



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 2025



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

As I write this, I have just completed my final weekly bulletin review. It's for The Presentation of Our Lord Sunday, the day in the church life we lift up when infant Jesus was presented at the temple. The human voices of this day belong to Simeon and Anna, two extremely elderly (for that time) and devout faithful who had waited and watched for the Messiah their entire lives. They give voice to the promises fulfilled in the person of the child Jesus.

It's Malachi, though, that caught my attention. "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me..." There are whole cycles of life playing out in the texts for this day. God prepares, calls up and sends messengers all the time. Perhaps that's the most consistently faithful thing to expect from God about messengers, that there will always be someone called up to bring the Good News.

It has been my great honor to journey with you as a messenger of God's love, grace, forgiveness and instigation in your midst. Your faithfulness to God, each other and your service is powerful. I am confident that God is already calling up your next called pastor, as much as I am confident that the journey persons that will be with you along that small piece of your final stage will be guiding and caring messengers as well. Pastor Lee and I have had in-depth conversation about your current worship life and pastoral care matters. The bridge pastor to carry the journey right up to the promised gates is just on the horizon.

You'll be hearing from your Call Committee in worship and in newsletters and bulletin articles about the good, thorough and faithful work they have been doing to take all that you have said in congregation conversations, informal conversations and in advice and narrate it into the Ministry Site Profile. What has felt like no information to you is simply the space that this dedicated group, holding faithfully the hopes and expectations of so many, have been setting to paper. Expect it to feel like suddenly information starts to flow. It will for a time, as you are invited into the conversation again to be aware of how the profile asks the questions and how the team has fairly answered them. Then they will present it to Council for review and approval. The profile then gets submitted to the synod for matching with prospective pastoral candidates.

Yes, it's a process. Yes, it takes more time than we often want to patiently give it. You are in the final stage of a journey that started when Pr. Bob left three years ago. You are just a handful of months away from creating what we all pray is a lasting, long-term relationship with a called messenger of Jesus the Christ. Let the process work in and through you with the sure knowledge that God always calls up messengers to bring the Good News!

I will miss you and so much of the way you move as church together in the world. To the staff and leadership, a deep word of thanks for your partnership. For every kindness and grace that you bestowed on me, I have been blessed. For every challenge, I have been taught. And for every meal that we have shared, and every bath in the waters of the basptimal font we have played in, I have been forever bonded to you as siblings in Christ and beloved fellow workers in Jesus' kingdom.

With heartfelt thanksgiving to God and joy for you,

Pastor Katrina



Dessert Auction
~ and ~
Turkey Dinner
February 23, 1pm

Proceeds benefit the next generation of St. Paul's Youth attending National Youth Gatherings in 2027 and 2030!

Adults \$15 Kids \$5



**MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION
FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE
01/24/2025**

The Call Committee has been meeting regularly to work on the Mission Site Profile document and has made great progress. The Ministry Site Profile is a set of questions to answer and charts to complete to tell the story of St. Paul's. It is important that the Ministry Site Profile honestly reflects the congregation's requirements for a new pastor. We have used notes from the Congregational Conversations as a major source of information to be sure we are doing that. Shortly we will move on to the next step, asking the Council to review and approve the Ministry Site Profile so that it can be submitted to the Synod.

Wayne Butler – Call Committee Chairman

COUNCIL RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

As is our custom, we hold a council retreat early in the calendar year to exchange ideas and strategies that can be worked on.

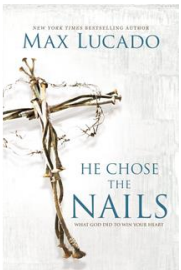


Church Council Retreat

It is for all council members but extended to Committee Chairpersons/members as well. We also invite staff members and any member of the congregation that has an interest in these discussions or has questions to please attend as well.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and be led by Pastor Richard Jorgenson, a good friend of St. Paul's, from our Synod.

Please let Frank Hueske (fhueske@buchanansalesco.com) or Russ Kaltreider (rkaltreider@gmail.com) know if you can attend.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join us Tuesday evenings beginning March 11 as we study the elements of the Crucifixion with the book **He Chose the Nails** by Max Lucado. The book focuses on what Jesus did for us on the Cross by getting us to look at it in a new light, and with a fuller understanding. Please sign up on the sheet by the pastor's office or contact Carmen no later than February 24 so we may order your book.



Our sister in Christ, Susan Shue, claimed the promise of her baptism on Dec. 7, 2024

PROCESS FOR REPORTING A BUILDING / EQUIPMENT ISSUE

Mike Buckley, our Maintenance Technician, is responsible for St. Paul's building, systems, and equipment. And members of St. Paul's are often the first to see issues that either need immediate attention or should be scheduled for repair/replacement. In the past you have passed concerns on to Mike via verbal contact, emails, phone calls, second-hand information, or through Carmen; these methods often created confusion, duplication, insufficient information and missed items.

In order to notify Mike in an efficient manner, Property Committee requests that you utilize the following **Problem Report / Work Request** procedure.

EMAIL: Sending Mike an email message is the most efficient means of communication. The email can then be efficiently resolved and a response given to you or forwarded to others as appropriate.

Send your email to: Mike Buckley, mtechstpauls@gmail.com. Include a description of the problem, along with your name and phone number.

Mike will: Forward the request to the Property Committee Chair and to other appropriate members of the congregation. The request will be reviewed and given consideration to urgency, budget constraints and scheduling availability. Mike will respond, via email, to the person submitting the request with the following information: Repaired, Referred to another individual or committee, Scheduled for the future, Declined for the noted reason.

FORM: Communicating via email is the preferred system. In lieu of email, a Problem Report / Work Request Form can be completed. A supply of forms can be found on the hallway counter and there is one on the next page.

Please note that the proper method of communicating maintenance issues to Mike is via email or the Report/Request Form. There is no assurance that attempting to communicate a problem verbally, by phone, second-hand, or through Carmen, will receive the attention or feedback it deserves.

Issues for our Housekeeper, Jamie Spangler, can continue to be relayed verbally or through Carmen. Housekeeping issues include cleanliness of bathrooms and kitchen, vacuuming/mopping/sweeping of rooms/hallways/sanctuary, dusting/cleanliness of furniture/windows/etc., orderliness of furniture/rooms/sanctuary; soap/hand sanitizers and paper towels.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Property Committee Russ Johnson, Dan Feeser, Mike Buckley

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

Radio—Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$60 per date or any portion you desire per date)

Altar Flowers-Feb. 9, 16 & March 2 (2 vases at \$20 each)

Communion Bread and Wine-Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 5, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$12 each date)

Worship Bulletins-Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$20 each date)

Eternal flame-Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (\$10 each date)

FEBRUARY'S DESIGNATED GIVING will go to support our missionaries, The Swanson's, in Tanzania. Their newsletter can be found on the bulletin board across from Pastor's office.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN OUR CHURCH LOUNGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE EACH SUNDAY.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We know that fellowship is an important part of our faith community; that's why we hold Coffee Hour after church each Sunday. We are looking for volunteers to help keep our Coffee Hour going! There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge for folks to volunteer as coffee makers or to bring snacks. Coffee makers would start the coffee urn around 9 a.m. (coffee training available on request!) Both volunteers would help with set up and clean up. If you have questions, see Russ Kaltreider. Thank you for your help!

DAILY DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE, for anyone who is not attending the children's Faith Formation classes, is held following the Worship Service. Grab some coffee and snacks in the lounge and join us **in the nursery, across from the lounge**, to dive a little deeper into the day's Bible readings. We should finish by 11:30 am.

SOMETHING'S BREWING BIBLE STUDY - Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Join us!

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING TONER AND INK JET CARTRIDGES. St. Paul's receives credit for up to 15 cartridges per month at Staples and those credits can be used to purchase supplies.

There is a small container on the counter outside the pulpit entrance of the sanctuary that you can put your cartridges in.

POSTED – UPDATED INVENTORY OF ST. PAUL’S EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

On the bulletin board across from the Pastor’s office is a List of Equipment and Supplies available for St Paul’s events and ministries. There are many items listed that can be used for your ministries, everything from: art supplies, wheeled dollies for moving large items, ladders, tents and canopies, A-frames for promoting an event, sewing items for a youth project, and equipment including a projector, flip chart, whiteboard, music stands, etc. When you need an item for an event or ministry, please check the posted list before making a new purchase.

FAITH IN ACTION NEWS

Our Souper Bowl “soup” collection will run until February 9, 2025. We will be collecting regular size cans of soup (10.5 oz) for the Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry here at St. Paul’s. Any kind of soup is acceptable. We are setting a goal of 400 cans this year. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



RUTH'S HARVEST-- The **Faith In Action Committee** has selected **Ruth's Harvest** as their Lenten project again this year. **Ruth's Harvest** is a free ministry of the Hanover Area Council of Churches

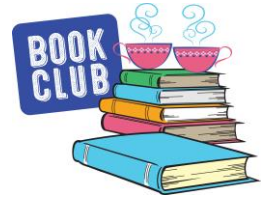


adopted in 2013. This outreach effort focuses on child hunger in our community, providing healthy meals and snacks to children to take home for the weekend. For some children, free and reduced breakfast and lunch at school are the only meals they have, and are left without healthy meals, and often no meals over the weekend days when school is not in session. With this program, each Friday participating students receive a bag of food for the weekend which usually includes 2 breakfast entrees, 2 lunch entrees, 3 dinner entrees, several snacks, and disposable drinks.

The program requires single-serve fruit cups and vegetables, single-serve entrees, single-serve snacks, single-serve cereals, and single-serve drinks. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the boxes found on the pulpit side of the hallway. This project will run during Lent from **Sunday, March 5, 2025-Sunday, April 21, 2025**. All donations will be delivered to the Ruth's Harvest drop off spot at St. Matthews Lutheran Church after Easter. Thank you for taking part in this outreach project again this year. Your generosity is always amazing.

ATTENTION: ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB CHANGING THEIR PLACE FOR MEETINGS!!!!!!

The St. Paul's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 12:30pm** in the **Conference Room** on the second floor. The elevator will take you up to the second floor then follow the hallway to the Theater Room and go through that room into the Conference Room. Please bring a brown bag lunch and a drink if you like. The book we will be discussing is Then Came Hope by Buffy Andrews. This is an inspirational and emotional tale of love, loss, and the extraordinary power of the human spirit to overcome even our darkest moments. Buffy Andrews is a local author from the York, PA area who has spoken to our group before when we read one of her other books. The leader for this book will be Lorraine Mason . Thanks, Lorraine, for being willing to be a leader for the Book Club. Everyone who is a reader is invited to attend our meetings for good discussion and fellowship. Hope to see you there.





Thank you so much for the many birthday cards I received for my birthday.

Russell L. Kaltreider

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 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.”

***How are we living our purpose and principles?
What do we have to celebrate?***

- Council saw the the Westminster Handbell concert, the children leading worship on December 22, 2024, and Pastor Katrina reading from the Whirl Story Bible which is used in Faith Formation as reasons to celebrate.
- Officers of the congregation and council for 2025 are Frank Huekse, President; Russ Kaltreider, Vice-President; Sherry Cracium-Bolin, Treasurer; and Linda Zellers, Secretary.

HIGHLIGHTS - continued

- Council members are Sharon Bortner(2027), Sherry Cracium-Bolin(2025), Amy Feeser(2027), Frank Hueske(2026), Dan Fuhrman(2027), Russ Kaltreider(2025), Donna Lehman(2025), Dan Kiser(elected to one year term ending 2025), David Maus(2025), Pat McConville(elected to two-year term ending 2026), Tom Miller(2027) and Cindy Schmidt(2026).
- Council liaisons are as follows: Worship(Donna Lehman and Dave Maus), Christian Education/Youth(Tom Miller), Evangelism(Russ Kaltreider), Grocery Ministry(Cindy Schmidt), Faith in Action(Cindy Schmidt), Property(Dan Fuhrman), Finance Committee(Sharon Bortner) and Stewardship(Amy Feeser and Pat McConville) and Technical(Dan Kiser).
- In Dec., council authorized payment of the 2025 ambulance subscription for St. Paul's; accepted Justin Schmidt's in kind gift of mowing the church lawn in 2025 at no charge; requested funds from Adventures in Ministry to cover any shortfall in sponsorships at end of December 2024; approved deleting the authorized signature from employee's time sheet; appointed Tom Miller and Peg Sennett to the Lay Personnel Committee for a two year term ending December 31, 2026; recommended that the Christian Ed. Committee continue with the intergenerational event on December 22, 2024, in the lounge as announced during the service on December 15th; and approved motion from the Property Committee that all maintenance requests be done by email to the Maintenance Technician or with a form for those without email.
- In Jan., council approved the receiving of new members – Deb Diddlemeyer, Barbara Ferguson, Troy Gebhart, Pamela Hueske, Calvin Lucy, Cindy Mitz-Soumai and Nichole Therit- on Jan. 26.
- Council authorized Justin Schmidt to pretreat before snow falls the parking lot behind the church Monday-Thursday and all lots Friday – Sunday; approved a gift of \$500.00 to Pastor Holland and \$500.00 to a charity of her choice; put March designated funding of Sabbatical Policy on hold for 2025 and chose Lutheran Disaster Response for California fires as March designated giving; and approved camperships as May designated giving.
- Council thanks Peg Sennett and Nancy Smith for serving on council. Both had served two consecutive terms.
- .Next council meeting is February 19, 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 unto me” Matthew 25:40

ATTENDANCE

Sundays at 9:30 am

Nov. 24	87	Facebook Live.....	10
Dec. 1	90	Facebook Live.....	9
Dec. 8	86	Facebook Live.....	6
Dec. 15	77	Facebook Live.....	7
Dec. 22	105	Facebook Live.....	--
Dec. 24 – 7:30 pm.....	168	Facebook Live.....	12
Dec. 29	62	Facebook Live.....	10
Jan. 5, 2025	75	Facebook Live.....	15
Jan. 12	84	Facebook Live.....	15
Jan. 19	snow	Facebook Live.....	snow
Jan. 26	102	Facebook Live.....	13

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Nov. 23	11	Nov. 30	11
Dec. 7	11	Dec. 14	16
Dec. 21	7	Dec. 28	10
Jan. 4	7	Jan. 11	8
Jan. 18	18	Jan. 25	13



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HAH Shares with Local Hunger Programs

Linda Fitzpatrick, HAH Secretary-Treasurer recently visited God's Meal Barrel and Ruth's Harvest to share support from the latter half of 2024. Each organization received approximately \$188. Pictured below is Linda Fitzpatrick (L) with Tom Imler of God's Meal Barrel (top) and Deb Siebert of Ruth's Harvest (bottom).



Make Plans to Enjoy Texas Roadhouse and Support HAH

Feb 2 & 3; 16 & 17
Mar 2 & 3; 16 & 17

Mark these dates on your calendars! **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.

HELP US spread the word - forward this email to a friend or relative!



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Monday – Friday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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