention to continuing safety protocols. If you would be interested in renewing our studies, please contact the church office and we will begin registration of those willing to participate. Our hope is to begin again as soon as possible in March.





The St. Paul's Book Club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall unless stated otherwise.

St. Paul's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, to discuss the book The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead.

St. Paul's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, to discuss the book Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan.

HOPEFULLY, WE WON'T NEED TO REFER TO THIS AGAIN BUT JUST IN CASE HERE IS ST. PAUL'S INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



For St. Paul's Lutheran Church is as follows:

- ❄ If Hanover Public School District has a 1-hour delay the building will open at 9 am.
- ❄ If Hanover Public School District has a 2-hour delay the building will open at 10 am.
- ❄ If Hanover Public School District has an early dismissal building hours will follow that dismissal time.
- ❄ If Hanover Public School District is closed due to weather the building will be closed.



Zoom Bible Study

LIVING OUR BAPTISM...*Five gifts of discipleship*



Join us each Monday night during Lent at 7pm to study
Philippians as we explore our baptismal promises:

**to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.**

Dates: Feb. 22, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, Mar. 15, and Mar. 22

Click the link below, enter the URL in your browser, or scan the QR code.

<https://zoom.us/j/5790347392?pwd=dHlrSIVTbWNNWckZzdTFidWVZbnhEQTO9>

Meeting ID: 579 034 7392 Passcode: kaltreider

STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE FOR FEBRUARY

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” –Matthew 22:37-40

What a shame that February – the one month of the year with keen focus on love – is also the shortest. We sure could use a lot more love in our world, especially for our neighbor.

The last 12 months have been particularly hard, as race riots, a divisive election and civil unrest have all unfolded against the traumatic backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently in very short supply, more love for neighbor would go a long way in helping us to solve our problems.

Love for neighbor is integral to not only good discipleship, but also good stewardship. The greater the “love for neighbor” factor in our lives, the better stewards we will be of every blessing God provides – creation, time, relationships, money, possessions, health, to name just a few. By cultivating love for neighbor, we will also enjoy a happier life and promote a healthier and more civil society.

The opposite is also true. Cultivating enmity for neighbor leaves us sour, selfish, and cynical, while also making our nation angry and selfish.

This year make February “Love Your Neighbor” month in your personal devotions and your congregational life. Give the concept breathing room in your life. Keep it in your thoughts, sow it in our heart, talk about it to your family and friends.

Pray for God to teach you what it means to love our neighbor. Pray for God to give you the strength and will to live it. And watch as love heals and invigorates your life ... and our world.

–Rob Blezard

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LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR heart
& WITH ALL YOUR soul
AND WITH ALL YOUR
Mind.

MATTHEW 22:37



Notes of THANKS

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all your donations to the Christmas Blessing Express. What a wonderful collection of 93 gifts for the families of Hanover. I am sure you made someone's Christmas a little brighter.

The Faith in Action Committee

SPECIAL THANKS TO Chris Erickson, John Reitz, Dan Pica, and Bob and Marcia Burkhardt for helping to take down and put away all the Christmas decorations in the Sanctuary. We couldn't have done it without your help!

I would like to thank St. Paul's for the lovely flowers and Suzanne Butler for delivering them to me. Also, thanks to all who sent well wishes my way since my surgery in September and as I start radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Although we haven't attended church for quite awhile due to COVID, we think of our church family all the time.

Take care and be safe.

Arville Roser

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY! Since August we have given out more than 15 TONS of food! We are in need of volunteers to help on Saturday, January 30 (9:15 - 11:15) as there are no groups specifically assigned the 5th Saturday of the month. If you can help, please contact the church office.



**“THANK YOU’S” FROM OUR
SATURDAY MORNING GROCERY
MINISTRY**



I am so thankful for the service you are providing to me and our community. The Thanksgiving feast you provided was a tremendous gift to our family.

Thank you!

Your kindness means much more than words could ever say.

Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas.

Sue Baumgardner and Janet Fogle

Thanks to all for your cheerful giving and never judging.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Julie

Thanks for all the support you have provided my family throughout this year. We really appreciate it.
Merry Christmas!

St. Paul’s Volunteers,
Thank you for the food boxes!

George D. Noel

ATTENDANCE

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Indoor Worship – Sundays at 9:30 am

11/29.....	56
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021 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.”

Officers of the council and the congregation for 2021 are Russ Kaltreider, President; Nancy Smith, Vice-President; Treasurer, Frank Hueske; and Linda Zellers, Secretary.

Committee liaisons assignments are as follows: Worship and Music, Dave Maus; Christian Education/Youth, Tom Miller; Congregational Nurture/Outreach, Nancy Smith; Faith in Action/Global Ministry, Dan Kiser; Property, Russ Johnson; Finance/Stewardship, Peg Sennett/Laura Silver and IT/WEB Communications, Jon Shaw.

Actions taken by the council during December and January are as follows:

- affirmed the recording of a virtual Christmas Eve Service and the holding of an outside service of Lessons and Carols at 9PM on December 24, 2020;
- approved the use of \$3,000.00 from Adventures in Ministry Fund to defray educational costs for fall 2020 semester for Amy Sowers Mambu to attend Wartburg Seminary;
- approved VANCO as online giving platform;
- redirected funds designated for Thanksgiving turkeys (which were donated) to the Grocery Ministry General Fund;
- moved to upgrade Wi-Fi through the building at cost of \$1,000.00 using Total Tech Solutions of Gettysburg;
- approved moving Sabbatical designated giving from March to May so March's designated giving will go to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lake Charles LA to help rebuild sanctuary following hurricanes. The designated giving will be matched dollar for dollar from Adventures in Ministry Fund;
- hired Becky Kiser as housekeeper and Toby Tasker as sexton;
- appointed Peg Sennett and Dick Trimmer to the Lay Personnel Committee for terms to end December 2022;
- approved Christmas gift for staff;
- accepted the resignation of Wayne Butler as chair of the Stewardship Committee;
- thanked the Constitution Taskforce for their due diligence in updating St. Paul's Constitution to the ELCA's model constitution and to include continuing resolutions;
- approved upgrading the phone system through Comcast;

DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – cont.

- used the Ann Herman bequest to pay down the HVAC loan;
- established IT/WEB Committee as a standing committee.
- Thank you to outgoing council members – Wayne Butler, Janet Haack, Diana Leppo and Cindy Schmidt for their faithful service;
- Welcome to new council members Dan Kiser and Jon Shaw.
- Thank you to Suzanne Butler, Wayne Butler, Janet Haack, and Maureen Kaltreider for cleaning the building while St. Paul’s was without a housekeeper or sexton. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.
- Two vacancies exist on council. Please pray for discernment to hear if God is calling you to this ministry at St. Paul’s.
- Thank you to the congregation for your continued prayers.

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 unto me” Matthew 25:40



ACCOUNT/ITEM	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
Business Checking	\$ 97,295.86	Balance on 12/31/2020
Memorial Fund	\$ 13,559.52	Balance on 12/31/2020
Property Checking Account	\$ 22,419.22	Balance on 12/31/2020
Savings - Organ Fund	\$ 3,379.23	Balance on 12/31/2020
Peoples Checking Account	\$ 5,187.26	Balance on 12/31/2020
Youth Group Checking	\$ 8,552.43	Balance on 12/31/2020
Total Current Assets	\$ 150,393.52	Balance on 12/31/2020
People's Bank CD	\$ 20,000.00	Balance on 12/31/2020
Main Endowment Fund	\$ 510,027.15	Balance on 12/31/2020
Family Crisis Fund	\$ 11,013.74	Balance on 12/31/2020
Sabbatical Policy Fund	\$ 46,126.62	Balance on 12/31/2020
Marsh Family Fund	\$ 67,214.46	Balance on 12/31/2020
Mission Trip Fund	\$ 10,900.20	Balance on 12/31/2020
Total Other Assets	\$ 665,282.17	Balance on 12/31/2020
Net Income December 2020		\$40,070.98

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

The Food/Items for the Month of February for the Hanover Area Council of Churches programs are as follows:

PAL - single serve fruits, Individual size chips, pretzels, etc., laundry detergent, instant white rice, scallop potatoes

CLOTHING BANK – family sized toiletries, sheet sets all sizes, bath towels, men's l and xl white t-shirts, baby diapers sizes 4 and 5

CHANGING LIVES SHELTER - body wash, feminine products, mouthwash (alcohol free), exam gloves (medium & large), hand sanitizer, bottled water, shampoo/conditioner

RUTH'S HARVEST - single serve entrees - cereal, juice boxes, snacks, or veggies (all single serve)

All single serving please!

JOB OPENINGS: Intake Office Personnel for our afternoon/evening shifts 1pm - 5pm; 5pm -11pm; and 11pm - 7a.m.

If interested, please stop by our office for an application or email your Resume to: adminhacc@hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org.



HANOVER CARES: HOUSE THE HOMELESS

Last March 2020 COVID news of social distancing, mask wearing, and closed businesses changed the way things operated the Changing Lives Shelter and everyday business. Despite our alterations to operating, we continue to serve our clients and our financial needs

remain. Thus, Hanover Cares, our annual fundraiser on radio stations WHVR and WYCR will continue in 2021. Instead of being able to spend time on air with guest speakers and musicians for a Thursday and Friday close to Valentine's Day, we are going to be given the whole month of February to try to get our message out and be able to accept donations for that time. We will do some live Better Living spots and some prerecorded spots with radio personalities (and with the chance of broadcasting on both radio stations WHVR and WYCR.)

Our statistics and practices have changed drastically during COVID. Our sleeping rooms are setup for two individuals, so to be safe we only have one person to a room unless from the same household. Therefore, instead of housing 24 people we are now only housing 12 singles plus families. In addition, at the direction of the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board, we limit our reach to the general Hanover Area w/residency in this area. This gave us a total number of residents who stayed at Changing Lives of 119 men, 45 women and 17 children for a total of 3900 shelter nights. The average stay per resident is 33 nights.

For questions, call 717-633-6353 or 717-633-1992. Go online to www.hanoverareacouncilofchurches.org to donate through PayPal or send donations to **Hanover Area Council of Churches, PO. Box 1561, Hanover, PA 17331**

Memo: Hanover Cares

In addition to financial needs, we also have volunteer needs and staff needs. We are hiring part time for overnight 11PM to 7AM shift, as well as morning, afternoon, and evening hours.



The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Hanover and Spring Grove, Inc. is now accepting applications for the Florence DeHaven Stick Memorial Scholarship. Any person living in the areas surrounding Hanover or Spring Grove or in any part of Adams County is eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited nursing program or accepted for classes beginning in the fall of 2019 for a career as an R.N. or L.P.N.

Scholarships in the range of \$3,000 - \$5,000 will be awarded this year. Applications are due by March 12, 2021 and may be obtained by visiting www.vnahanover.org or by contacting Heather Reynolds at 717-637-1227 or 1-800-422-3197, Ext. 292.



The Hanover Area Council of Churches would like to make you aware of the Stolte Scholarship Fund. The Fund was established in 1973 in memory of Rev. Robert H. Stolte, pastor of Lohr's Memorial United Methodist Church in Hanover from 1962-1973. The administration of the fund has been handled by the

Hanover Area Council of Churches and has been supported with the offerings received at the Community Good Friday Service and with private donations.

The Stolte Scholarship Fund provides a one-time grant of \$1,000 to an individual pursuing a career in the field of **ministry, missions, or humanitarian service**. Interested applicants must be residents of the greater Hanover area and should be a high school senior, college student or seminary student. He or she must complete an application form and submit a brief summary of his or her call into the field of ministry, missions, or humanitarian service and future vocational goals. They should be active members of a church, display good moral character, and exhibit high scholastic ability.

Please contact St. Paul's Church office for an application. The deadline for accepting applications this year is April 30, 2021.

Please call Kathy Bortner at 717-637-6973 or e-mail at kabortner@comcast.net with any questions you might have

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