

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

JUNE/JULY 2024



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

“There’s an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth:

A right time for birth and another for death,
A right time to plant and another to reap,

A right time to kill and another to heal,
A right time to destroy and another to construct,
A right time to cry and another to laugh,
A right time to lament and another to cheer,
A right time to make love and another to abstain,
A right time to embrace and another to part,
A right time to search and another to count your losses,
A right time to hold on and another to let go,
A right time to rip out and another to mend,
A right time to shut up and another to speak up,
A right time to love and another to hate,
A right time to wage war and another to make peace.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (translation: The Message Bible)

Conversations about St. Paul’s culture, characteristics and ministries continue. Values of “loving” and “serving” have anchored questions like “What do we look/sound/act like when we are living into our value of “love”? What does a congregation that “serves” look/sound/act like? How do our priorities in everything we do both lean into and reflect out of those values of “love” and “serve”?

Do you agree that “love” and “service” are some of St. Paul’s core values?

Everything flows outward and inward to St. Paul’s from your collective answer to that question. The way leadership is structured and acts, the way the congregation is administrated, the role and focus of the pastor, the choices for what types of investments in ministry and programs...it all flows from who YOU, together, say you are and how you believe God has gifted, equipped and called you to be those very things right now.

In the Ecclesiastes text (or, as some of you may know it, The Byrds song), the cycles of life are laid out in an honest, clear-eyed poem. The list is of very real human actions and emotions that, on the face of it, seem to be dichotomous - two opposing forces. But the truth is, there is a rhythm to a full and healthy life. It holds the tension between starting and stopping, good and bad, engaged and quiet. It is the complexity of humanity in all its parts. Knowing *when* to pull on that tension, *when* to act from love, *what* to hate, *when* to keep quiet and *when* to speak ... those are the questions.

Jesus provides the answers. He tells and shows us over and over that a life lived in God is one where we know best how to live in communion with God and each other. Love justice, mercy and kindness. Hate the forces of evil that pull you away from each other. Listen with mouth shut and heart open to the person in front of you, especially if they have wronged you or you have wronged them. Speak up when you see people acting from their own ambitions, their own views without investing in sharing them with the



whole community and checking that we're on the path to the same purposes.

Over the course of this summer, the work of the Spirit that revealed itself in so many ways will be complied and reviewed by the Congregation Council. We'll also be working on some important matters such as policy and procedure reviews, constitutional compliance reviews, staff policies and performance reviews, and an update of the congregational records. By late summer or the very earliest of fall, the Congregation Council will be in the position of setting a Call Committee.

From there, the process shifts to the guidance of the Synod's mobility staff, working with the Call Committee and Congregation Council. I will still be your pastor through this process. As an intentional interim, I do not work directly with the Call Committee on the creation of the Ministry Site Profile. I am available to them only to help define terms or answer questions that help explain what a question is asking. The Call Committee sets the pace of the work you as a congregation will entrust to them...the prayerful discernment and guidance towards a faith relationship between you as a congregation and a called pastor.

No one can predict how long the call process extends, with variables such as how often the Call Committee meets, how quickly they finalize a Ministry Site Profile that represents the congregation, and how many candidates are available that match the characteristics of the pastor that will best match your ministries and congregational characteristics.

To everything there is a season...and the timing has, does, and will always belong to God. Your faithfulness to the journey has been such a wonder and joy to behold. Patience and impatience pull against each other. Frustration and curiosity battle it out. The anxiety of unsettledness arm wrestles with the freedom to heal and take a breath. God's working in every bit of it, calling it all holy.

God's faithfulness to you as a strong community of Christ has never wavered. God has been and will continue to be the fiercest provider and encourager. May the summer bring refreshment and rejuvenation to you as the journey continues and the next path of the journey grows ever more into clearer view.

Pastor Katrina



CONGREGATION CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR KATRINA - Please join us following worship as we continue our Congregation Conversation with Pastor Katrina in the fellowship hall. We will meet again on Sunday, June 2nd after worship. Your input is extremely important during this time in our congregation's faith journey. As we look toward our next chapter of ministry, we are reflecting, sharing and exploring our identity and purpose as a congregation. Reflecting on where we have been and where

God may lead us in the future will lead to the best fit in our upcoming call.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: Please contact Maureen Kaltreider in the church office or at finance@stpaulsyorkst.org

Radio—June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers- June 16 & July 21 (2 vases at \$20 each) June 9 & 23 (1 vase at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine- June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins- June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$20 each date)

Eternal Flame- June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28 (\$10 each date)

COFFEE HOUR will be held in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service.



On Sunday, June 2nd, when a Conversation with Pastor Katrina is being held in Fellowship Hall the Coffee Hour will also be in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of fellowship.

ATTENDANCE

Sundays at 9:30 am

May 5	77	Facebook Live	14	Facebook All Views	20
May 12	65	Facebook Live	15	Facebook All Views	28
May 19	106	Facebook Live	10	Facebook All Views	25
May 26	75	Facebook Live	20	Facebook All Views	26

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

May 4	10	May 11	14
May 18	18	May 25	9

FAMILY CAMP IS OPEN TO ALL!! Camp is not just for our youth and families...it's for EVERYONE!!!

A group of us is planning on attending Family Camp Aug. 4-7, and we wanted to invite everyone in our church family! Congregation Council has agreed to pay for each member to attend a week of camp, so your lodging, food, and programming will be free to you if you have not already gone to a week of camp over the summer. You are welcome to stay for the entire week, but please know some of us will only be staying for the first half of the week. This could be the start of a great St. Paul's tradition! All camp registration forms should be given to Carmen in the church office. Contact Laura Silver, our Camp Person, **about how to register** at silverlkw@hotmail.com or Bill or Deb Sowers with program questions.

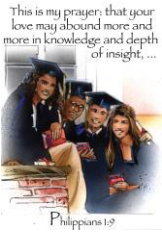


Family Camp



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Christian Ed. Committee is looking for volunteers to facilitate a 20 min. activity for kids ages 3-grade 5 during worship this summer. We'll provide the ready-made materials for you! See Bill Sowers or sign-up on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office..

GRADUATES



Dylan Conley, son of Russ and Maureen Kaltreider, graduated from New Oxford High School on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Dylan plans to pursue a career in welding.

Matthew Dickson, son of Gay and Ralph Dickson, and grandson of Harry Dusman, graduated with a Doctor of Medicine degree on 5/10/24 from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. In July he will begin a Family and Community Medicine Residency at Penn State Hershey Medical Center.

Brady Duttera, son of Angie & Jeff Duttera, grandson of Phyllis and Jim Starner, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He has been accepted to the Medical Laboratory Scientist program at WellSpan Hospital in York which will begin this July.

Makaelyn Kirk, great-granddaughter of Larry and Judy Zumbrum, graduated from New Oxford High School on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

LeeAnn McDermitt, daughter of Ashley Yelton and granddaughter of Karen McDermitt, graduated from York County School of Technology on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Ryan Spangler, son of Mike and Angie Spangler and grandson of Pat Olson, graduated from Bermudian Springs High School on Thursday, May 30, 2024. Ryan will attend Harrisburg University for Game Design.

Please let the church office know if you, or any member of St. Paul's, is graduating from high school, college or trade school this year so that we can acknowledge you in the August Evangel. We would also love to hear what your future plans are.

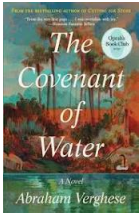
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or call us at 717-637-5941.

The U.S. and the Christian flags were taken out of the sanctuary when we stripped the altar on Good Friday. Because they are so tall, we found that there were not many places in our church where the flags can be displayed. We decided to put them in the narthex at our York Street entrance. During our studies of Lutheranism, we found that Luther felt that a national flag should not be part of Lutheran worship since we gather as a part of the whole Christian church, not as members of a particular nation. After the renovation of our church sanctuary, a member of our congregation took the responsibility of having the flags cleaned and repaired if needed. We have heard some concerns about removing the flags and have decided that the flags will be returned to the previous place at the pulpit doors in our sanctuary in honor of all those who have served.



Worship and Music Committee

The St. Paul's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, June 26, 2024** at 12:30 in the Lounge. We will be discussing **Lady Tan's Circle of Women** by Lisa See. Lisa See was inspired by the true story of a woman physician from 15th century China. Tan Yunxian --born into an elite family , yet haunted by death, separation, and loneliness--is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations-- looking, listening, touching, and asking--something a man can never do with a female patient. But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from helping the women and girls in the household. How does Yunxian deal with these issues that bother her. The Oprah Magazine, O, says "Lisa See's mesmerizing new historical novel...celebrates women's strengths-- and the strength of their friendships." Join us for discussion and fellowship. Bring a brown bag lunch.



The Book Club does not meet in July. We will meet on **Wednesday, August 28, 2024** at 12:30 in the lounge. Our book for August is **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese. **Heads up** it is an extremely long book, 715 pages so you might want to start the book early in July. Hope to see you at one of the Book Club meetings.

Grocery Ministry Update



Our Leadership Team recently met with Shawn Davenport from the York County Food Bank for our annual inspection. We "passed" with flying colors! Did you know that our distribution is the 2nd largest in Hanover? It is a ministry that is well appreciated. We are always considering ways to improve what it is that we do. **What do we need and how can you help?**

Right now, we could use a few more volunteers. Now would be a great time to come and see what it is that we do! Here are some of our volunteer needs:

- +greeters – welcome visitors and do a simple "check in" with each visitor
- +packers – place 1 - 3 items in bags that travel by cart around the distribution area...you can even be seated to do this job!
- +distributors – transfer 1 or 2 bags to each visitor's car; most bags weigh between 5-10 pounds at the most
- + "heavy lifters" – each Friday and about an additional once a month we have a delivery from either New Hope or the York County Food Bank; these items need to be moved to appropriate storage; boxes can weigh up to 30 pounds

So as you can see, there are many different jobs that are part of this ministry and MOST jobs can be completed by nearly anyone! Why not check us out this coming Friday (3:30pm - 5:00pm) or Saturday (9:00am - 11:00am)?

Vacation Bible School will be held for children in Grades K – 6 from July 29 – August 2 from 9:30 – 12:00pm. Once again it will be held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church on Charles Street. For more details speak to Gretchen Walter.



We are always looking for volunteers to help with VBS. Please consider helping with very important community project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A LECTOR, USHER, ASSISTING MINISTER OR COMMUNION DISTRIBUTOR and are not currently on our volunteer list, please contact either Carmen at the church office or Suzanne Butler. We are only using the list that we got at our meeting at the beginning of the year, but there may be others who are interested.

The Faith in Action would like to thank the congregation for their wonderful response to the Diaper Drive during the month of May. St. John’s in Abbottstown was very appreciative of our help with this drive for the women of the community through New Hope Ministries. We collected 21 packs of diapers and 31 packs of wipes. It is always amazing to me to see the way St. Paul’s responds to helping others in our community whenever we are asked to help. God’s blessing to you all.





Sisters in Faith

Our fall retreat is scheduled for **Oct. 11 - 13** at Mar-Lu-Ridge. 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.

Our theme is “Just Love”. We’ll explore Love in the Family: What’s love got to do with it?; Love in the Community: From Tree to We; Love in the Nation: Giving Birth to Justice. This is a Bible Study from the Women of the ELCA Gathering magazine.

The lodge has individual rooms (sleeping 1 or 2 people) each with a private bathroom. Best of all? Linens and all meals are PROVIDED!

Look for “registration” information in the August Evangel. Contact Deb Sowers (debsowers@gmail.com) or the church office for more details.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 2024
GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**



Mission: To fulfill the command given in Matthew 25:35 - *“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”*

- Living our purpose and principles were seen by council as the Congregation Conversations with Pastor Katrina, change in attitude toward livestreaming and Children’s Choir signing the Lord’s Prayer.
- Pastor Holland and council spent time discussing the core values gathered from the Congregational Conversations. Those core values are hospitality, love of neighbor, caring, generosity, service and outreach. The group gathered for the Conversations then chose two which were love of neighbor and service. How is St. Paul’s a community that loves our neighbor and serves well?
- The locksmith was able to recover the combination to the old safe so council voted to keep it.
- Council meetings are now moved to the third Wednesday of the month. This change allows time for financials to be prepared and then reviewed by the Finance Committee.
- The annual Congregational meeting will be held on December 1, 2024, following the 9:30 AM worship service.
- A reminder that the annual reports are September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024.
- Council will not meet in July.
- Next council meeting is June 19, 2024, 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



MEN IN MISSION USED BOOK SALE

Men in Mission are planning their popular annual Used Book Sale for October 11th and 12th. If you have been wondering what to do with those books that have been taking up space on the shelf, now is the perfect time to donate them to our Fundraiser and give another person the joy of reading them. All Books, DVD’s, CD’s, and Puzzles in good condition are accepted. Please no magazines or reference books. Start collecting now. In September you may start bringing them to church and placing them in the fellowship hall next on the stage. Call the church office as the time nears if you have any questions or need assistance. All funds raised are used to support our Youth and other projects.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS - May 24th – September 1st

Monday–Thursday–8 am to 4 pm & Friday – 8 am to 12 pm
The Church Office will be closed on the following days this summer: Monday – Friday, July 1 – 5 (vacation), and Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day).





2024 Gathering Update!

Our group of 12 is excited to be in the homestretch in preparing for our journey to New Orleans in July! Here is our current update.

We continue our lessons and look forward to learning how we are “Created to be DISCIPLES — how we can live out our call in God’s world. Later in the summer we look forward to sharing our experiences with the congregation.

We appreciate your continued support through your prayers and financial contributions! We are SO CLOSE to meeting our 72 Envelopes goal and will be selling pretzels and sandwiches this June. Continue to follow our journey by checking out the Youth and Family Ministry bulletin board. And join us for a Blessing and Send Off on Sunday, July 7 during worship!



JUNE SPECIAL DESIGNATED GIVING JESSICA & FRIENDS

Jessica & Friends Community provides faith-based support and services for adults with autism and intellectual disabilities. Founded in 1998 by Peter & Paulette Teague as they struggled to obtain faith-based services for their daughter, Jessica. Today the program offers a parent & caregiver support group, residential services, companion services, employment support, and day programs throughout the York County area.

Our June Designated Giving will go to the Hanover Day Program located at 1157 Eichelberger St. The Hanover Day Program offers on-site training and activities, local outings, musical and artistic instruction, and outreach into the community programs. Your donation will help support programs, staff and transportation needs.

JULY SPECIAL 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.



Youth and Family News



"I praise you, for I AM
FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE.
Wonderful are your works that I
know very well."
Psalm 139:14

Next up...

- May 26** Mini Golf @ Hickory Falls
(10:45 - noon)
- June 15** Make pretzel sandwiches
(10:00 - noon)
- July 7** Gathering Send off
(during worship)
- July 13-21** ELCA Gathering in NOLA
- July 29 - Aug. 2** VBS @St. Mark's
- Aug. 4 - 7** Family Camp (for those who are
registered)

Gathering Update!

WE ARE GETTING excited for the event as more details are coming together! We'll be selling pretzel sandwiches in June and get ready for our send off on July 7. Can't wait to share about our journey when we return!

Fellowship Opportunities Coming Up!

Our May activity (**May 26**) will be mini golf. Cost will be \$5 per person. We'll meet at Hickory Falls for the fun! **Free ice cream treat** from RLta's for the lowest scorer in the SPYKids, SPY, and adult groups!

Children are invited to a short fellowship and learning time during worship for most Sundays over the summer. Join the assigned leader of the activity following the Children's Sermon each week for the time together. Children will return to worship during the passing of the peace. Parents are invited to sign up to help! See Bill Sowers for more info.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Vacation Bible school (for youth up through gr. 6--older youth can volunteer as staff) is scheduled for **July 29 - Aug. 2**. Our theme is "Olympics"! Ask Gretchen Walter for more info and to volunteer.

Alive 2024 is a fall retreat (**Sept. 27-29**) at Camp Nawakwa for youth in gr. 6-9. There will be large and small group gatherings, crafts, games, campfires, free time and community-building. Mark your calendars now and look for more info coming in August!

Contacts: Deb-- debsowers@gmail.com OR
717.586.0596 Bill-- wosowers@gmail.com
Facebook page--St. Paul's Youth and Families



Saturday, June 8th from 11 am to 2 pm, is St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Broadway's annual Strawberry Festival! Enjoy homemade chicken corn and beef noodle soup, hot dogs and hamburger bar-b-que, sodas and water and of course FRESH STRAWBERRIES! Choose from strawberries and ice cream, strawberry shortcake or take a quart of strawberries home. Delicious!
You can call ahead and reserve your soup. Call 717-637-0511.

SCHOOL KITS: The Faith In Action Committee has purchased 102 (9 dozen) drawstring backpacks for the LWR School Kit project. They need to be filled with school supplies. Here is what we need:



- 100-80 sheet **spiral** notebooks of wide or college ruled paper 8x10-1/2
- ballpoint pens, black or blue, no gel pens
- handheld pencil sharpeners
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- rulers with centimeter on one side and inches on the other
- boxes of 16 Or 24, crayons
- erasers 2 1/2" long

You will notice that we **do not** need pencils this year because we have enough left over from last year.

Our collection will run from **July 8, 2024 through August 11, 2024**. All supplies may be dropped off at the display in the hallway outside of the pulpit entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like you may make a donations of cash to help with this project. Please give the money to a member of the committee or the church office designating it is for the School Kits, After August 11, 2024, the Committee will go shopping and purchase remaining supplies needed to fill the 102 bags. The Committee is planning on applying for financial aid from Thrivent as we did last year. Thank you for your support in this project.



SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR RENOVATION PROJECTS

At long last, some projects that have been bogged down by winter weather and the challenge of obtaining satisfactory bids, are on the move. Over the summer months, the following work will enhance the appearance and safety of our building.

- The **two canopies** at the parking lot will be made maintenance free, signage will be added identifying us as St. Paul's and additional lighting will be installed.
- **Forty-two ground level windows** will be replaced with white vinyl framing, along with tempered and privacy glass as appropriate.
- **Roof** work that was postponed over the winter will be completed.
- **Curbing repairs** are already finished.
- **The parking lot light** that was damaged will be replaced with a concrete base, a new pole and connections and LED lights.

Projects are financed through the Raubenstine Bequest, anonymous sponsorships, and donations to the Property and Capital Campaign funds. We are blessed to receive this financial support from our members; it serves to keep our campus welcoming and safe for Worship and Christian Service.

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