



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

AUGUST 2025



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

Well, we are now into what are typically called the “dog days” of summer. It is certainly hot and humid. However, I would rather be hot and humid here than someplace else where there is not a clear distinction between the seasons. Indeed, as I think about winter, spring, summer and fall I cannot help but marvel at the stark differences of the seasons and the clear beauty of the created order. Yes, even these dog days have a certain beauty about them.



Speaking of the creation, we are blessed to be stewards or managers of the world that God has entrusted to our care. Thus, there is a concern among Christian theologians and others that we unite together in the human race, or world community, to address ecological and environmental needs and concerns on our planet. We are blessed to enjoy time, talents, and possessions that we might use to care for the created order. As we take care of this material world, and work to preserve its natural resources, we tell people about the God who created the world and loves and cares so much for us that God redeemed the world in Jesus Christ and sanctified it through the Holy Spirit. We gather together as the assembly of believers in church buildings and online to thank and praise God for God’s mercy while learning more about the divine will for us in the world.

The church carries out a powerful witness in the world as it proclaims Christ as Lord and Savior and assures humanity that the Spirit of God is always with us. God’s work is done in the church as Christians share of their time, talents, and financial gifts to the glory of God, This is critical. There is so much to do to keep our church building and property in top and attractive condition, and to best utilize resources to do ministry.

However, as Christians we are not just called to take care of our own “things” (i.e., buildings, properties, supplies, resources, etc.) we are called to, as indicated above, be faithful stewards of the world. In the name of technological progress our world has endured a terrible polluting of its land, water, and air. We have also depleted the world of invaluable natural resources. Then, again, species of life have been wiped out or nearly wiped out, all in a selfish human desire to conquer and control. As I drive or walk on our streets, I notice so much litter and debris that are carelessly and shamelessly deposited there. If this truly is “My Father’s World” as we sing in a beloved hymnal, then how can we as a Christian community and as families and individuals better take care of God’s world? How can we spread the love of God throughout the creation?

There are many good starting points: praying, studying scripture, refraining from littering, or polluting, may I dare add picking up someone

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else's litter, recycling, writing letters or emails to respective parties expressing ecological concerns and urging appropriate action.

These are just some of the actions we might take so that we and our posterity will be safer, healthier, and happier on this planet. Additionally, caring for the creation is also a fine way to glorify the Creator of everything in existence. What a wonderful task is this!

Pastor Dan

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR down the hall in the church lounge immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. If no one volunteers to bring snacks we will only serve coffee. There is a 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!



ATTENDANCE

Sundays at 9:30 am

May 25	85	Facebook Live.....	22
June 1	76	Facebook Live.....	30
June 8	83	Facebook Live.....	28
June 15	82	Facebook Live.....	22
June 22	76	Facebook Live.....	28
June 29	88	Facebook Live.....	22
July 6	82	Facebook Live.....	24
July 13	88	Facebook Live.....	26
July 20	84	Facebook Live.....	24
July 27	74	Facebook Live.....	22

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

May 24	13	May 31	10
June 7	13	June 14	11
June 21	11	June 28	11
July 5	18	July 12	6
July 19	16	July 26	14



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

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

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

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



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



Submit Your Budget Requests

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.





Our brother-in-Christ, Bob Colehouse, Sr., claimed the promise of his baptism on June 12, 2025.

Our brother-in-Christ, Pete Filus, claimed the promise of his baptism on July 22, 2025.



Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

AUGUST 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.

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

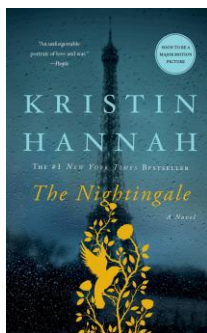
Radio—Aug. 10, 24, 31, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28
(\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

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)



ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

We will meet again on **Wednesday, August 27, 2025** at 12:45 pm in the Conference Room to discuss The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah. Joan Witman will be our discussion leader.

Any reader is invited to attend our meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.



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.

SCHOOL KIT COLLECTION - Boxes for items are in the hallway and the deadline for the collection is August 4th. 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 **the following:**

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Lori Rebling – Director of Handbells
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and **discontinue** using **lori.rebling@comcast.net**
THANK YOU!



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, in the church Lounge OR call/email the office to let us know you plan to attend! We want to be sure to have enough for everyone!

ST. PAUL'S USED BOOK SALE



Friday, Oct. 10

9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, Oct. 11th

9 AM – 12 PM

Proceeds benefit Youth Programs

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

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



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT PLANNED!

What began in 2012 as a congregational mission project initiated by a young man at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, has blossomed into a biennial community-wide service event. Residents of the greater Hanover area from local businesses, service organizations, churches and neighborhoods join

together to help feed school-age children with a food packaging event coordinated through "Rise Against Hunger".

Our congregation will once again support this community event coming up on **Nov. 1** where we hope to pack over 100,000 meals. The meals packed at St. Matthew's have helped to feed children in Haiti, Columbia, Malawi, Liberia, Burundi, Zambia, and most recently Ukraine and Poland. We have registered to send 20 people for the **2:00-4:00 pm packaging time**; however, you can volunteer for any time that suits your schedule. See Deb Sowers or contact the church office for more information.

Please prayerfully consider joining us as we volunteer to help with this food packaging event! More information will be forthcoming about signing up to help with the packaging, but for now, mark your calendar to help. And check out the QR code to the right to watch a YouTube video about the 2023 event and watch for several St. Paul's members (in the yellow "God's Work, Our Hands" shirts!) OR visit <https://youtu.be/azaV9QkRYf4> on YouTube...Give Local York Spotlight: Hanover Against Hunger) to view.



HANOVER TEXAS ROADHOUSE IS HELPING HANOVER AGAINST HUNGER

Have a great meal and help to feed others. Tell your server at Texas Road House in Hanover that you are there in support of Hanover Against Hunger. When you do, 10% of all designated Hanover Texas Roadhouse food / beverage (including alcohol) purchases, 10% of carry-out, and 10% of gift card purchases made in conjunction with your visit on:



Hanover Against Hunger will receive 10% of all designated Hanover Texas Roadhouse food / beverage (including alcohol) purchases, 10% of carry-out, and 10% of gift card purchases made in conjunction with the patron's food purchases, on these dates.

Good at Hanover Texas Roadhouse Only.

It will be helpful if you tell your server when ordering that you are supporting HAH. Be sure to place your gift card receipt in the box along with the food checks.

- August 3, 4, 17 or 18
- September 7, 8, 21, or 22
- October 5, 6, 19 or 20

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY & JUNE 2025 GATHERING OF CHURCH COUNCIL



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

- Living our purpose and principles were the election of new bishop, a rainbow following the rain and the Lower Susquehanna budget having a surplus of \$18,000.00 rather than a \$50,000.00 deficit. This overage allowed them to send \$20,000.00 additional dollars to the Mbeya hospital in Tanzania
- Council met in May and June but not in July.
- Council approved forming a Security Taskforce.
- July Designated Giving is the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.
- September Designated Giving is the Hanover Changing Lives Shelter.
- Sunday, September 7, 2025, is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday with backpack project from Faith in Action, ministry fair, service opportunities and a meal.
- Amy Feeser, Janet Haack, Pastor Paul Haack, Laura Silver and Nancy Smith were appointed to Constitution Taskforce to update St. Paul's Constitution to the ELCA's model constitution.
- Council accepted a refrigerator and copier from Howard Farrington, Lucille Farrington's son. Council made a one time donation of \$175.00 to the Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue.
- Council approved Evangelism Resolution (13.07.B25) in place of the prior resolution (C13.07.B19). Outreach and Nurture were combined into one committee, Evangelism, a few years ago. Since the focus of Outreach and Nurture differ, the members agreed to return to separate committees. Evangelism will be focused on building relationships with the community.
- Council approved the purchase of an industrial 48 cu. ft. refrigerator for no more than \$2,500.00 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund. A new electrical service will be needed for the refrigerator. Approval was given to run the electrical service as needed for the refrigerator at cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Adventures in Ministry Fund.
- Council approved the following Men in Mission events: representative from the York County Office of Aging on September 20th and the annual Book Sale on October 10th and 11th.
- Council accepted with regret the resignation of Mike Buckley as Maintenance Technician effective June 26th and gave him a gift of \$100.00.
- Council granted permission to the Gettysburg Choral Society to hold a concert at St. Paul's on May 23, 2026.
- Council approved the parents of the youth holding a Yard Sale on the front lawn of St. Paul's on September 13, 2025. Proceeds benefit the 2027 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis.
- Next council meeting is August 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

And the King will answer, truly I tell you, just as you did it unto one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it unto me" Matthew 25:40

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD NEWS

On June 7, 2025, the **Rev. Stephen Robert Herr** was called to serve a six-year term as bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Bishop-elect Rev. Herr currently serves as pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ordained on July 2, 1994, Pastor Herr has served in parish, campus, and synodical leadership for more than three decades.



His leadership within the ELCA includes service on the ELCA Church Council, Executive Committee, and Legal and Constitutional Review Committee (chair), as well as the Future Directions Task Force and Synod Councils in both the Lower Susquehanna and Southwestern Pennsylvania Synods. Locally, he has served as Dean and Secretary of the Gettysburg Conference and continues to support outdoor ministry through the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.

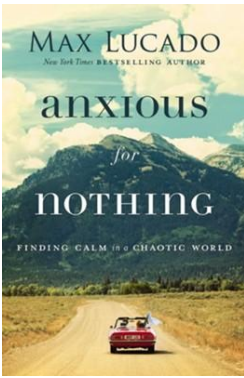
Pastor Herr is also deeply engaged in the Gettysburg community through ecumenical leadership, the arts, education, and historical preservation. He has served on the boards of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg Community Theatre, and the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, where he is president emeritus. He has also coached youth basketball at both Blairsville and Gettysburg Area High Schools.

Please join us in giving thanks for Bishop-elect Herr and lifting him in prayer as he prepares to lead our synod



We are invited to attend a BBQ Picnic 'send-off' in celebration of Bishop Dunlop's ministry among us, scheduled for **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, at Camp Nawakwa's Upper Camp Pavilion. Please RSVP by registering below. We will gather between 11:00 AM and 12:00 N, at the pavilion and will serve our picnic-style BBQ lunch at 12:15 PM. Lunch includes brisket and pulled pork sandwiches, Maryland-style crabs, sides and desserts. We will also provide water and iced tea, but you are invited to bring your own beverage if you'd prefer.

A short presentation recognizing the Bishop's time serving our synod between 1:30-2:00 PM, with a time for fellowship and conversation from 2:00-4:00 PM. We will also provide yard games, along with sports equipment like discs and balls, for those who'd enjoy some activity after lunch. You're also welcome to hike or take a walk through the beautiful Nawakwa countryside. Please consider bringing a lawn or bag chair. Register here: <https://www.lss-elca.org/events/bishoppicnic/>



OCTOBER BOOK STUDY

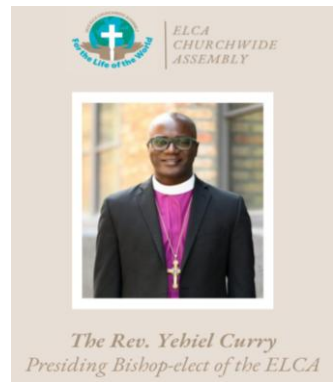
Do you feel weighed down with worry? Could you use some calm? Join us for a **Tuesday Evening Book Study** of *Anxious for Nothing; Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado beginning October 7 at 7 PM in the conference room. This book will help us learn how to invite God to reframe the way we face our fears based on Philippians 4:6-7. Gay Dickson will facilitate the book study. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than September 21 so we may order your book.

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY ELECTS NEW BISHOP

We are pleased to announce the election of the Rev. Yehiel Curry as presiding bishop of the ELCA! Bishop-elect Curry was elected on the fifth ballot with 70.34% of the vote.

Ever-living God, strengthen and sustain Bishop-elect Curry, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people. Grant that together we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

To learn more about Bishop-elect Curry go here: https://www.elca.org/news-and-events/yehiel-curry-elected-presiding-bishop-of-the-elca?fbclid=IwY2xjawL4EJtleHRuA2FlbQlXMAbicmlkETFWMTAxcUMwV2Z0bElKU1VxAR4r0_FqToPt2sw23ff1Hs1dSNpOXV8k8YXYP2ySg57fPk7-0fJNPW68eoTBTw_aem_pru1OzmerYSm3INAvfWlcw



GROWING FAITH IN GOD'S GARDEN

Joint Vacation Bible School with St. Mark's ...

Here are a few photos from the week



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Monday & Friday – Flexible schedule

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